Trends in Geoscience Degrees Conferred to Women

The percentage of geoscience doctorates conferred to women has increased by 5% since 2007 (to 43%) while the percentage of bachelor’s and master’s degrees conferred to women has remained steady (~ 43% and 44% respectively) over the same time period.

In comparing gender parity degree trends to other disciplines, the geosciences rank consistently ahead of all physical science and engineering degrees. Additionally, the geosciences had the largest increase in the percentage of degrees conferred to women between 1993 and 2006 for all science and engineering (S&E) degrees.

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