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**NSSE 2017**  
**Selected Comparison Groups**  
Queen's University

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### Comparison Groups

The NSSE *Institutional Report* displays core survey results for your students alongside those of three comparison groups. In May, your institution was invited to customize these groups via a form on the Institution Interface. This report summarizes how your comparison groups were constructed and lists the institutions within them.

NSSE comparison groups may be customized by (a) identifying specific institutions from the list of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE participants, (b) composing the group by selecting institutional characteristics, or (c) a combination of these. Institutions that chose not to customize received default groups<sup>a</sup> that provide relevant comparisons for most institutions.

Institutions that appended additional question sets in the form of topical modules or through consortium participation were also invited to customize comparison groups for those reports. The default for those groups was all other 2016 and 2017 institutions where the questions were administered. Please note: Comparison group details for topical module and consortium reports are documented separately in those reports.

### Report Comparisons

Comparison groups are located in the institutional reports as illustrated in the mock report at right. In this example, the three groups are "Private Doc-Granting," "Carnegie UG Program," and "NSSE 2016 & 2017."

| Item wording or description  | Variable name <sup>c</sup> | Values <sup>d</sup> | Response options | Frequency Distributions |     |                      |     |                     |     |                  |     |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
|  |                            |                     |                  | NSSEville State         |     | Private Doc-Granting |     | Carnegie UG Program |     | NSSE 2016 & 2017 |     |
|  |                            |                     |                  | Count                   | %   | Count                | %   | Count               | %   | Count            | %   |
| <b>1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?</b> |                            |                     |                  |                         |     |                      |     |                     |     |                  |     |
| a. Asked questions or contributed to course discussions in other ways                  | askquest                   | 1                   | Never            | 45                      | 4   | 1,462                | 5   | 816                 | 5   | 3,978            | 3   |
|  |                            | 2                   | Sometimes        | 450                     | 37  | 13,015               | 45  | 6,910               | 40  | 43,752           | 33  |
|  |                            | 3                   | Often            | 428                     | 34  | 11,411               | 34  | 5,911               | 34  | 47,737           | 35  |
|  |                            | 4                   | Very often       | 307                     | 25  | 7,173                | 22  | 3,759               | 21  | 39,041           | 28  |
|  |                            |                     | Total            | 1,230                   | 100 | 33,087               | 100 | 17,396              | 100 | 134,508          | 100 |

### Reading This Report

This report consists of three sections that provide details for each of your comparison groups, illustrated at right.

#### Comparison Group Name

The name assigned to the comparison group is listed here.

#### How Group was Constructed

Indicates whether your group was drawn from a list, built based on criteria, or is the default group. If institutional characteristics were used to build your comparison group, they are listed here.

#### Institution List

The names, cities and states or provinces of the comparison institutions are listed for your reference. NSSE 2016 participants are identified with an asterisk.

#### Comparison Group 1: Private Doc-Granting

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

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| Date submitted                                       | 5/2/17   |
| How was this comparison group constructed?           | Your institution customized this group by selecting institutional characteristics as follows:<br>Basic Classification (All Doc); Sector (Priv) |
| Group description (as provided by your institution)  | All other current- and prior-year participating private Doctoral Universities.   |
| <b>Private Doc-Granting (N=51)</b>                   |  |
| Adelphi University (Garden City, NY)                 | Suffolk University (Boston, MA)  |
| American University (Washington, DC)*                | Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, TX)*   |
| Arizona Pacific University (Azusa, CA)               | Truett-Lenoir University (Nashville, TN)   |
| Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)*                  | Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL)   |
| Boston University (Boston, MA)*                      | Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)  |
| Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)                 | Union University (Jackson, TN)   |
| Capella University (Minneapolis, MN)                 | University of Dayton (Dayton, OH)*   |
| Catholic University of America, The (Washington, DC) | University of Denver (Denver, CO)*   |

a. The default groups are:

- Comparison Group 1: For institutions not in a NSSE consortium, this group contains 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions in the same geographic region and sector (public/private). For consortium institutions, it contains results for the other 2016 (if applicable) and 2017 consortium members.
- Comparison Group 2: All other 2016 and 2017 U.S. NSSE institutions sharing your institution's Basic Carnegie Classification. (Canadian institutions are not classified by the Carnegie Foundation, and must identify a comparison group.)
- Comparison Group 3: All other 2016 and 2017 U.S. NSSE institutions (2016 and 2017 Canadian participants are also included in this group for Canadian institutions).

### Comparison Group 1: US Public RI 2017

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

|   |   |
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| Date submitted                                      | 5/10/17   |
| How was this comparison group constructed?          | Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE participants.  |
| Group description (as provided by your institution) | US public institutions in small and medium sized cities with enrolment > 10,000, 3 highest research intensity categories. All with medical schools. All 2017 (no 2016). |

### US Public RI 2017 (N=9)

- Auburn University (Auburn University, AL)
- Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL)
- Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Baton Rouge, LA)
- University of Georgia (Athens, GA)
- University of North Dakota (Grand Forks, ND)
- University of South Carolina Columbia (Columbia, SC)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, WI)
- Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg, VA)

### Comparison Group 2: Aspirational 2017

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

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| Date submitted                                      | 5/10/17  |
| How was this comparison group constructed?          | Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE participants. |
| Group description (as provided by your institution) | Private (for and not for profit) US 10K+ enrolment, top 3 research intensity categories                              |

#### Aspirational 2017 (N=7)

Boston University (Boston, MA)\*  
 Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)  
 Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ)\*  
 Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, IL)  
 Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY)  
 Saint Louis University (Saint Louis, MO)  
 St. John's University-New York (Queens, NY)\*

\*2016 participant

### Comparison Group 3: Ontario

This section summarizes how this group was identified, including selection criteria and whether the default group was used. This is followed by the resulting list of institutions in this group.

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| Date submitted                                      | 5/10/17   |
| How was this comparison group constructed?          | Your institution customized this comparison group by selecting from the list of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE participants.        |
| Group description (as provided by your institution) | All Ontario 2017 participants including affiliated and federated institutions but excl private religious univs and colleges |

#### Ontario (N=22)

Algoma University (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)  
 Brescia University College (London, ON)  
 Brock University (St. Catharines, ON)  
 Carleton University (Ottawa, ON)  
 Huron University College (London, ON)  
 Lakehead University (Thunder Bay, ON)  
 Laurentian University/Université Laurentienne (Sudbury, ON)  
 McMaster University (Hamilton, ON)  
 Nipissing University (North Bay, ON)  
 OCAD University (Toronto, ON)  
 Ryerson University (Toronto, ON)  
 Trent University (Peterborough, ON)  
 Université d'Ottawa / University of Ottawa (Ottawa, ON)  
 University of Guelph (Guelph, ON)  
 University of Guelph-Humber (Toronto, ON)  
 University of Ontario Institute of Technology (Oshawa, ON)  
 University of Toronto (Toronto, ON)  
 University of Waterloo (Waterloo, ON)  
 University of Windsor (Windsor, ON)  
 Western University (London, ON)  
 Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo, ON)  
 York University (Toronto, ON)