

System Name:

National Survey of Recent College Graduates and Follow-up File.

Security Classification:

None.

System Location(s):

Record that make up this system may be kept in multiple locations: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; U.S. Bureau of Census, Washington, DC 20233, and Westat, Inc., 1550 Research Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850.

Categories of Individuals Covered by the System:

The system includes a sample of individuals holding bachelor's and master's degrees from U.S. institutions in science and engineering degree fields.

Categories of Records in the System:

Educational, professional, and demographic characteristics of degree holders including name, age, race, ethnicity, sex, disability, and country of birth, social security number, occupational information, labor force status, professional activities, academic degrees, earlier education, continuing education, marital status, spouse's employment status, number and ages of children living at home, parent's educational attainment, citizenship.

Authority for Maintenance of the System:

National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1862(a)(6), 1863(j)(1), 1885d.

Purpose(s):

This system is used as a source of information on the characteristics of individuals with bachelor's and master's degrees in science and engineering in the United States. The system is used as a source for measuring the new entrants into the science and engineering workforce. The system is used to provide information on indicators related to the science and engineering workforce, as required by congressional mandate. The system is also used to report on the participation rates of women and minorities in scientific and technical fields, as required by congressional mandate. It is also used by researchers interested in policy issues related to the scientific and engineering workforce.

Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and the Purposes of such Uses:

Disclosure of the records may be made to the Federal sponsors listed under "System location" above, their contractors and collaborating researchers and their staff for the purpose of analyzing data, preparing reports, writing articles, and preparing public use data tapes in order to accomplish the research purpose for which the records are collected. Disclosure of certain data on records (including name, address, phone number, academic institution, degree type) are also made to present and future contractors to conduct longitudinal surveys of individuals included in the system. All users of the data are required to comply by the requirements of the Privacy Act with respect to such records.

Policies and Practice for Storing, Retrieving, Accessing, Retaining, and Disposing of Records in the System:

Storage:

Computer tapes with identifying information on individuals and questionnaires are kept by the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Bureau of Census, and Westat, Inc.

Retrievability:

Alphabetically by last name of individual.

Safeguards:

Data are kept in secured areas with access limited to authorized personnel. Questionnaires in paper copy are kept in locked cabinets. Published findings and computer tapes are in formats which preclude individual identification.

Retention and Disposal:

Computer tapes are kept indefinitely by the U.S. Bureau of Census and Westat, Inc. and the other sponsors in fulfilling the responsibilities described under "Purposes".

System Manager(s) and Address(es):

Division Director, Science Resources Studies, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Notification Procedure:

The NSF Privacy Act Officer should be contacted in accordance with procedures found at 45 CFR part 613.

Record Access Procedures:

See "Notification procedure" above.

Record Source Categories:

Most information was obtained voluntarily from individuals. Initial identifying information was also voluntarily obtained from colleges and/or universities and individuals.

Exemptions Claimed for the System:

None.