

PHD GRADUATION CHECKLIST

MAY 2025

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ETD Submission Deadline: *5pm ET, Friday, May 2, 2025*

Final Approval Form/Alumni/Survey Due: *Friday, May 9, 2025*

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Survey of Earned Doctorates: <https://sed-ncses.org/>
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