

**Annual Outcomes Assessment Report
for the Department of Atmospheric Sciences' PhD Program**

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1. The graduated student assessed the Department of Atmospheric Sciences' PhD program's learning outcome since 2004.
2. We intend to continue collecting data of exit interviews and Student Learning Outcome Assessment (SLOA) for the PhD program.
3. Since we did not have a PhD graduate during 2010/2011, no outcome data and exit interviews were collected. However, in response to the program review we added a writing assessment to the SLOA.
4. A frequently mentioned difficulty is funding. However, with more than 99% of our budget (including a 0.5 TA position) bound in salaries there is no possibility to fund students out of the departmental budget.
5. Two PhD students won awards to participate in the NCL tutorial at the National Conference Center for Atmospheric Research. Three PhD students presented posters at either the AGU or AMS professional meetings.
6. Students want to have more opportunities to gain teaching experience. Unfortunately, we have only one 0.5 TA position which means that only one student per year will have a chance to get such experience. We will try to work with other departments for opportunities.
7. Budget implications: We need support for graduate student stipends and a further tenure track faculty.

Attachments: MS SLOA; PhD SLOA
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