



## Institutional Research and Assessment

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### Memorandum

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**Regarding:** Baccalaureate origins of doctorates

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According to the most recent National Science Foundation's Survey of Earned Doctorates data from 2021, Carleton College is the leading baccalaureate source of doctoral recipients in the United States for the Carnegie Classification Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts & Sciences Focus. This is true for the periods of 2017-21 (5 years), 2012-21 (10 years), and 2007-21 (15 years), with Swarthmore College being the only institution to outrank Carleton between 2002-21 (20 years). Additionally, Carleton College holds the third position as a baccalaureate origin of earned doctorates since 1958, following Oberlin College and Swarthmore College.

Top 10 Origins of Doctorates Among Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts & Sciences Focus 2017-21		
Institution	Doctoral Recipients	Typical Headcount
Carleton College	422	2008
Wesleyan University	399	3250
Oberlin College	389	2942
Swarthmore College	386	1643
Vassar College	362	2500
Williams College	337	2129
St. Olaf College	328	2955
Wellesley College	321	2383
Smith College	297	2566
Grinnell College	293	1713