

Departmental Base Budget Overview

Department	Masters of Science in Science Education (MSSE)	Executive	Provost							
Index	419140	Program	01							
Base Budgets:										
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	10-Year % Change
117,726	118,921	95,080	40,000	35,518	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%

The Masters of Science in Science Education (MSSE) program at MSU is one of the largest masters programs on campus. Each summer a new cohort of about 60 students enter the program and approximately 50 students graduate each year. Most of the students in the program graduate within three years after beginning their program with about 10% of them deferring or stopping out for a year and then graduating after either four or sometimes five years. The overall graduation rate exceeds 90% which is one measure of the success of the program. A second measure of success is that new students entering the program indicate that they selected this MSU program because of conversations with their colleagues who have completed the program or conversations with their supervisors who are aware of and recommend the program. Since 80% of the students in the program are non-residents, it is clear the program has earned a nationally recognized reputation.

MSSE strives to be self supporting, generating its budget from the tuition paid by the students when they come to campus in the summer as well as tuition generated from the distance delivered courses. Balancing MSSE program expenses and tuition revenue remains a challenge. The portion of the summer tuition returned to the program is determined by tuition distribution model set forth in a Memorandum of Agreement with MSU. Currently, the base budget for FY08 is zero.