

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
RESEARCH Doctoral Degrees
For Use in the Allocation of the Texas University Fund (TUF)
and National Research Support Fund (NRSF)

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Degree Title	Degree Abbreviations
Doctor of Philosophy	PhD
Doctor of Arts	DA
Doctor of Business Administration	DBA
Doctor of Design	DDes
Doctor of Engineering or Engineering Science	DEng, DESc, DES
Doctor of Fine Arts	DFA
Doctor of Hebrew Letters	DHL
Doctor of Musical Arts	DMA
Doctor of Music Education	DME
Doctor of Modern Languages	DML
Doctor of Nursing Science	DNSc
Doctor of Public Health	DPH
Doctor of Science	DSc, ScD
Doctor of Education	EdD
Doctor of Canon Law	JCD
Doctor of Juridical Science	JSD, SJD
Doctor of Sacred Theology	STD
Doctor of Theology	ThD

This list encompasses the same research doctoral degrees as collected by the 2022 Survey of Earned Doctorates by the National Science Foundation (latest available). Texas Administrative Code Chapter 15.26 (a)(2)(A) and (B) Research Performance Funding provides authority to publish an annual list that aligns with the National Science Foundation.

Statutory references: TEC Chapter 62 Sec. 62.1335 (a)(3) Eligibility to Receive Distributions From Fund (related to NRSF), Sec. 62.145 (b)(1)(C) Eligibility to Receive Distributions From Fund (related to TUF), Sec. 62.1482 (b) Research Performance Funding (related to TUF).