

SELF-ASSESSMENT
SUMMARY OF GOALS AND ACTIVITIES
NCSU -GENETICS

Condition #1: *The right people apply for doctoral study.*

Condition #2: *The right applicants are admitted as doctoral students*

Condition #3: *Students and faculty form productive working relationships*

Condition #4: *Students experience social support from fellow students*

Conditions	Goals /Activities	Timeline
#1.	<p>Improve visibility of the graduate program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revamp the departmental website to improve visibility, facilitate navigation and highlight program quality. • In conjunction with the website, develop new hard copy advertising materials with the flexibility to change information on an ongoing basis. <p>Implement a faculty/student task force to review all graduate student recruitment activities and make recommendations for improvement.</p> <p>Continue efforts to hire new research faculty that will improve the program by increasing the number of potential research advisors.</p>	<p>Fall 2006/Spring 2007</p> <p>Fall 2006/Spring 2007</p> <p>Fall 2006/Spring 2007</p>
#2.	<p>Implement a faculty/student task force to review graduate student curriculum requirements and support levels as these have been raised as issues that may negatively influence the selection of our program.</p> <p>Continue current admissions, interview and orientation processes as these are deemed effective.</p>	<p>Fall 2006/Spring 2007</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
#3.	<p>Implement a yearly meeting between the Director of Graduate Programs and individual students to discuss graduate program progress, professional development and student concerns, and to get student feedback on ways to improve the program.</p> <p>Implement a system to ensure and document yearly meetings between graduate students and their advisory committees.</p> <p>Continue laboratory rotation system, inclusion of students on standing and special departmental committees, support</p>	<p>Spring 2006</p> <p>Fall 2006/Spring 2007</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	of student-sponsored speakers, and opportunities for students to interact with seminar speakers and faculty candidates. Continue to encourage students to participate in the departmental outreach activities that include faculty, staff, postdoctoral researchers and graduate students.	
#4.	Continue to encourage students to participate in department and student-sponsored social events, the Genetics Graduate Student Association, the University Graduate Student Association, departmental committees and departmental outreach activities.	Ongoing