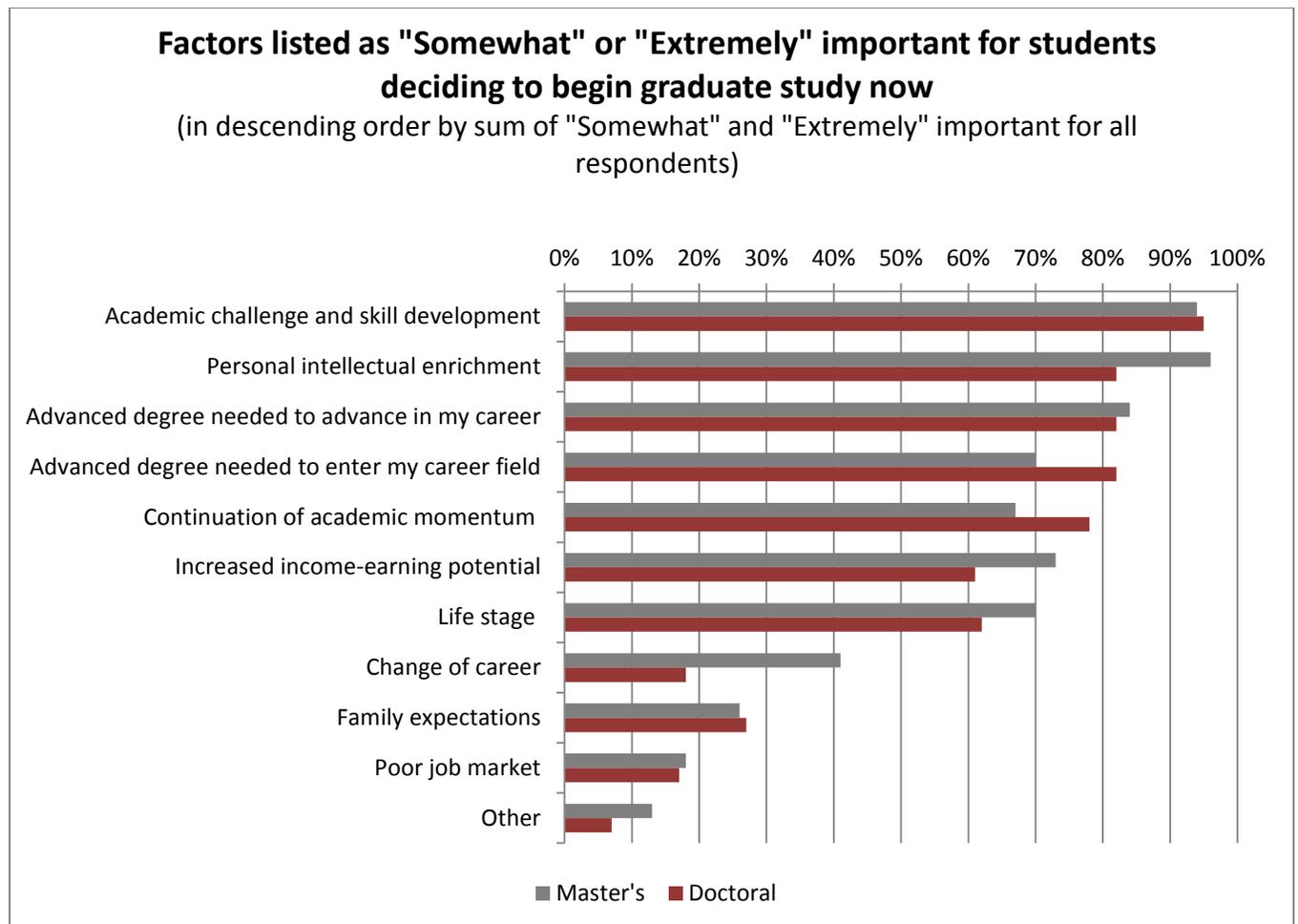


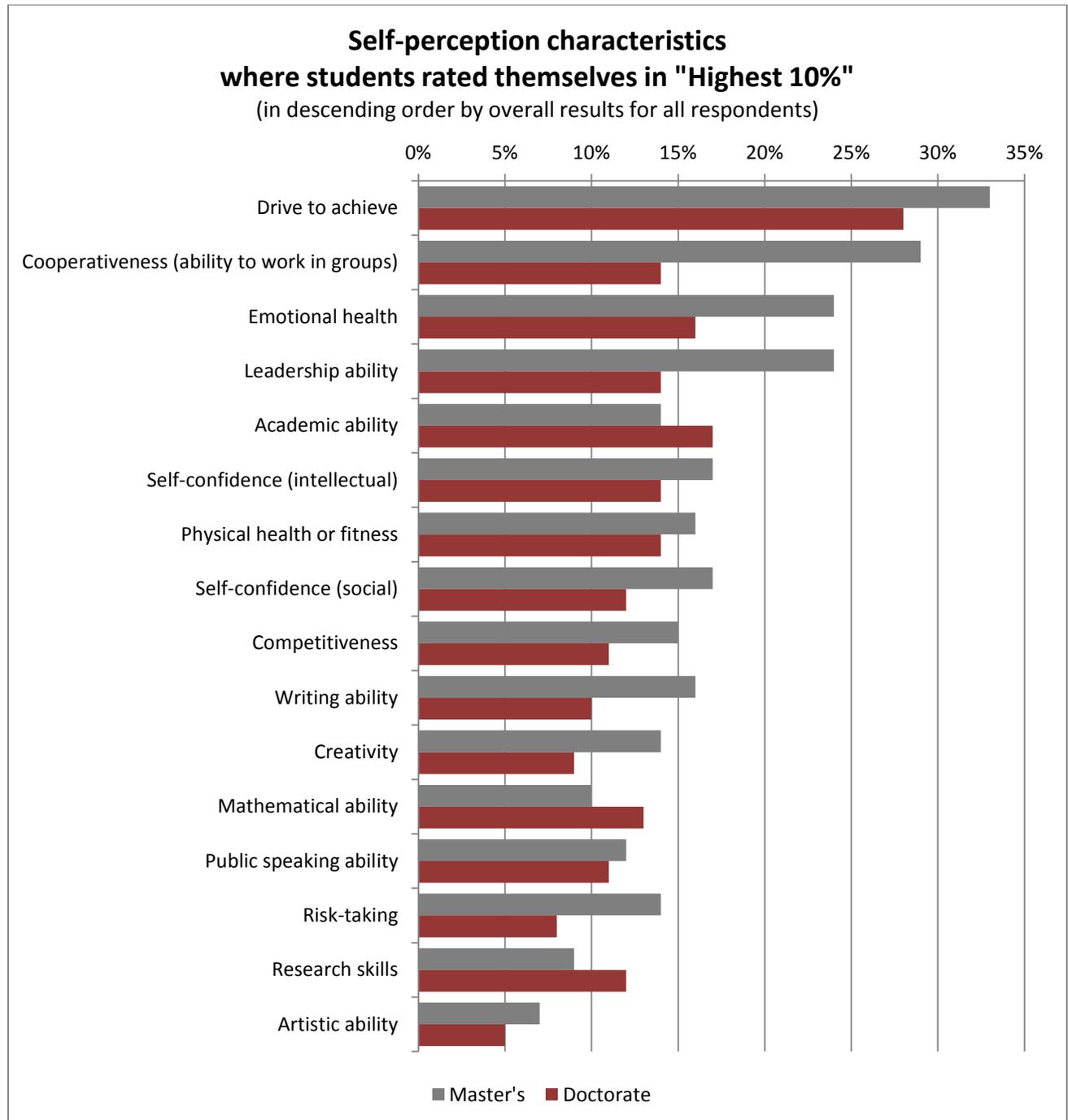
2013 Admitted Graduate Student Survey Highlights

In early August 2013, the Office of the Provost, Institutional Research administered the biennial survey of admitted graduate students. 64% percent of students invited participated in the survey (1,734 students out of 2,728). The survey gathers information on topics such as: factors in choice to study at MIT, reasons for pursuing graduate study, self-perception, expectations, finances, and career plans. Information was also gathered from respondents who decided not to attend MIT, and their responses are addressed separately from data from incoming students. Highlights from the 2013 survey are presented below and a full report of overall results follows.

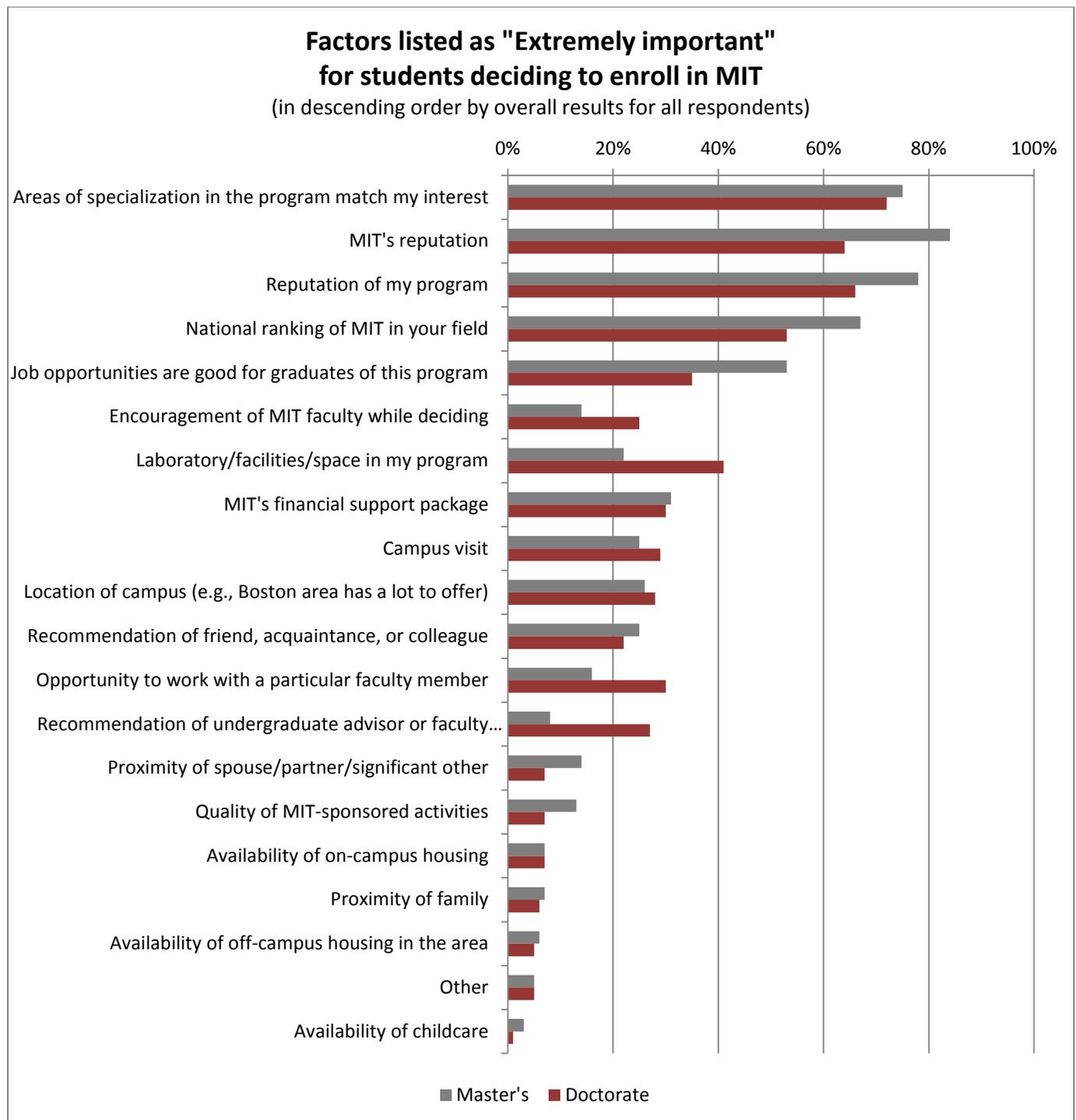
- Immediately before coming to MIT, 78% of master's respondents and 30% of doctoral respondents were working. 15% of master's respondents and 49% of doctoral respondents came directly from an undergraduate program.
- "Personal intellectual enrichment" was listed by 77% of respondents as an "Extremely important" factor for deciding to begin a graduate program.



- When asked to rate their own skills and abilities, master's and doctoral respondents rated their "Drive to achieve" more highly than any other category. 33% of master's students and 28% of doctoral students rated their drive to achieve in the "Highest 10%" when compared to the average MIT student.



- Of the reasons for deciding to enroll at MIT, MIT’s reputation was the most highly-rated reason among master’s students, with 84% of master’s respondents saying reputation was “Extremely important.” For doctoral students, that the areas of specialization in the program matched their interests was most highly-rated, with 72% of respondents marking it “Extremely important.”



- On the survey, students were asked to what extent they were concerned about different factors when applying or enrolling at MIT. “Finding an advisor” and “Academic climate” were rated as major concerns for doctoral respondents more than any other category. Master’s respondents listed “Finances” more than any other category as a major concern.
- When asked about program expectations at MIT, the intellectual quality of the faculty was the most highly-rated category, with 88% of all respondents expecting it to be excellent. The amount of financial support was the lowest-rated category, with 24% of all respondents expecting it to be excellent.
- After graduating from MIT, 89% of master’s respondents plan to seek employment. 50% of doctoral respondents plan to seek employment, while 44% plan to pursue a “Postdoc” or further training.

Students Not Attending MIT

- 92% of students who declined their admission to MIT are attending a different institution.
- The most commonly cited reason for choosing to study at a different institution was the areas of specialization in the program matching their interest.

