

Table A-3. Research doctorate recipients, by field of degree: 2025

(Percent)

Directorate	Field of degree	Percent
Biological Sciences (BIO)	Agricultural sciences and natural resources	11
	Bioinformatics, biostatistics, and computational biology	11
	Biochemistry	9
	Neurosciences and neurobiology	11
	Cell molecular biology	10
	Microbiology	6
	Other biological sciences	41
Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE)	Computer engineering	33
	Computer science	43
	Computer and information sciences	17
	Information science and systems	7
STEM Education (EDU)	Education research	48
	Education administration	18
	Non-science and math education	14
	Science and math education	7
	Teacher education	3
	Other education	11
Engineering (ENG)	Electrical engineering	24
	Mechanical engineering	17
	Bioengineering and biomedical engineering	12
	Civil engineering	10
	Materials science engineering	9
	Chemical engineering	10
	Other engineering	18
Geosciences (GEO)	Earth sciences	53
	Atmospheric sciences	22
	Environmental science	11
	Ocean sciences	14
Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS)	Chemistry	37
	Mathematics and statistics	28
	Physics and astronomy	27
	Materials sciences	8
Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE)	Psychology	43
	Economics	15
	Political science	11
	Sociology	6
	Other social sciences	25

Source(s):

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