

2026 NAK Doctoral Program Evaluation

Institutional Feedback Report — Florida State University

Prepared for the participating institution listed above.

Purpose and interpretation

This report provides the institution's own results and benchmarks based on all 39 participating programs. It is intended to support program review, goal setting, resource discussions, and strategic planning. Only the Top 10 adjusted and unadjusted rankings are reported publicly.

Executive summary

Result	Rank	T-score	Percentile
Adjusted overall result	Rank 19 of 39	50.36	54th percentile
Unadjusted overall result	Rank 1 of 39	77.21	100th percentile

Note. Adjusted results account for faculty size or the applicable student denominator and truncate adjusted z-scores beyond ± 2.576 before restandardization. Unadjusted results reflect total program output and are not truncated.

Overall component profile

Component	Program score	Median across all 39 programs	Percentile
Adjusted faculty component	33.61	32.44	59th
Adjusted student component	16.56	16.65	49th
Unadjusted faculty component	44.50	31.77	97th
Unadjusted student component	24.73	16.49	100th

Faculty performance profile — adjusted analysis

Faculty measure	Submitted total	Adjusted value	T-score	Median T-score across all 39 programs	Percentile
Journal articles	336	8.6	43.72	48.08	31st
Book chapters	37	0.9	58.36	45.64	77th
Books	9	0.2	63.18	46.50	86th
Invited/keynote presentations	92	2.4	51.70	48.29	64th
Editors/section editors	11	0.3	39.50	47.60	13th
NAK Fellows	8	0.2	55.43	47.96	85th
Other national/international Fellows	14	0.4	42.13	50.26	21st
Average Google Scholar h-index	24.6	24.6	43.14	47.80	26th
Federal funding	\$21,692,119	\$556,208	56.65	46.05	79th
Nonfederal funding	\$3,952,049	\$101,335	52.56	47.86	74th
Internal funding	\$882,774	\$22,635	47.49	44.95	64th

Note. The adjusted value is per doctoral faculty member except for average Google Scholar h-index, which was already averaged. Adjusted funding values are shown in dollars per faculty member.

Student performance profile — adjusted analysis

Student measure	Submitted count	Adjusted rate	T-score	Median T-score across all 39 programs	Percentile
Doctoral student journal articles	105	1.91 publications per enrolled student	48.22	48.22	53rd
Students receiving full support	64	116.4%	49.78	46.14	69th
Graduates entering postdoctoral positions	13	31.7%	48.51	49.92	49th
Graduates entering tenure-track positions	14	34.1%	52.08	49.31	64th
Graduates entering other doctorate-requiring positions	7	17.1%	43.50	50.82	36th

Adjusted-analysis comparative profile

The measures below represent some of the program's higher and lower percentile standings relative to the other participating programs based on the adjusted analysis. These descriptive comparisons should be considered in light of the program's mission, priorities, and context.

Measures with higher relative standings

- Books: approximately the 86th percentile among participating programs.
- NAK Fellows: approximately the 85th percentile among participating programs.
- Federal funding: approximately the 79th percentile among participating programs.

Measures with lower relative standings

- Editors/section editors: approximately the 13th percentile among participating programs.
- Other national/international Fellows: approximately the 21st percentile among participating programs.
- Average Google Scholar h-index: approximately the 26th percentile among participating programs.

Faculty performance profile — unadjusted analysis

Unadjusted results use each program's reported totals. They are not divided by faculty size or student denominators, and their z-scores are not truncated. Consequently, unadjusted results reflect total program output and may be influenced by program size.

Faculty measure	Submitted total	Unadjusted T-score	Median T-score across all 39 programs	Percentile
Journal articles	336	65.58	47.16	90th
Book chapters	37	74.08	45.86	97th
Books	9	82.41	47.30	100th
Invited/keynote presentations	92	71.49	46.65	97th
Editors/section editors	11	49.80	48.50	59th
NAK Fellows	8	74.44	46.05	97th
Other national/international Fellows	14	59.70	46.85	85th
Average Google Scholar h-index	24.6	43.14	47.80	26th
Federal funding	\$21,692,119	74.78	46.45	97th
Nonfederal funding	\$3,952,049	66.79	46.57	92nd
Internal funding	\$882,774	54.52	45.88	85th

Student performance profile — unadjusted analysis

Student measure	Submitted count	Unadjusted T-score	Median T-score across all 39 programs	Percentile
Doctoral student journal articles	105	72.52	46.23	100th
Students receiving full support	64	77.86	46.74	100th
Graduates entering postdoctoral positions	13	67.66	50.68	97th
Graduates entering tenure-track positions	14	76.28	47.89	100th
Graduates entering other doctorate-requiring positions	7	57.85	48.38	81st

Unadjusted-analysis comparative profile

The measures below represent some of the program's higher and lower percentile standings relative to the other participating programs based on the unadjusted analysis. These descriptive comparisons should be considered in light of the program's mission, priorities, and context.

Measures with higher relative standings

- Books: approximately the 100th percentile among participating programs.
- Doctoral student journal articles: approximately the 100th percentile among participating programs.
- Students receiving full support: approximately the 100th percentile among participating programs.

Measures with lower relative standings

- Average Google Scholar h-index: approximately the 26th percentile among participating programs.
- Editors/section editors: approximately the 59th percentile among participating programs.
- Graduates entering other doctorate-requiring positions: approximately the 81st percentile among participating programs.

Variables reported for descriptive benchmarking

The variables in this section were collected to provide context and benchmarking information. They were not directly weighted in either ranking. Faculty size, enrollment, and doctoral graduates were used as adjustment denominators where applicable.

Faculty and program descriptive benchmarks

Measure	Program	Median across all 39 programs	Middle 50% of all 39 programs	Percentile
Number of doctoral program faculty	39	14	10–20	100th
Other publications	17	58	20–113	26th
Average Google Scholar citations	4,071.1	4,803.3	3,238.4–8,082.5	42nd
Average courses per semester	1.6	1.5	1.3–1.7	55th
Average faculty effort: teaching	43.0%	35.0%	27.5%–37.7%	89th
Average faculty effort: research	46.6%	47.1%	42.5%–50.2%	49th
Average faculty effort: service/administration	10.4%	20.0%	16.1%–25.0%	5th
Sabbatical frequency, years	6.0	6.0	6.0–6.0	54th
Mean start-up funding	\$401,219	\$233,012	\$109,249–\$379,730	80th
Average number of faculty with a class buyout	18.3	1.3	0.3–4.7	100th

Student and program descriptive benchmarks

Measure	Program	Median across all 39 programs	Middle 50% of all 39 programs	Percentile
Students receiving partial support	13	0	0–3	99th
Students receiving summer support	61	15	8–26	100th
Applications, 2023–2025	503	78	41–108	100th
Students accepted, 2023–2025	75	21	13–35	97th
Students enrolled, Fall 2025	55	20	12–33	99th
Doctoral graduates, 2023–2025	41	16	10–21	100th
Derived acceptance rate, 2023–2025	14.9%	34.2%	25.1%–47.9%	5th

Program-reported descriptive information

Item	Florida State University response
CIP code(s)	31.0504 13.1314 26.0908 30.1901 42.2806
Summer-support policy	Majority of doctoral students are on 12-month appointments, some choose 9-months according to personal circumstance or terms of funding (e.g., RA on grants)
Student benefits	partial health insurance subsidization, up to \$4000 travel support and PD each year

Scoring notes

- Faculty variables included in the composite were: journal articles; books; book chapters; invited/keynote presentations; federal funding; nonfederal funding; internal funding; editors/section editors; NAK Fellows; other national/international Fellows; and average Google Scholar h-index.
- Student variables included in the composite were: doctoral student journal articles; full doctoral student support; postdoctoral positions; tenure-track positions in the field; and other positions requiring a doctorate.
- Adjusted faculty analysis: every scored faculty variable was divided by the number of doctoral program faculty except average Google Scholar h-index, which was already a faculty average. Adjusted z-scores beyond ± 2.576 were truncated at ± 2.576 and then restandardized.
- Adjusted student analysis: doctoral student journal articles and full doctoral student support were divided by Fall 2025 doctoral enrollment. The three employment outcomes were divided by total doctoral graduates during 2023–2025. Adjusted z-scores beyond ± 2.576 were truncated at ± 2.576 and then restandardized.
- Unadjusted analysis: reported totals were standardized without dividing by faculty size, enrollment, or graduates. Unadjusted z-scores were not truncated.
- Variables not used directly in ranking and reported only for descriptive or contextual purposes were: faculty size; other publications; average Google Scholar citations; courses per semester; faculty teaching, research, and service/administration effort; sabbatical frequency; start-up funding; CIP codes; number of faculty receiving course buyouts; partial doctoral student support; summer-support policy; number receiving summer support; student benefits; applications; acceptances; enrollment; doctoral graduates; and doctoral student demographics. Faculty size, enrollment, and doctoral graduates were used as denominators in the adjusted analysis as described above.