High marks put UL Lafayette’s grad program in Top 10

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The University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s electrical engineering graduate program was rated ninth in the nation by graduateprograms.com.

Ratings were gathered between Sept. 1, 2012 and March 31, 2015 from over 70,000 current and recent graduate students from over 1,600 nationwide graduate programs who posted reviews on the website.

Rankings were determined based on 15 categories, such as career support and academic competitiveness. According to the website, graduate programs must meet a minimum amount of student surveys.

“These scores are then compared across all ranked schools for that program and are translated into a final ranking for that graduate program,” the website says.

First on the list is the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. UL Lafayette is preceded by Princeton University and succeeded by Cornell University. Other universities on the list include Rice University, University of California-Berkeley and Yale University.

“Every effort is made to ensure that only students who have attended those graduate programs provide all program ratings and comments,” said the graduateprograms website.

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The website also says their mission is to provide information for prospective graduate students through ratings and reviews through Participants in the Graduate Programs Rate and Review Program are selected at random by the Graduate Programs Foundation, a non-profit that awards scholarships to students selected at random.