

Doctoral Education at Montclair State University

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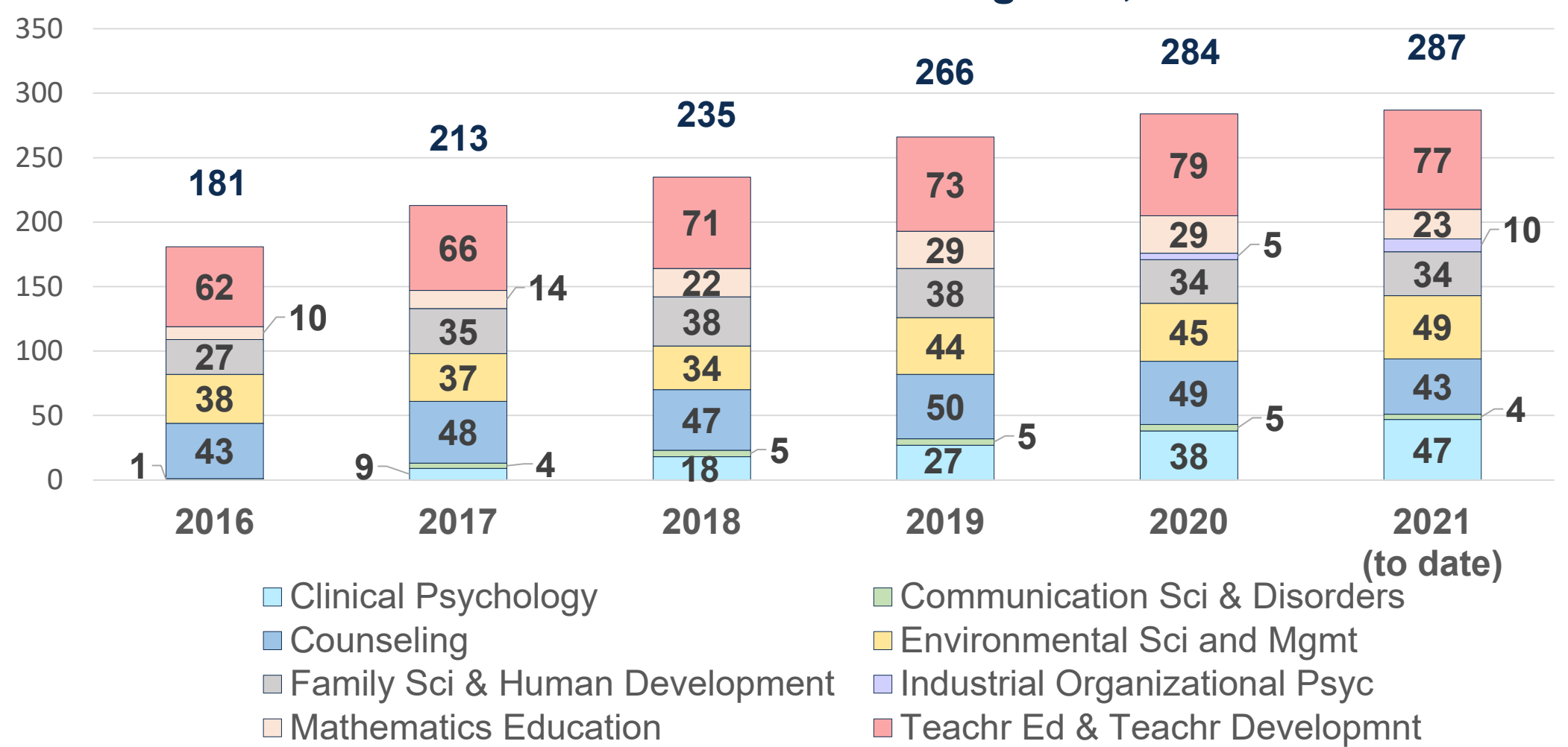
Montclair State had a long-term strategic plan to become a doctoral institution. That goal came to fruition when we were recognized with the Carnegie R3 designation in 2016 and subsequently with the R2 designation in 2018. We are continuing our commitment to enhancing doctoral education at MSU.

Goals for doctoral education from The Graduate School Action Plan: 2020-2023

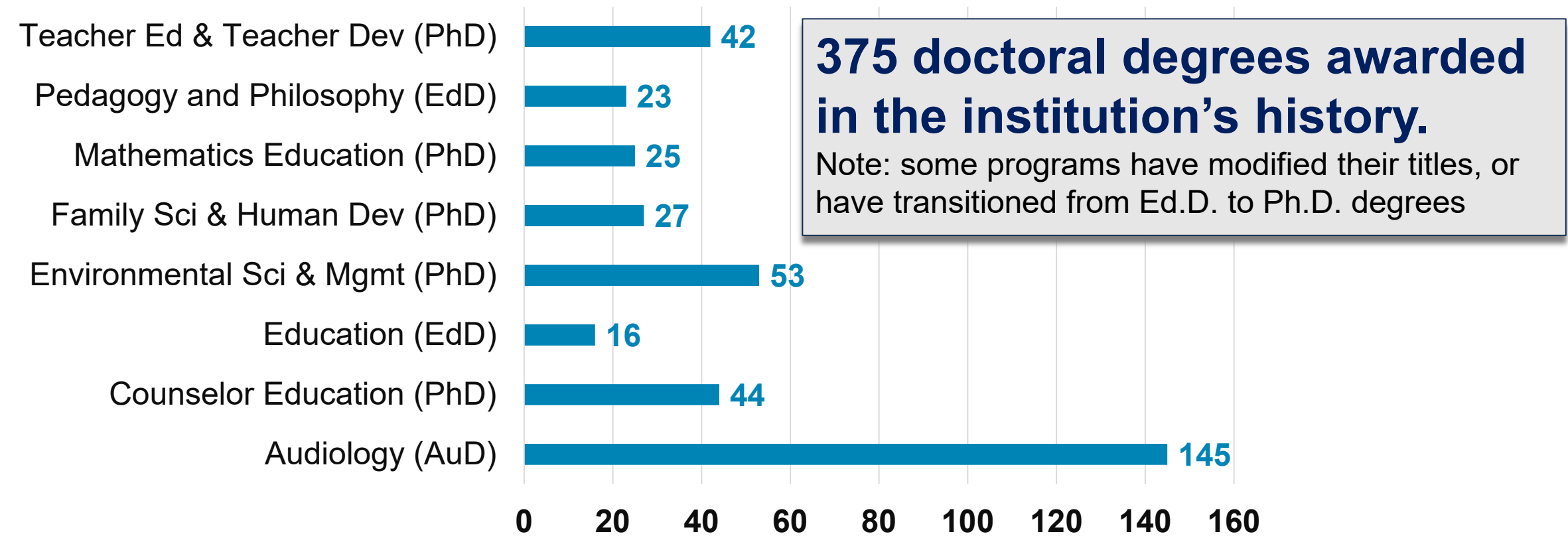
- Design and implement professional development opportunities for doctoral students
- Continue advocating for increases in doctoral stipends and packages
- Revise the doctoral faculty appointment and compensation system

Doctoral Education at Montclair State – By the Numbers

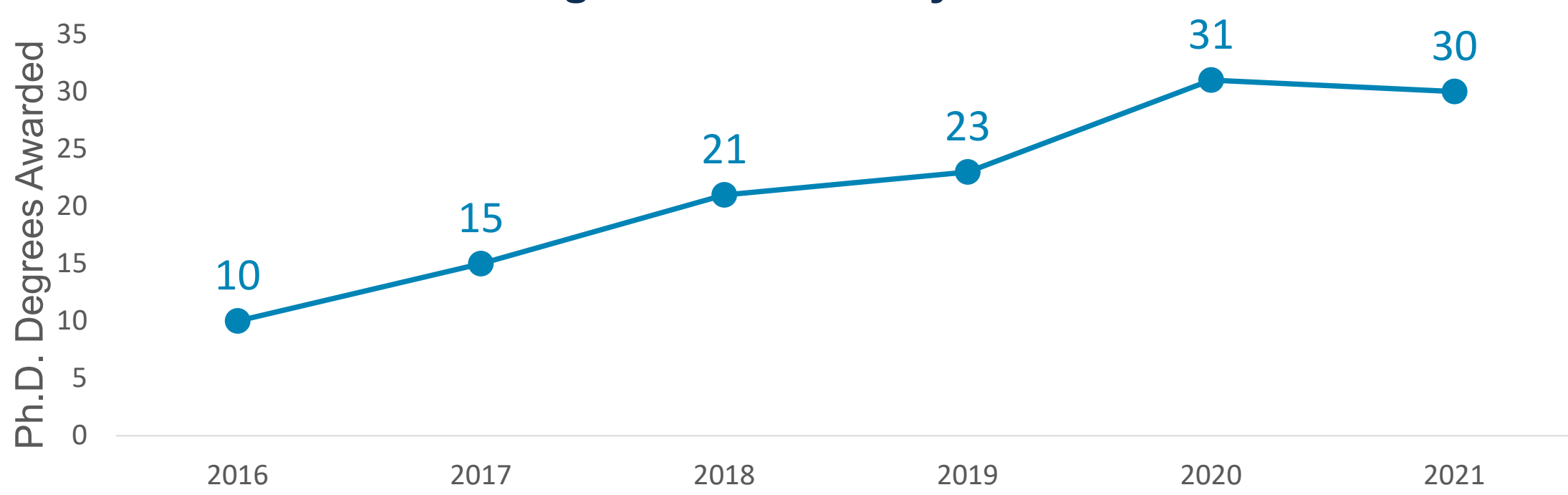
Fall Enrollment for Ph.D. Programs, 2016 - 2021



Total Number of Degrees Awarded by Program



Ph.D. Degrees Awarded by Fiscal Year



Progress Over Time: Improving Doctoral Education at MSU

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (as of 8/4)
Doctoral Assistant Positions	121	135	149	166	176
Stipend	\$15k	\$15k	\$18k	\$21k	\$22k
Credits	24	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable
Grant-funded	18	23	20	26	18

Looking ahead: what opportunities do we explore?

Examples:

- To increase extramural funding for doctoral students
- To enhance the doctoral students' preparation for careers inside and outside of academia
- To monitor, promote, and embrace diversity in the doctoral student body



For more information and to send your feedback:



Recent Developments from 2020-2021

- Reduction of health insurance cost for students reduced by more than 50%
- Hiring of GA to provide specialized dissertation writing mentoring to doctoral students
- Approval of new GA position to provide mentoring to doctoral students in statistics starting Fall 2021