2017 EARLY CAREER DOCTORATES SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE for a web-based survey

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SECTION IC: INFORMED CONSENT

IC1: Before beginning, it is important to verify that we are interviewing the correct person. Are you [first name] [last name]?

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All respondents

IC2: Which of the following best describes [first name] [last name]?

1=[first name] [last name] is a misspelling of my name (please specify correct name:__________  ___________)
2=[first name] [last name] is a name I used in the past, but my name had changed (please specify correct name:__________  ___________)
3=[Neither of the above]

Administered to: Respondents whose name is not the one provided in the question (i.e., respondents who selected option 0 in IC1)

IC3: Thank you for your responses. We apologize for any inconvenience and will not contact you again regarding the Early Career Doctorates Survey.

Administered to: Respondents who are not the intended sample member (i.e., respondents who selected option 3 in IC2).

IC4: Were you affiliated with [ECDS sampling frame organization] the week of October 1, 2017?

1=Yes
0=No

NOTE: Sample members who select ‘no’ will be deemed ineligible and routed to IC5

Administered to: Respondents who identified as the sample member (i.e., Respondents who selected 1 in IC1 or selected 1 or 2 in IC2)

IC5: Thank you. Based on your answers you are not eligible for ECDS, but before you log out please take one minute to answer a short set of questions about your educational and demographic characteristics. This information will be used to help improve our data collection procedures for the future and improve estimates of the study’s population of interest.

This information is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the federal information systems that transmit your data. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential. Your response is voluntary and failure to provide some or all of the requested information will not in any way adversely affect you. If you have questions about your rights as a survey participant, you may contact RTI International's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043.

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If you agree to provide this information, please click “Next” below.
Announced to: Sample members who were not affiliated with the ECDS sampling frame organization the week of October 1, 2017 (i.e., Respondents who selected option 1 in IC1 and option 0 in IC4)

IC6: Recently, we sent you an email about the National Science Foundation’s Early Career Doctorates Survey (ECDS). The email included a link to the survey website which includes information about your rights as a survey participant. Have you read this information and do you agree to participate in the survey?

1=Yes, I understand my rights as a survey participant and want to take the survey
0=No, I have not read the information on the website

Announced to: Sample members who were affiliated with the ECDS sampling frame organization the week of October 1, 2017

IC7: Great. If you have questions about the ECDS, you may contact the survey staff at 1-866-253-1063 or ecds@rti.org. If you have questions about your rights as a survey participant, you may contact RTI International's Office of Research Protection at 1-866-214-2043. Once you begin the survey, you may stop at any time or skip any question. The average time to complete this survey is about 30 minutes.

Please click 'Next' below.

Announced to: Sample members who agree to participate

IC8: The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, a federal statistical agency within the National Science Foundation (NSF), is conducting the ECDS to learn about the career paths and research opportunities of individuals who earned their first doctorate (PhD, MD, or other equivalent doctorate degree) within the last 10 years. The ECDS is co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

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To visit the survey website, click here.
To review the ECDS brochure, click here.

If you agree to participate, please click “Next” below.

Announced to: Sample members who had not read the information on the website
SECTION A: SCREENER

A1: For past participants: Thank you for your past participation in the Early Career Doctorates Survey. To make this survey shorter for you, we have prefilled your previous answers to comparable questions about your educational history and demographic characteristics. Please verify this information or make changes as needed.

For sample members who were affiliated with the ECDS organization the week of October 1, 2017: We will begin by collecting some information to verify your eligibility for the ECDS.

Please start by thinking about your highest degree. (If you have more than one doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree, think about the first such degree you received.)

What type of degree is it?
1=PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
2=MD (Doctor of Medicine)
3=Dual doctorate level degree such as MD-PhD (Please specify type of dual doctorate level degree)
4=Other doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree including international degree equivalents (e.g., Dr. rer. nat, DSc, DVM, EdD, PharmD, PsyD)
5=Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MPH, Diplom, etc.)
6=Undergraduate degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
7=Other degree

Administered to: All sample members

A2: What type of doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree is it?
1=DDS (Doctor of Dental Surgery)
2=Dr. rer. nat (Doctor rerum naturalium)
3=DSc (Doctor of Science)
4=DPhil (Doctor of Philosophy)
5=DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine)
6=EdD (Doctor of Education)
7=JD (Juris Doctor)
8=PharmD (Doctor of Pharmacy)
9=PsyD (Doctor of Psychology)
10=Other doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree, including international degree equivalent to U.S. doctorate (Please specify type of degree)

NOTE: Sample members who select JD will be deemed ineligible and routed to A5

Administered to: Sample members whose highest degree is a doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree other than a PhD, MD or dual degree

A3: Is your highest degree an international equivalent to a U.S. doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree?
1=Yes
0=No
(Please specify type of degree)

NOTE: Sample members who select ‘no’ will be deemed ineligible and routed to B1

Administered to: Sample members whose highest degree is neither a doctorate nor a doctorate-equivalent degree
A4: Were you enrolled in a doctoral or doctoral-equivalent program the week of October 1, 2017?
   1=Yes
   0=No

NOTE: If the highest degree is not a doctorate, doctorate-equivalent, or an international equivalent, the case is deemed ineligible and routed to B1.

Administered to: Sample members whose highest degree is not a doctorate, doctorate-equivalent, nor international equivalent

A5: In what month and year was this [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] awarded?

   A5a. Month:  
   -9=--Select One  
   1=January 
   2=February 
   3=March 
   4=April 
   5=May 
   6=June 
   7=July 
   8=August 
   9=September 
   10=October 
   11=November 
   12=December

   A5b. Year:  
   -9=--Select One  
   2017=2017 
   2016=2016 
   2015=2015 
   2014=2014 
   2013=2013 
   2012=2012 
   2011=2011 
   2010=2010 
   2009=2009 
   2008=2008 
   2007=2007 
   2006=2006 or before

NOTE: If the highest degree was awarded more than 10 years ago the case is deemed ineligible and routed to B1.

Administered to: Sample members whose highest degree is a doctorate, doctorate-equivalent degree, or international equivalent

SECTION B: BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

B1: [If eligible:  
Thank you. You are eligible for the ECDS. We will collect more information about your education in a moment, but first we have a short set of questions about your demographic characteristics.]

[If ineligible, but affiliated with ECDS organization the week of October 1, 2017:  
Thank you. Based on your answers, you are not eligible for the ECDS. Before you log out, we have a short set of questions about your demographic characteristics. This information will be used to help improve our data collection procedures and improve estimates of the study’s population of interest.]

[If ineligible because not affiliated with ECDS organization the week of October 1, 2017: No text]

What is your sex?
   1=Male
   2=Female

Administered to: All sample members (including ineligibles)
B2: In what year were you born?
1940–1998
Administered to: All sample members (including ineligibles)

B3: Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
1=No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
2=Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
3=Yes, Puerto Rican
4=Yes, Cuban
5=Yes, South American
6=Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (Please specify)
Administered to: All sample members (including ineligibles)

B4: What is your race? (Select all that apply)
B4a: White
B4b: Black or African American
B4c: Asian
B4d: Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
B4e: American Indian or Alaska Native
1=Yes
0=No
Administered to: All sample members (including ineligibles)

B5: Is English your first language?
1=Yes
0=No
Administered to: All sample members (including ineligibles)

B6: Are you currently a citizen of the United States?
1=Yes
0=No
Administered to: All sample members (including ineligibles)
SECTION C: EDUCATION

C1: Next we will collect additional information about your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] degree and other degrees you have received.

Was your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] degree (awarded in [month] [year]) received from an institution in the United States or another country?

1=United States
2=Another country

Administered to: All ECDs

C2: What is the full name of the institution from which you received your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] degree? (Please do not use acronyms for the institution name.)

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code institutions in the United States to the Integrated Postsecondary Data System.

Administered to: ECDs whose highest degree institution is in the U.S.

C3: What is the full name and location of the institution from which you received your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] degree? (Please do not use acronyms for the institution name.)

C3a: Institution name: __________________________
C3b: City or branch: __________________________
C3c: State or province: __________________________
C3d: Country: __________________________

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code country specified in country field.

Administered to: ECDs whose highest degree institution is in a foreign country

C4: What was your primary field of study for your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code to the Classification of Instructional Programs.

Administered to: All ECDs

C5: Did you have a secondary field of study for your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]?

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All ECDs

C6: What was the secondary field of study for your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]?

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code to the Classification of Instructional Programs.

Administered to: ECDs with secondary fields of study
C7: So far you have told us about the following postsecondary degree(s):
[PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in [field] from [institution] awarded in [month/year
(A5a/A5b)]

Please list all other postsecondary degrees you have earned and indicate the year they were awarded.

When you have entered all of your postsecondary degrees, click the “Next” button.

-9- = Select type of degree-
1 = Doctorate degree (e.g., PhD, EdD, DSc, Candidates of science, Dr. rer. nat., etc.)
2 = Doctorate-equivalent degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM, etc.)
3 = Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MPH, Diplom, etc.)
4 = Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
5 = Associate's degree (e.g., AS, AA)
6 = Other postsecondary degree (Please specify)

-9- = Select Year-
2018-1955

Administered to: All ECDs

BEGIN DEGREE LOOP

C7.1 What type of degree is your other postsecondary degree (awarded in [YYYY])?

Administered to: ECDs who reported an “other postsecondary degree” in C7

C8: Was your [other postsecondary degree] (awarded in [year]) received from an institution in the United States or another country?

1 = United States
2 = [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc. institution foreign country]
3 = [Foreign country in which a previously named degree was earned]
4 = [Another foreign country in which a previously named degree was earned]
5 = [Another foreign country in which a previously named degree was earned]
6 = [Another foreign country in which a previously named degree was earned]
7 = [Another foreign country in which a previously named degree was earned]
99 = Another country: __________________________

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code country specified in “another country” field.

Administered to: ECDs who have earned a postsecondary degree other than their highest degree

C09: From what institution did you receive your bachelor’s degree (awarded in [year])? Was it…

1 = [Name of institution that granted ECD’s doctorate/doctorate-equivalent degree] or
2 = Another institution?

Administered to: ECDs who earned a bachelor’s degree
C10: What is the full name of the institution from which you received your bachelor's degree? (Please do not use acronyms for the institution name.)

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code institutions in the United States to the Integrated Postsecondary Data System.

Administered to: ECDs who earned a bachelor’s degree in the U.S. from an institution other than where they earned their doctorate

C11: Was your [other postsecondary degree] (awarded in [year]) in…

1=[specific 6-digit CIP for doctorate/doctorate-equivalent degree field from C4]
2=[specific 6-digit CIP for doctorate/doctorate-equivalent degree second field from C6]
3=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
4=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
5=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
6=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
7=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
8=[specific 6-digit CIP for 1st Bachelor’s second field from previous iteration of degree loop from C15]
99=Another field of study?

Administered to: ECDs who have earned a postsecondary degree other than their highest degree

C12: What was your primary field of study for your [other postsecondary degree] (awarded in [year])?

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code to the Classification of Instructional Programs.

Administered to: ECDs who have earned a postsecondary degree other than their highest degree in a different field

C13: Did you have a second field of study for bachelor’s degree (awarded in [year])?

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have earned a Bachelor’s degree

C14: What was your other field of study for your bachelor’s degree (awarded in [year])? Was it…

1=[doctorate/doctorate-equivalent degree field from C4]
2=[specific 6-digit CIP for doctorate/doctorate-equivalent degree second field from C6]
3=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
4=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
5=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
6=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
7=[specific 6-digit CIP for other degree field from previous iteration of degree loop from C12]
99=Another field of study?

Administered to: ECDs who have earned a bachelor’s degree with a second major
C15: What was your other field of study for your bachelor’s degree (awarded in [year])?

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code to the Classification of Instructional Programs.

Administered to: ECDs who have earned a bachelor’s degree with a second major in a different field

END DEGREE LOOP

C16: Have you ever earned college credit from a community or two-year college in the United States?

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have not earned an associate's degree in the United States

C17: Which of the following were your sources of financial support when you were pursuing your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in [field] from [institution]?

(Select one response per row)

C17a: Fellowship or scholarship
C17b: Grant
C17c: Teaching assistantship
C17d: Research assistantship
C17e: Other assistantship
C17f: Traineeship
C17g: Internship or clinical residency
C17h: Loans from any source
C17i: Personal savings
C17j: Personal earnings during graduate school other than sources already listed
C17k: Spouse’s, partner’s, or family’s earnings or savings
C17l: Employer reimbursement or assistance
C17m: Foreign (non-U.S.) support
C17n: Another source (Please specify)

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All ECDs

C18: Did you receive any financial support from the U.S. federal government while pursuing your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in [field] from [institution]?

1=Yes
0=No
9=Don’t know

Administered to: ECDs who earned their highest degree in the United States or are United States citizens and answered yes to any of the external funding mechanisms (C17a-C17h or C17n)
C19: If you had not received financial support from the U.S. federal government while pursuing your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in [field] from [institution], what is the likelihood that you would have…

C19a. Pursued this [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]?
C19b. Completed this [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]?
C19c. Completed this [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in the same amount of time as you did?
C19d. Accomplished as much as you did during your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] program?

1= Very unlikely
2= Unlikely
3= Neither unlikely nor likely
4= Likely
5= Very likely

Administered to: ECDs who received any financial support from the U.S. federal government

C20: When you received your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in [field] from [institution], how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you owe that was directly related to your undergraduate and graduate education?

(Select one response per column)

C20a: Undergraduate

1= None
2= $10,000 or less
3= $10,001 - $20,000
4= $20,001 - $30,000
5= $30,001 - $40,000
6= $40,001 - $50,000
7= $50,001 - $60,000
8= $60,001 - $70,000
9= $70,001 - $80,000
10= $80,001 - $90,000
11= $90,001 or more

C20b: Graduate

1= None
2= $10,000 or less
3= $10,001 - $20,000
4= $20,001 - $30,000
5= $30,001 - $40,000
6= $40,001 - $50,000
7= $50,001 - $60,000
8= $60,001 - $70,000
9= $70,001 - $80,000
10= $80,001 - $90,000
11= $90,001 - $100,000
12= $100,001 – $125,000
13= $125,001 - $150,000
14= $150,001 - $175,000
15= $175,001 - $200,000
16= $200,001 - $225,000
17= $225,001 or more

Administered to: All ECDs
C21: How much money do you currently owe (in US dollars) that is directly related to your [undergraduate education/graduate education/undergraduate and graduate education combined]?

1= None
2= $10,000 or less
3= $10,001 - $20,000
4= $20,001 - $30,000
5= $30,001 - $40,000
6= $40,001 - $50,000
7= $50,001 - $60,000
8= $60,001 - $70,000
9= $70,001 - $80,000
10= $80,001 - $90,000
11= $90,001 - $100,000
12 = $100,001 – $125,000
13 = $125,001 - $150,000
14= $150,001 - $175,000
15 = $175,001 - $200,000
16 = $200,001 - $225,000
17 = $225,001 or more

Administered to: ECDs who owed money for their undergraduate and/or graduate education when they received their highest degree

SECTION D: PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITES

D_TEXT: The next questions ask about your work outcomes, research activities, and work-related training.

Administered to: All ECDs

D1: Thinking about all of your paid and unpaid activities since receiving your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in [field] from [institution], have you:

(Select one response per row)

D1a: Published papers in conference proceedings?
D1b: Authored or co-authored papers for presentation at regional, national, or international conferences? *(Do not include papers published in conference proceedings.)*
D1c: Submitted articles for publication in a peer-reviewed journal?
D1d: Published books or book chapters?
D1e: Mentored or supervised students
D1f: Taught courses
D1g: Been named as an inventor on a patent application?
D1h: Provided service to your department, institution, or professional society (e.g., committee work, serving as a reviewer)?

1= Yes
0= No

Administered to: All ECDs
D2:  Since receiving your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.], how many...
   D2a: papers have been published in conference proceedings?
   D2b: papers have you authored or co-authored for presentation at regional, national, or international
        conferences? (Do not include papers published in conference proceedings.)
   D2c: articles have you submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal?
   D2d: articles have been accepted for publication or already published in a peer-reviewed journal?
   D2e: books have been published?
   D2f: book chapters have been published?
   D2g: students have you mentored or supervised?
   D2h: courses have you taught? (If you have taught the same course multiple times, count each time.)
   D2i: U.S. patent applications have you been named as an inventor on?
   D2j: foreign patent applications have you been named as an inventor on?

Administered to: ECDs who indicated having at least one work product since receiving their highest degree

D3:  Since receiving your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.], how many patents have been granted to you as an
       inventor?
   D3a:  U.S. Patents Granted:
   D3b:  Foreign Patents Granted:

Administered to: ECDs who have been named as an inventor on a U.S. or foreign patent application since receiving
their highest degree

D4:  Thinking of the U.S. patents that you have been granted since receiving your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD
       etc.], for which of the following types of activity have they been granted?
       (Select one response per row)
   D4a:  Utility patents (i.e., patents for inventions)
   D4b:  Plant patents (i.e., patents for fundamentally altered plant species)
   D4c:  Design patents (i.e., patents for appearance)
       1=Yes
       0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have been granted a U.S patent as an inventor since receiving their highest degree

D5:  Since receiving your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.], have any of your patents resulted in
       commercialized products or processes or been licensed?
       1=Yes
       0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have been granted a U.S. or foreign patent as an inventor since receiving their highest
degree
SECTION E: EMPLOYMENT

E_TEXT: We would like to ask you some questions about the work, research, and training positions you have held since receiving your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in [field] from [institution].

Administered to: All ECDs

E1: Since receiving your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] how many positions have you held?

Be sure to count all positions including:
• Postdoctoral appointments or “postdoc”,
• Residencies,
• Fellowships,
• Internships,
• Part-time positions,
• Unpaid positions,
• Adjunct positions, and
• Self-employment.

NOTE: If a respondent enters ‘0’ the response will be validated. Respondents will be instructed to enter at least 1 to account for the position held at the ECDS sampling frame organization on October 1, 2017.

Administered to: All ECDs

E2: For the purposes of this survey, a postdoctoral appointment, or “postdoc,” is a temporary position awarded in academe, industry, government or a non-profit organization primarily for gaining additional education and training in research.

Of the [E1] positions you have held since you received your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.], how many have been postdoctoral appointments?

Administered to: ECDs who have held more than one position since receiving their highest degree

E2_ALT

For the purposes of this survey, a postdoctoral appointment, or “postdoc,” is a temporary position awarded in academe, industry, government or a non-profit organization primarily for gaining additional education and training in research.

Is (or was) this position a postdoctoral appointment?
1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have held one position since receiving their highest degree

E3: [Across your [E2] postdoctoral appointments, how many/How many] years in total have you held a postdoctoral appointment? (Please round to the nearest number of years.)

_____ years

Administered to: ECDs who have held at least one postdoctoral appointment
E4:  For the purposes of this survey, a postdoctoral appointment, or “postdoc,” is a temporary position awarded in academe, industry, government, or a non-profit organization primarily for gaining additional education and training in research.

How important is a postdoctoral appointment to advancement in your desired career track within your specific field?

1=Not important  
2=Slightly important  
3=Moderately important  
4=Very important  
5=Extremely important  
6=Undecided on your desired career track

Administered to: All ECDs

E5:  For this question, a full-time position is one that requires at least 35 hours per week and a part-time position is one that requires fewer than 35 hours per week.

Of the [E1] positions you have held since receiving your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.], how many different full-time paid, part-time paid, and unpaid positions have you had, including your current position if applicable?

Paid full-time positions:_______
Paid part-time positions:_______
Unpaid positions:_______

Administered to: ECDs who have held more than one position since receiving their highest degree

E5_ALT

Is (or was) this position a…

1=full-time paid position,
2=part-time paid position, or
3=unpaid position?

Administered to: ECDs who have held one position since receiving their highest degree

E6:  [Is (or was) your unpaid position an unpaid internship?/Have either of your unpaid positions been unpaid internships?/Have any of your unpaid positions been unpaid internships?]

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs with 1 or more unpaid positions in E5 or E5_ALT
E7: What have been your reasons for not working for pay?

(Select one response per row)

E7a: In school full-time
E7b: In school part-time
E7c: Family responsibilities - child care
E7d: Family responsibilities - other
E7e: Chronic illness or permanent disability
E7f: Suitable position not available
E7g: Do not need or want to work
E7h: On layoff from a position
E7i: Retired
E7j: Other (Please specify)

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have not worked for pay since receiving their highest degree

BEGIN EMPLOYMENT LOOP

TRANSITION_TEXT:

Iteration 1

Text: Now, we would like to ask you some questions about the position you held at [ECDS institution] the week of October 1, 2017.

Administered to: All ECDs

Iteration 2

Text: Now, we would like to ask you some questions about your first position following receipt of your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]. This may be a postdoctoral appointment (i.e., postdoc), residency, adjunct faculty position, fellowship, internship, or self-employment and may have been part-time or unpaid.

Administered to: ECDs who have held more than one position and whose sampled position at the ECDS institution is not their first position.

Iteration 3

Text: Now, we would like to learn more about the postdoctoral appointment, or "postdoc," that you reported holding. If you have had more than one postdoctoral appointment, please refer to the first postdoc that you held.

Administered to: ECDs who have held a postdoc, but neither their iteration 1 or iteration 2 position is considered a postdoc by the ECD
E8: In what month and year did [the position you held at [ECDS institution] the week of October 1, 2017/your first position/this postdoc] begin and end?

Start date
E8a: Month:
-9=Select One-
1=January 2018=2018
2=February 2017=2017
3=March 2016=2016
4=April 2015=2015
5=May 2014=2014
6=June 2013=2013
7=July 2012=2012
8=August 2011=2011
9=September 2010=2010
10=October 2009=2009
11=November 2008=2008
12=December 2007=2007
0=2006=2006 or before

E8b: Year:
-9=Select One-
2018=2018
2017=2017
2016=2016
2015=2015
2014=2014
2013=2013
2012=2012
2011=2011
2010=2010
2009=2009
2008=2008
2007=2007
2006=2006 or before

E8c: You are still in this position?
1=Yes
0=No

End date:
E8d: Month:
-9=Select One-
1=January 2018=2018
2=February 2017=2017
3=March 2016=2016
4=April 2015=2015
5=May 2014=2014
6=June 2013=2013
7=July 2012=2012
8=August 2011=2011
9=September 2010=2010
10=October 2009=2009
11=November 2008=2008
12=December 2007=2007
0=2006=2006 or before

E8e: Year:
-9=Select One-
2018=2018
2017=2017
2016=2016
2015=2015
2014=2014
2013=2013
2012=2012
2011=2011
2010=2010
2009=2009
2008=2008
2007=2007
2006=2006 or before

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration

E9: What [is/was] the official title of [the position you held at [ECDS institution] the week of October 1, 2017/your first position/this postdoc]?

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration

E10: Who [is/was] your employer for [your first position/this postdoc]?

1=[ECDS institution]
2=[Employer from iteration 2]
3=A different employer
4=Self-employed

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration (iterations 2 & 3 only, option 2 available only for iteration 3)
E11: What is the name of the organization and country where you [are/were] employed for this position? (If your employer [has/had] more than one location, report the location that [employs/employed] you. If you [work/worked] for a contracting or consulting company, report the name of that company, not the client organization.)

E11a: Employer name:
E11b: Country:
-9=Select One-
1=United States
2=[PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc. institution foreign country]
3=[Foreign country in which a postsecondary degree was earned]
4=[Another foreign country in which a postsecondary degree was earned]
5=[Another foreign country in which a postsecondary degree was earned]
6=[Another foreign country in which a postsecondary degree was earned]
7=[Another foreign country in which a postsecondary degree was earned]
8=[Foreign country of first position]
99=Another country: __________________________

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code country specified in “another country” field.

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked for an organization not previously identified (iterations 2 & 3 only, option 8 available only for iteration 3)

E12: Which one of the following best describes the type of organization where this position [is/was] located?
1=Educational institution, public or private, non-profit or for-profit
2=University-affiliated research institutes, hospitals, and medical centers
3=Hospital, medical care facility, community health system, or Veterans Health Administration (not affiliated with a university)
4=Government including military and intergovernmental organizations (e.g., United Nations)
5=Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)
6=For-profit business other than an educational or medical organization
7=Non-profit organization or foundation other than an educational or medical organization
8=Other (Please specify)

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked at an organization not previously identified (iterations 2 & 3 only)

E13: Which one of the following best describes the type of educational institution where this position [is/was] located?
1=Medical school including university-affiliated hospital or medical center
2=Four-year college or university, other than a medical school
3=University-affiliated research institute
4=Two-year college, community college, or technical institute
5=Preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked at an educational organization not previously identified (iterations 2 & 3 only)
E14: Which one of the following best describes the type of university-affiliated institution where this position [is/was] located?
1=University-affiliated hospital or medical center
2=University-affiliated research institute

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked at a university-affiliated institution not previously identified (iterations 2 & 3 only)

E15: Which one of the following best describes the type of government institution where this position [is/was] located?
1=U.S. military
2=U.S. federal government (non-military)
3=U.S. state government
4=U.S. local government
5=Foreign government or military
6=Intergovernmental organization (e.g., United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund)

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked at a government organization not previously identified (iterations 2 & 3 only)

E16: Is this non-profit organization a...
1=research institute, including medical research organization,
2=hospital, medical care facility, or community health system not affiliated with a university,
3=university-affiliated hospital or medical center,
4=private foundation,
5=professional or technical society,
6=advocacy group, or
7=other?

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked at a non-profit organization not previously identified (iterations 2 & 3 only)

E17: Which one of the following best describes the place within the university where this position [is/was] located?
1=Academic department
2=Hospital or medical center
3=Research institute
4=Other (Please specify)

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked at sampled GSS institution (iteration 1 only)

E18: [Do/Did] you consider this position a postdoc?
1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration except for those who have never held a postdoc, who have held just one position which is or is not a postdoc, or who are self-employed (iterations 1 & 2 only)
E19: For each of the following job characteristics, please indicate if it [describes/described] your position or not.

(Select one response per row)

E19a: [Requires/Required] a PhD or doctorate-equivalent degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM)
E19b: [Requires/Required] that the doctorate was awarded within the last 10 years
E19c: [Is/Was] a temporary position
E19d: [Is/Was] intended to provide training in research
E19e: [Is/Was] intended to advance professional skills
E19f: [Requires/Required] a full-time commitment to research
E19g: [Requires/Required] that you work under the direction of a senior scholar or Principal Investigator
E19h: [Is/Was] intended to be for a defined period of time (i.e., [has/had] a term limit)
E19i: [Requires/Required] publication of research in scholarly journals
E19j: [Requires/Required] mentorship for professional development
E19k: [Is/Was] intended to prepare you for an independent career
E19l: [Has/Had] an expectation that you provide service to your institution, profession, or community (e.g., committee work, serving as a reviewer)

1=Yes
0=No
97=Don't know

Administered to: All ECDs (iteration 1 only)

E20: Which of the following best [describes/described] this position?

1=Adjunct Professor
2=Assistant Professor
3=Associate Professor
4=Full professor
5=Instructor
6=Lecturer
7=Visiting Professor
8=Not applicable: no ranks designated at your institution
9=Not applicable: no ranks designated for your position
10=Other (Please specify)

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked at a postsecondary educational organization or FFRDC (all iterations; in iteration 1 FFRDCs are limited to those administered by universities)

E21: What [is/was] your tenure status?

1=Not applicable: No tenure system at your institution
2=Not applicable: No tenure system for your position
3=Tenured (Please specify the year tenure was awarded in YYYY form)
4=On tenure track but not tenured
5=Not on tenure track

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked at a postsecondary educational organization or FFRDC (all iterations; in iteration 1 FFRDCs are limited to those administered by universities)

E22: [Does/Did] this position require clinical research or practice?

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration (all iterations)
E23: To what extent [is/was] your work in this position related to your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]? Would you say...
1=closely related,
2=somewhat related, or
3=not related?

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration (iteration 1 only)

E24: In what field [are/were] you working?

NOTE: A coding application will be used to code to the Classification of Instructional Programs.

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked in a field not related to their highest degree field (iteration 1 only)

E25: Did any of the following factors influence your decision to work in an area outside the field of your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]?

(Select one response per row)

E24a: Pay, promotion opportunities
E24b: Working conditions (e.g., hours, equipment, working environment)
E24c: Personal career or professional interests
E24d: Family-related reasons (e.g., children, spouse's or partner's job location)
E24e: Geographic location of position
E24f: Position in your doctorate field of study was not available
E24g: Opportunity for training outside doctorate field of study
E24h: Some other reason (Please specify)

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work/worked in a field not related to their highest degree field (iteration 1 only)

E26: The next series of questions are about your search for this position and how you decided to take it.

What was the primary way you found this position?

1=An advertisement in a journal, publication, or website (including job postings on the employer’s website)
2=Residency match
3=Through your graduate advisor
4=Through a mentor other than your graduate advisor
5=Through another colleague, peer, family member, or friend
6=You contacted this employer directly
7=You were contacted directly by someone at this employer
8=You were promoted from an internship within the organization
9=You were promoted from another position within the organization
10=Professional organization
11=Other (Please specify)

Administered to: All ECDs in iteration 1; Postdocs only in iterations 2 & 3
E27: Were you offered other positions at the time you accepted this position?
   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: All ECDs in iteration 1; Postdocs only in iterations 2 & 3

E28: Were any of the following factors important in your decision to take this position?
   (Select one response per row)
   E28a: It was the only position you were offered at the time
   E28b: Opportunity to conduct and publish your own independent research
   E28c: Opportunity to teach
   E28d: Opportunity to make a positive contribution
   E28e: Opportunity to increase knowledge in your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] degree field of study
   E28f: Opportunity for training outside of your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] degree field of study
   E28g: Opportunity to work in a particular department or with a particular individual
   E28h: Prestige of the institution
   E28i: Opportunity for promotion or tenure
   E28j: Compensation (salary and benefits such as health insurance)
   E28k: Family-related reasons (e.g., children, spouse's or partner's job location)
   E28l: Geographic location of position
   E28m: Other working conditions (including job security, hours, equipment, and research support)
   E28n: Other (Please specify)
   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: All ECDs (iteration 1 only)

E29: When you were offered this position, were you provided with information about...
   (Select one response per row)
   E29a: salary?
   E29b: benefits?
   E29c: the end date of the position?
   E29d: the project(s) that you would be working on?
   E29e: the responsibilities of the position?
   1=Yes
   0=No
   97=Don't remember
   98=Not applicable

Administered to: All ECDs (iteration 1 only)
E30: Thinking about this position, [are/were] any of the following benefits available to you, even if you [choose/chose] not to take them?

(Select one response per row)

E30a: Dental insurance
E30b: Vision insurance
E30c: Health insurance
E30d: Life insurance
E30e: Paid sick days
E30f: Paid vacation days
E30g: Paternity or maternity leave
E30h: Retirement plan (e.g., 401(k) or 403(b)) or pension
E30i: Childcare subsidy
E30j: Tuition reimbursement or education subsidy
E30k: Other (Please specify)

1=Yes
0=No
97=Don’t know or not applicable

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who are not self-employed

E31: What [is/was] your basic annual salary or wage before deductions for this position (in US Dollars)?

Please round to the nearest $1,000. Do not include bonuses, overtime, or additional compensation for summertime teaching or research. If you [are/were] not salaried, please estimate your earned income.

E31a: Basic annual salary or wage when you started the position: $\ldots\ldots$

Unpaid or volunteer
1=Yes
0=No

E31b: Basic annual salary or wage on October 1, 2017/Basic annual salary or wage when this position ended: $\ldots\ldots$

Unpaid or volunteer
1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration
E32: We appreciate the sensitivity of this question, and assure that this information will be kept confidential. Would you indicate which of the following categories best describes your basic annual salary or wage before deductions for this position?

Do not include bonuses, overtime, or additional compensation for summertime teaching or research. If you [are/were] not salaried, please estimate your earned income.

E32a: Basic annual salary or wage when you started the position

-9=-Select one-
0=Unpaid or volunteer
1=$30,000 or less
2=$30,001 - $35,000
3=$35,001 - $40,000
4=$40,001 - $50,000
5=$50,001 - $60,000
6=$60,001 - $70,000
7=$70,001 - $80,000
8=$80,001 - $90,000
9=$90,001 - $100,000
10=$100,001 - $110,000
11=$110,001 - $120,000
12=$120,001 - $130,000
13=$130,001 - $140,000
14=$140,001 - $150,000
15=$150,001 or above
98=Rather not say

E32b: Basic annual salary or wage when this position ended

-9=-Select one-
0=Unpaid or volunteer
1=$30,000 or less
2=$30,001 - $35,000
3=$35,001 - $40,000
4=$40,001 - $50,000
5=$50,001 - $60,000
6=$60,001 - $70,000
7=$70,001 - $80,000
8=$80,001 - $90,000
9=$90,001 - $100,000
10=$100,001 - $110,000
11=$110,001 - $120,000
12=$120,001 - $130,000
13=$130,001 - $140,000
14=$140,001 - $150,000
15=$150,001 or above
98=Rather not say

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who did not answer one or both parts of J1SALARY
E33: Over how many months [is/was] your annual salary disbursed?

1=12 months
2=Fewer than 12 months
*(Please specify the number of months, rounding to nearest month)*

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who answered one or both parts of E31 or E32

E34: The next questions ask about the funding for this position.

Which of the following sources [fund/funded] your position at [Y_ECDSINST] on October 1, 2017?

*(Select one response per row)*

- E33a: U.S. federal research grant or contract
- E33b: U.S. federal fellowship or training grant
- E33c: U.S. state or public university funds
- E33d: Private university funds
- E33e: U.S. city or local government funds
- E33f: Foreign (non-U.S.) government funds
- E33g: Non-profit organization or foundation funds
- E33h: For-profit business funds
- E33i: Personal or other individually held funds
- E33j: Other sources *(Please specify)*

1=Yes
0=No
97=DK

Administered to: All ECDs (iteration 1 only)

E35: How many U.S. federal [grants and contracts/fellowships and grants/grants, contracts, and fellowships] [support/supported] this position?

1=One
2=More than one *(Please specify if number is known)*
97=Don’t know

Administered to: ECDs whose position at the ECDS institution is/was funded by a U.S. federal research grant/contract or federal training grant/fellowship (iteration 1 only)

E36: Thinking about the U.S. federal fellowships, grants or contracts that [fund/funded] this position, to whom [are/were] these awarded?

*(Select one response per row)*

- E36a: Directly to you
- E36b: Your supervisor or the Principal Investigator of the project you [work/worked] on
- E36c: A research center, consortium, or lab
- E36d: Your organization
- E36e: Other *(Please specify)*

1=Yes
0=No
97=Don’t know

Administered to: ECDs whose position at the ECDS institution is/was funded by a U.S. federal research grant/contract or federal training grant/fellowship (iteration 1 only)
E37: Which government agencies [fund/funded] this position?

(Select one response per row)
E37a: Department of Agriculture (USDA)
E37b: Department of Commerce (Commerce)
E37c: Department of Defense (DOD)
E37d: Department of Education (ED)
E37e: Department of Energy (DOE)
E37f: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
E37g: Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
E37h: Department of Transportation (DOT)
E37i: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
E37j: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
E37k: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
E37l: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
E37m: National Science Foundation (NSF)
E37n: Other (Please specify)

1=Yes
0=No
97=Don’t know

Administered to: ECDs whose position at the ECDS institution is/was funded by a U.S. federal research grant/contract or federal training grant/fellowship (iteration 1 only)

E38: [Did/Does] [employer name] consider this a full-time or part-time position? (For this question, a full-time position is one where you are obligated to work at least 35 hours per week.)

1=Full-time
2=Part-time

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who work for an employer, excludes self-employed (all iterations)

E39: During a typical week in this position, how many hours [do/did] you work?

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration (all iterations)
E40: The next questions ask about your work activities in this position.

While in this position [have/did] you...

(Select one response per row)

E40a: [written/write] technical reports or working papers?
E40b: [attended/attend] professional conferences?
E40c: [served/serve] as a reviewer for a conference, journal, or organization?
E40d: [supervised/supervise] graduate students, postdocs, or staff?
E40e: [taught/teach] courses?
E40f: [provided/provide] clinical or professional services?
E40g: [developed/develop] marketable products?
E40h: [worked/work] with researchers outside your department or lab?
E40i: [served/serve] as the principal or co-investigator on funded grants?
E40j: [prepared/prepare] grant or fellowship proposals in which you [are/were] listed as the principal or co-investigator?
E40k: [prepared/prepare] grant proposals in which you [are/were] not listed as the principal or co-investigator?

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration (all iterations)

E41: On which one of the following activities [do/did] you work the most hours during a typical week in this position?

1=Basic research
2=Applied research
3=Development
4=Teaching
5=Management or administration
6=Clinical or professional services
7=Supervising students
8=Other (Please specify)

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration (all iterations)

E42: On which one of the following activities [do/did] you work the second most hours during a typical week in this position?

1=Basic research
2=Applied research
3=Development
4=Teaching
5=Management or administration
6=Clinical or professional services
7=Supervising students
8=Other (Please specify)
9=No secondary work activity

Administered to: All ECDs eligible for the iteration (all iterations)
E43: How often [do/did] you and your supervisor meet to discuss your work? (Do not count lab and departmental meetings.) Would you say...
   1=once a day or more,
   2=at least once a week but not every day,
   3=at least once a month but not every week,
   4=at least once a year but not every month,
   5=never, or
   6=you [do/did] not have a supervisor?

Administered to: All ECDs (iteration 1 only)

E44: [Have/Did] you and your supervisor [written/write] a plan that [outlines/outlined] the expectations and responsibilities of your position?
   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have/had a supervisor (iteration 1 only)

E45: [Have/Did] you and your supervisor [discussed/discuss] the option of developing a plan?
   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: ECDs who did not develop a plan with their supervisor at their ECDS institution (iteration 1 only)

E46: How much [does/did] the plan reflect your personal career development goals? Would you say...
   1=not at all,
   2=somewhat, or
   3=a great deal?

Administered to: ECDs who developed a plan with their supervisor at their ECDS institution (iteration 1 only)

E47: [Has/Did] your supervisor [provided/provide] you with a formal performance evaluation?
   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have/had a supervisor at their ECDS institution (iteration 1 only)

E48: Do you expect a performance evaluation in the future?
   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: ECDs who are reporting on a current position at their ECDS institution for which they have not had a performance evaluation (iteration 1 only)
E49: With regard to your supervisor, please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Your supervisor...

(Select one response per row)
E49a: [provides/provided] appropriate recognition for your work.
E49b: [encourages/encouraged] collaboration with others.
E49c: [encourages/encouraged] increasing independence in your research or work.
E49d: [provides/provided] opportunities to work on grant proposals.
E49e: [supports/supported] publishing papers or presenting your work.
E49f: [provides/provided] career guidance
E49g: [encourages/encouraged] work-life balance.

1=Strongly disagree
2=Somewhat disagree
3=Neither agree nor disagree
4=Somewhat agree
5=Strongly agree

Administered to: ECDs who have/had a supervisor at their ECDS institution (iteration 1 only)

E50: While in this position, [have/did] you [attended/attend] any training workshops or training courses about the following topics? (Select one response per row)
E50a: Grant writing
E50b: Publishing
E50c: Orientation to various career paths
E50d: Supervising people
E50e: Project management
E50f: Teaching
E50g: Clinical skills
E50h: Intellectual property
E50i: Research ethics
E50j: Other training workshops or training courses

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All ECDs (iteration 1 only)

E51: [Does/Did] your organization have...

(Select one response per row)
E51a: a postdoctoral association?
E51b: a postdoctoral office?
E51c: a postdoctoral related agreement (i.e., a "Compact" or "Memorandum of Understanding")?

1=Yes
0=No
97=Don't know

Administered to: ECDs who are reporting on a postdoc position (iteration 1 only)
E52: Now, we ask you to evaluate this position.

How much [does/did] this position meet your expectations in the following areas?

(Select one response per row)
E52a: Increase your subject matter knowledge
E52b: Conduct your own independent research
E52c: Publish papers
E52d: Present papers at professional conferences
E52e: Teach courses
E52f: Provide clinical or professional services
E52g: Supervise others
E52h: Write grant proposals
E52i: Work in an interdisciplinary research environment
E52j: Collaborate or network with colleagues
E52k: Develop marketable products or technologies

1=Less than expected
2=As expected
3=More than expected
97=No expectations
98=Not applicable

Administered to: All ECDs (iteration 1 only)

E53: How satisfied [are/were] you with this position? Would you say...

1=very dissatisfied,
2=dissatisfied,
3=neither dissatisfied nor satisfied,
4=satisfied, or
5=very satisfied?

Administered to: All ECDs in iteration 1; Postdocs only in iterations 2 & 3

E54: What was the primary reason you left this position?

1=Term-limited position ended
2=Promoted
3=Accepted a better position
4=Pay
5=Working conditions (e.g., hours, equipment, and working environment)
6=Change in professional interests
7=Family-related reasons (e.g., children, spouse's or partner's job location)
8=Geographic location of position
9=Position was terminated
10=Funding not renewed
11=Other (Please specify)

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration who are no longer working in the position being reported on (all iterations)
E55: If you could start all over again, would you still take this position?
   1=Yes
   0=No
   97=Don’t know

Administered to: ECDs eligible for the iteration (all iterations)

E56: Is this the first position you held after you received your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]? Remember to consider all types of positions including:
   • Postdoctoral appointments,
   • Residencies,
   • Fellowships,
   • Internships,
   • Part-time positions,
   • Unpaid positions,
   • Adjunct positions, and
   • Self-employment.

   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: ECDs who indicated they had held more than 1 position in E1 (iteration 1 only)

END EMPLOYMENT LOOP

SECTION F: WORK AND PERSONAL LIFE

F1: Now we have some questions about the interaction of your work and personal life.

You indicated that your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] was awarded in [degree month] [degree year] and you started your first position in [start month] [start year]. What were you doing between those dates? (Select one response per row)

   F1a: Looking for work
   F1b: Continuing your education
   F1c: Taking care of a child or other family member
   F1d: Other (Please specify)

   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: ECDs who started their first position more than a year after their highest degree was awarded

F2: [Since you started your position as a [job title of first position] at [first employer name]/Since you started your first position as a [job title of first position]/Since you started your first position at [first employer name]/Since you started your first position following receipt of your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]), have you ever had a break from work of at least one month, including unpaid time off, unemployment, or an extended leave from work? (Do not include paid sabbaticals.)

   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: All ECDs
F3: What was the primary reason for this time off?
  1=Personal health reasons
  2=To start a family or have more children
  3=To care for a sick family member
  4=To write papers from your dissertation for publication
  5=To travel
  6=For additional education
  7=You could not find employment
  8=Waiting for U.S. visa
  9=For some other reason (Please specify)

Administered to: ECDs who have had a break in employment for at least one month since starting their first position after completing their doctorate

F4: How many months did you take off?
(Please round to the nearest number of months.)

Administered to: ECDs who have had a break in employment for at least one month since starting their first position after completing their doctorate

F5: Would you say that [your position as a(n) [ECDS institution job title] at [ECDS institution]/the position you held at [ECDS institution] on October 1, 2017] [is/was]…
  1=Not at all stressful
  2=Slightly stressful
  3=Moderately stressful
  4=Very stressful
  5=Extremely stressful

Administered to: All ECDs

F6: Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about balancing your professional and personal responsibilities in [your position as a(n) [ECDS institution job title] at [ECDS institution]/the position you held at [ECDS institution] on October 1, 2017].
(Select one response per row)
F6a: You [can/could] manage the demands of your position.
F6b: Your work schedule [allows/allowed] you to maintain your overall quality of life.
F6c: Your supervisor [understands/understood] when demands at home [interfere/interfered] with your professional responsibilities.
F6d: Demands at home [have] slowed down progress on your professional activities.
  1=Strongly disagree
  2=Somewhat disagree
  3=Neither agree nor disagree
  4=Somewhat agree
  5=Strongly agree

Administered to: All ECDs
SECTION G: CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLANS

G1: Now we would like you to think about your career development and future career plans. How important [are/were] the following knowledge, attributes, and behaviors to meeting your supervisor’s expectations in [your position as a(n) [ECDS institution job title] at [ECDS institution]/the position you held at [ECDS institution] on October 1, 2017]? 

(Select one response per row)

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0=Not used in this position  
1=Not at all important  
2=Slightly important  
3=Moderately important  
4=Very Important  
5=Extremely important  

Administered to: All ECDs
G2: For each of these, how well did your graduate program prepare you for [your position as a(n) [job title at ECDS institution] at [ECDS institution]/the position you held at [ECDS institution] on October 1, 2017]? (Select one response per row)

G2a: METHODOLOGICAL SKILLS: Applying research methodologies, tools, and techniques appropriately

G2b: INNOVATIVE THINKING: Developing new ideas, processes, or products, which are rooted in research

G2c: CRITICAL AND ANALYSIS SKILLS: Critically analyzing and evaluating findings and results

G2d: SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE: Demonstrating a theoretical and practical understanding of your subject area and its wider research context

G2e: TEAM WORK: Working constructively with colleagues, acknowledging their contribution

G2f: LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISION: Managing and influencing others, providing direction and encouraging their contribution

G2g: WRITING SKILLS: Communicating ideas clearly and persuasively in writing

G2h: SPEAKING SKILLS: Communicating ideas clearly and persuasively orally

G2i: PROJECT MANAGEMENT: Effectively planning, managing and delivering projects on time

1=Not at all prepared
2=Slightly prepared
3=Moderately prepared
4=Very Prepared
5=Extremely prepared

Administered to: ECDs who selected moderately, very or extremely important for at least one dimension in G1

G3: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Select one response per row)

G3a: Your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] degree enabled you to get a position in your chosen career track within 6 months after you completed your degree.

G3b: When you completed your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.], it was clear to you what career opportunities you could aspire to.

G3c: Your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] degree enabled you to make a positive contribution at your workplace.

G3d: If you could start all over again, you would get a [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] in your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] field.

G3e: Your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] enabled you to be innovative in your work.

G3f: In terms of your work, the transition to your first position after your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] was difficult.

G3g: Having a [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] made a positive difference in your career.

1=Strongly disagree
2=Somewhat disagree
3=Neither agree nor disagree
4=Somewhat agree
5=Strongly agree

Administered to: All ECDs

G4: Do you have any mentors?
1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All ECDs
G5: Do you consider any of the following people to be your mentor? *(Select one response per row)*

G5a: Your supervisor for [your position as a(n) [job title for ECDS institution position] at [ECDS institution] the position you held at [ECDS institution] on October 1, 2017]
G5b: A supervisor from another position
G5c: A senior colleague at [ECDS institution]
G5d: A senior colleague from another organization
G5e: Other colleagues or peers at [ECDS institution]
G5f: Other colleagues or peers from another position
G5g: Your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] advisor
G5h: Someone else

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have a mentor

G6: Whom do you primarily rely on for career development advice?

1=[Your supervisor for [your position as a(n) [job title for ECDS institution position] at [ECDS institution] the position you held at [ECDS institution] on October 1, 2017]]
2=A supervisor from another position
3=A senior colleague at [ECDS institution]
4=A senior colleague from another organization
5=Other colleague or peers at [ECDS institution]
6=Other colleagues or peers from another position
7=Your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.] advisor
8= Someone else
9= No one

Administered to: All ECDs

G7: During the past 12 months, did you take any work-related training, such as workshops or seminars? *Include conferences or professional meetings only if you attended a training session at the conference or meeting.* *Do not include college coursework for which you were enrolled in a degree program.*

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: All ECDs

G8: For which of the following reasons did you take training during the past 12 months? *(Select one response per row)*

G8a: To improve skills or knowledge in your current occupational field
G8b: To increase opportunities for promotion or advancement in your current occupational field
G8c: For licensure or certification in your current occupational field
G8d: To facilitate a change to a different occupational field
G8e: Required or expected by employer
G8f: For leisure or personal interest
G8g: For another reason

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have received training in the past 12 months
G9: Which of the following types of positions will you look for next?

(Select one response per row)

G9a: Permanent position
G9b: Postdoc
G9c: Temporary position other than a postdoc

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs who currently are working in a position at the ECDS institution that they consider a postdoc

G10: Thinking about the next 10 years, where do you plan to pursue your career? Would you say...

1=in the U.S.,
2=abroad, or
3=both in the U.S. and abroad?

Administered to: All ECDs

G11: At the time you completed your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.], in which one type of organization were you most interested in working for the first 10 years?

1= Educational institution, public or private, non-profit or for-profit
2=University-affiliated research institutes, hospitals, and medical centers
3=Government including military and intergovernmental organizations (e.g., United Nations)
4=Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)
5=Hospital, medical care facility, or community health system not affiliated with a university
6=For-profit business other than an educational or medical organization
7=Non-profit organization or foundation other than an educational or medical organization
8=Self-employment
9=Other (Please specify type or organization)
10=Undecided

Administered to: All ECDs

G12: Currently, in which one type of organization are you most interested in working for the next 10 years?

1= Educational institution, public or private, non-profit or for-profit
2=University-affiliated research institutes, hospitals, and medical centers
3=Government including military and intergovernmental organizations (e.g., United Nations)
4=Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)
5=Hospital, medical care facility, or community health system not affiliated with a university
6=For-profit business other than an educational or medical organization
7=Non-profit organization or foundation other than an educational or medical organization
8=Self-employment
9=[Fill other specify from G11]
10=Other (Please specify type of organization)
11=Undecided

Administered to: All ECDs
G13: At the time you completed your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.], which one career track were you most interested in pursuing for the first 10 years?
1=Tenured or tenure-track faculty position with an emphasis on teaching
2=Tenured or tenure-track faculty position with an emphasis on research
3=Clinical-track faculty position with an emphasis on teaching
4=Clinical-track faculty position with an emphasis on research
5=Other non-tenure track faculty position with an emphasis on teaching
6=Other non-tenure track faculty position with an emphasis on research
7=[Other teaching/Teaching] position
8=[Other research/Research] position
9=[Other clinical/Clinical] position
10=Administrative position
11=Independent consultant or business owner
12=Other (Please specify desired career track)
13=Undecided

Administered to: All ECDs

G14: Currently, which one career track are you most interested in pursuing for the next 10 years?
1=Tenured or tenure-track faculty position with an emphasis on teaching
2=Tenured or tenure-track faculty position with an emphasis on research
3=Clinical-track faculty position with an emphasis on teaching
4=Clinical-track faculty position with an emphasis on research
5=Other non-tenure track faculty position with an emphasis on teaching
6=Other non-tenure track faculty position with an emphasis on research
7=[Other teaching/Teaching] position
8=[Other research/Research] position
9=[Other clinical/Clinical] position
10=Administrative position
11=Independent consultant or business owner
12=[fill other specify from G13]
13=Other (Please specify desired career track)
14=Undecided

Administered to: All ECDs

G15: What is your primary reason for this choice?
1=Your interests, strengths, and skills
2=Availability of positions
3=Work environment
4=Work-life balance
5=Opportunity for advancement
6=Funding opportunities
7=Compensation (salary and benefits)
8=Family-related reasons
9=Job security
10=Autonomy
11=Opportunity to make a positive contribution
12=Other (Please specify)

Administered to: ECDs who are most interested in the same career track as they were when they completed their highest degree OR were undecided when they completed their highest degree and now have one career track they are most interested in
G16: What is the primary reason for the change in your career track interests since completing your [PhD/MD/EdD/PharmD/PsyD etc.]?
1=Your interests, strengths, and skills
2=Availability of positions
3=Work environment
4=Work-life balance
5=Opportunity for advancement
6=Funding opportunities
7=Compensation (salary and benefits)
8=Family-related reasons
9=Job security
10=Autonomy
11=Opportunity to make a positive contribution
12=Always planned to change career track
13=Other (Please specify)

Administered to: ECDs who are most interested in a different career track than they were when they completed their highest degree OR had one career track they are most interested in when they completed their highest degree and now are undecided

G17: How well do you feel your postdoc [position/positions have/position(s) have] prepared you for your desired career?
1=Not well at all
2=Somewhat well
3=Moderately well
4=Very well
5=Extremely well

Administered to: ECDs who have held a postdoctoral appointment since receiving their highest degree

SECTION H: DEMOGRAPHICS

H1: Now some questions about your background.
   Earlier you indicated that you are a U.S. citizen.
   Are you a U.S. citizen…
   1=born in the United States,
   2=born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas,
   3=born abroad of American parent or parents, or
   4=by naturalization?

Administered to: ECDs who are U.S. citizens

H2: Now some questions about your background.
   Earlier you indicated that you are not currently a U.S. citizen.
   Are you currently a non-U.S. citizen…
   1=with a permanent resident visa (green card), or
   2=with a temporary non-resident or non-immigrant visa?

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens
H3: What type of visa do you currently have?
1=F-1 or other F series temporary visa
2=H-1B or other H series temporary visa
3=J-1 or other J series temporary visa
4=TN (Trade NAFTA) temporary visa
5=Other type of temporary visa (Please specify)

Administered to: ECDs who have a temporary visa

H4: Of which country do you hold citizenship?
NOTE: A coding application will be used to code country.

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens

H5: In what year did you come to the United States for the first time to stay for a period of 6 months or more?
1995–2017

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens or are U.S. citizens by naturalization

H6: How many years in total have you lived in the U.S.? If you have moved back and forth between the United States and other countries, only count periods of time living in the United States.

(Please round to the nearest number of years.)

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens or are U.S. citizens by naturalization

H7: Which of the following factors influenced your decision to come to the United States?

(Select one response per row)

H7a: Career opportunity
H7b: Educational opportunity
H7c: General economic conditions
H7d: Political reasons
H7e: Family-related reasons
H7f: Overall quality of life
H7g: Other factor

1=Influenced
2=Did Not Influence

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens

H8: Before arriving in the United States for the first time, did you plan to stay in the United States permanently?
1=Yes
0=No
97=Don’t know

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens
H9: Were you already in the United States on a visa before applying for [your position as a(n) [job title at ECDS institution] at [ECDS institution]/the position you held at [ECDS institution] on October 1, 2017]?

1 = Yes
0 = No

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens

H10: As things stand now, do you plan to leave the United States within the next 10 years?

1 = Yes
0 = No
97 = Don’t know

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens

H11: Did the following factors have an influence on your decision to leave the United States?
(Select one response per row)

H11a: Career opportunity
H11b: Educational opportunity
H11c: General economic conditions
H11d: Political reasons
H11e: Family-related reasons
H11f: Overall quality of life
H11g: Residence permit or visa issues
H11h: Other factor

1 = Influenced
2 = Did Not Influence

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizen and plan to return to their home country within the next 10 years

H12: Did the following factors have an influence on your decision to stay in the United States?
(Select one response per row)

H12a: Career opportunity
H12b: Educational opportunity
H12c: General economic conditions
H12d: Political reasons
H12e: Family-related reasons
H12f: Overall quality of life
H12g: Other factor

1 = Influenced
2 = Did Not Influence

Administered to: ECDs who are not U.S. citizens and do not plan to return to their home country within the next 10 years

H13: Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?

1 = Yes
0 = No

Administered to: All ECDs
H14: What is your current marital status?
   1=Married
   2=Living in a marriage-like relationship
   3=Never married
   4=Widowed
   5=Separated
   6=Divorced

Administered to: All ECDs

H15: Does your [spouse/partner] currently have a paid position?
   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: ECDs who have a spouse or partner

H16: Not including yourself [or your spouse/or your partner], do you have any dependents, that is, children or adults who receive at least one half of their financial support from you?
   1=Yes
   0=No

Administered to: All ECDs

H17: How many dependents do you have in each of the following age groups?
   H17a: Number of dependents aged 5 years or younger
   H17b: Number of dependents aged 6 to 18 years
   H17c: Number of dependents aged 19 to 25 years
   H17d: Number of dependents over age 25 years

Administered to: ECDs who have dependents

H18: The next several questions are designed to help us better understand the career paths of individuals with specific functional limitations. What is the usual degree of difficulty you have with…

(Select one response per row)
   H18a: Seeing words or letters in ordinary newsprint (with glasses/contact lenses, if you usually wear them)?
   H18b: Hearing what is normally said in conversation with another person (with hearing aid, if you usually wear one)?
   H18c: Walking or using stairs without human or mechanical assistance?
   H18d: Lifting or carrying something as heavy as 10 pounds, such as a bag of groceries?
   H18e: Concentrating, remembering, or making decisions because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition?

   1=None
   2=Slight
   3=Moderate
   4=Severe
   5=Unable to do

Administered to: All ECDs
H19: What is the earliest age at which you first began experiencing any difficulties in any of these areas?

Age: ______ or □ Since birth

Administered to: ECDs who have a functional limitation

H20: What is the highest educational attainment of your mother and father?

**Mother**
1=Less than high school/secondary school graduate
2=High school/secondary school graduate
3=Some college, vocational, or trade school other than an Associate’s
4=Associate’s degree (e.g., AA, AS, AAS)
5=Bachelor’s degree
6=Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MBA, MSW, etc.)
7=Professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS, JD, D.Min, Psy.D, etc.)
8=Research doctoral degree
97=Not applicable/Unknown

**Father**
1=Less than high school/secondary school graduate
2=High school/secondary school graduate
3=Some college, vocational, or trade school other than an Associate’s degree
4=Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS, AAS)
5=Bachelor’s degree
6=Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MBA, MSW, etc.)
7=Professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS, JD, D.Min, Psy.D, etc.)
8=Research doctoral degree
97=Not applicable/Unknown

Administered to: All ECDs

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**SECTION R: RECONTACT INFORMATION**

R1: The final questions ask for your contact information. NSF may need to clarify your responses or ask additional questions over time. Please provide phone numbers and email addresses where you can be reached.

R1a: Home phone number:
R1b: Cell phone number:
R1c: Work phone number:
R1d: E-mail address:

Administered to: All ECDs
R2: We are investigating ways to make this survey shorter for early career doctorates in the future. One way we hope to do this is to access information from an online author identifier (e.g., ORCID, Researcher ID, Scopus ID) but first we need to learn how many early career doctorates have an account with complete information. Do you have an online author identifier?

1=Yes
2=No, but I know what an online author identifier is
3=No, and I don’t know what an online author identifier is

Administered to: ECDs selected to participate in the online author identifier methodological study

R3: With which of the following online author identifier(s) do you have an account?

R3a: ORCID
R3b: Researcher ID
R3c: Scopus ID
R3d: Other online author identifier (Please specify)

1=Yes
0=No

Administered to: ECDs selected to participate in the online author identifier methodological study who have an account

R4: [Would you be willing/For each of these online author identifiers, would you be willing] to share your identifier so that we may include your data in an investigative study of this data collection approach?

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Administered to: ECDs selected to participate in the online author identifier methodological study who have an account

R5: We are investigating ways to make this survey shorter for early career doctorates in the future. One way we hope to do this is by accessing information from curricula vitae. If you would be willing to share your CV so that we may include your data in an investigative study of this data collection approach, please upload it here. Otherwise, please continue to the next screen.

Administered to: ECDs selected to participate in the CV methodological study
Thank you for your participation. Please provide any additional details about your career experiences that you want to share with the NSF.

Administered to: All ECDs