

## UMass PSE Ph.D. Program: Comparing by the Numbers

	UMass PSE	Program 2	Program 3
<b>Stipend/year</b>	\$36,700 in year 1 (+ annual increases)		
<b>Total fees</b>	<a href="#">Graduate fees</a> , Year 1: \$1,648 Year 2 - completion: \$658		
<b>Benefits</b>	<a href="#">Health Insurance</a> (student/family) Dental and Vision Insurance On-campus health services <a href="#">Graduate student union</a>		
<b>Cost of living</b>	<a href="#">Avg. monthly rent</a> (PSE student shared): about \$850		
<b># of semesters of required TA</b>	none required (optional TA opportunities available)		
<b>Duration of support</b>	through Ph.D. completion		
<b>Ph.D. completion</b>	88% of entering students		
<b>Avg. time to Ph.D.</b>	4.9 years		
<b>DEI support &amp; commitment</b>	- PSE <a href="#">Workplace Climate Committee</a> - Grad School <a href="#">Office of Inclusion &amp; Engagement</a>		
<b>Mentoring &amp; professional development</b>	- PSE <a href="#">Mentoring Committee</a> - <a href="#">ACS PMSE/POLY Student Chapter</a> - Grad School <a href="#">Office of Professional Development</a>		
<b>Community engagement</b>	>25 years of student led <a href="#">PSE Outreach &amp; ASPIRE</a>		
<b>Job placement</b>	- PSE provides comprehensive job placement program (e.g. resume curation, distribution, interview mentoring through <a href="#">CUMIRP</a> ) - 10/year top companies visit PSE for on-site recruiting/interview		
<b>Alumni network</b>	> <a href="#">750 Ph.D. alumni</a> (over 5 decades)		
<b>Post-Ph.D. career (industry)</b>	\$100k-\$120k starting salary + \$10k-15k signing bonuses		
<b>Post-Ph.D. career (academics)</b>	>120 PSE alumni active faculty in universities worldwide		

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