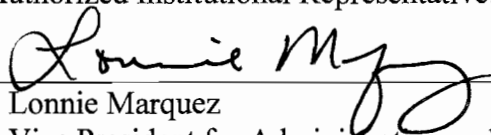


Certification of Institutional Classification
for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

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 09-502].

New Mexico Tech has awarded a total of 23 Ph.D. degrees during the past two Academic Years (8 in 2007; 15 in 2008).

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