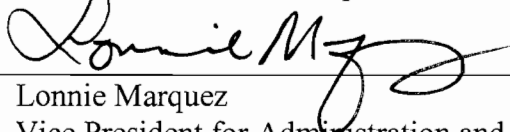


Certification of Institutional Classification for the 2007-2008 Academic Year

By submission of this proposal, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology hereby certifies that it should be considered a **Ph.D. granting institution**, according to the definition provided in the National Science Foundation's MRI Program Solicitation [NSF 08-503].

New Mexico Tech has awarded a total of 27 Ph.D. degrees during the past two Academic Years (19 in 2006; 8 in 2007).

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