

2012 CREATIVE WRITING DOCTORAL PROGRAM RANKINGS: THE TOP FIFTEEN

Rank	School	Overall Votes	Funding Rank	Selectivity Rank	Departmental Job-Placement Rank	Creative Writing Job-Placement Rank	Departmental-Reputation Rank	Offers MFA/MPW	CGSR Compliant
1	University of Denver in Colorado	64	8	8	9	4	—	No	Yes
2	Florida State University in Tallahassee	59	9	4^	19	1	3	Yes	Yes
3	Ohio University in Athens	52	2	n.d.	19	—	—	No	Yes
4	University of Houston in Texas	48	10	6^	—	6	—	Yes	Yes
4	University of Utah in Salt Lake City	48	6	n.d.	11	4	10	Yes	Yes
6	University of Illinois in Chicago	44	4	3	7	9	2	No	Yes
6	University of Southern California in Los Angeles	44	7	1	12	9	7	Yes	Yes
8	University of Cincinnati in Ohio	40	20	14	—	6	12	No	Yes
8	University of Missouri in Columbia	40	3	n.d.	2	1	4	No	Yes
10	University of Nebraska in Lincoln	34	—	13	13	—	9	No	Yes
11	University of Georgia in Athens	32	11	11	1	9	6	Yes	Yes
12	Texas Tech University in Lubbock	29	1	10	18	—	—	No	Yes
12	Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo	29	18	7^	4	3	16	Yes	Yes
14	University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee	25	—	12	8	—	15	No	Yes
15	Georgia State University in Atlanta	22	—	n.d.	5	—	13	Yes	Yes
15	University of Tennessee in Knoxville	22	5	n.d.	10	9	8	No	Yes

Source: Departmental Job-Placement and Departmental-Reputation ranks are taken from 2010 U.S. National Research Council data.

Notes: All rankings consider only the thirty-two English departments with eligible creative writing doctoral programs. The top-fifteen rankings correspond to the most frequently applied-to PhD programs, as reported by 145 PhD applicants surveyed from April 16, 2007, to April 15, 2011. — (number fifteen or lower in Selectivity or Creative Writing Job-Placement ranks, number twenty-one or lower in Funding, Departmental Job-Placement, or Departmental-Reputation ranks); n.d. (no data available); ^ (data includes both master's and doctoral candidate applications). Because many of these programs matriculate a variable number of candidates annually, the data used for Creative Writing Job-Placement Rank has not been program-size adjusted. Visit www.pw.org/magazine for the rankings of the remaining sixteen creative writing doctoral programs.

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