



Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS) Fall 2009

National Science Foundation (NSF) & National Institutes of Health (NIH)



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Dear <School Coordinator Name>:

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announce the opening of the Web site for the fall 2009 *NSF-NIH Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering* (GSS). You have been identified as the GSS school coordinator for <Inst/School name>. If you are not the coordinator, or think you have received this material in error, please call us toll-free at (866) 558-0781. Note that GSS tables that display data by institution will not list your institution if it does not respond to the survey. For nonresponding institutions, estimated data will only be included in aggregated totals.

- Information you need to start the 2009 GSS Web survey:
 - Website:** <http://www.gss2009.org>
 - User ID:** <USERID>
 - Password:** <PW>
- Printed copies of the 2009 GSS Worksheet, Code List, and Crosswalk are enclosed
- Important Dates:
 - November 30, 2009** Update list of organizational units
 - February 26, 2010** Submit completed survey information

As the school coordinator, you will use the GSS Web survey to:

- Identify the organizational units at your school with graduate students, postdoctorates, and/or doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers in the **fall 2009 enrollment period** (science, engineering, and selected health fields only)
- Decide who completes the information for each organizational unit
- Monitor reporting progress to ensure that all organizational units report by the due date

For questions about the survey process, please contact Ms. Jamie Friedman, RTI International, toll-free at (866) 558-0781 or gss@rti.org. For other concerns, please contact Susan T. Hill, NSF Project Officer, at (703) 292-7790 or sthill@nsf.gov.

Thank you for your efforts to provide timely and accurate statistics to NSF and NIH. The data you provide on graduate students and postdocs is used by the graduate education community, Federal agencies and science policymakers throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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