

Subject: [isfac] Students achievement data

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Dear colleagues,

Just bringing to your attention that, further to ALA's request, we are now providing [our own student achievement data](#).

The general impetus for this request is coming straight from the top, that is, the [White House](#): "Providing prospective students with more transparent information about the institutions and programs they are considering will enable them to make better decisions about their education. Although the Department of Education currently provides students with useful institution-level data—such as annual costs, average earnings, and graduation rates, Congress should ensure students have the program-level earnings and outcome data they need to make better informed choices about potential careers and educational opportunities."

Much of the labor on this was generously provided by Diana Ascher, with additional help by Michelle, Andrew, and Justin. Diana put in a tremendous effort in gathering and standardizing the data from a variety of unwieldy sources. This represents our first stab at this exercise, but we hope to be able to provide more specific data in the future about, e.g., earnings and student debt, data that will help us better understand and articulate the value proposition of our degree.

To ensure the data is visible, we have put links to the data at three different places:

- On the "About IS page/Awards and Achievements":

<https://is.gseis.ucla.edu/about-is/awards/>

- On the "Programs/MLIS Degree" page, new section at the bottom: "Student Achievement Data"

<https://is.gseis.ucla.edu/programs/mlis-degree/>

- On the "Apply" page, new tab "Achievement Data"

<https://is.gseis.ucla.edu/apply/>

As well, the Mission, Vision and Values page has been updated with the new language from our strategic plan:

<https://is.gseis.ucla.edu/about-is/mission-values-and-vision/>

On the same page, you will also find a link to our new Guiding Principles:

https://is.gseis.ucla.edu/media/IS_Guiding_Principles.pdf

Please take a look and we can discuss further at the faculty meeting.

Many thanks,
Jean-François

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