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## RLAS Questionnaire for Individuals

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### Section A: Education/Job Characteristics

INTRO. The National Science Foundation Division of Science Resources Statistics is conducting a study to better understand job-related professional development and current work experiences for individuals in the early years of their careers in science, health, and engineering fields. NSF is additionally interested in obtaining comprehensive data on postdoctorate researchers.

This information is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, and the Confidentiality Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002. These laws require that the survey sponsor, the National Science Foundation, treat all information you provided as confidential. The information you provide will be used only for research and statistical purposes by the survey sponsor, their contractors, and collaborating researchers for the purpose of analyzing data and preparing scientific reports and articles. Any information publicly released (such as statistical summaries) will be in the form that does not personally identify you. Your response is voluntary and failure to provide some or all of the requested information will not in any way adversely affect you. Actual time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on your circumstances but on the average, it will take about 15 minutes. If you have any comments on the time required for this survey, please send them to the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, 22230, Attention: NSF Reports Clearance Officer. Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 3145-0174.

- A1. We would like to know about your educational background. What degrees or diplomas have you received? (Select all that apply)
- 1 Bachelor's degree—a BA, AB, or BS
  - 2 Master's degree—an MA or MS
  - 3 Doctoral degree—a PhD, DrPH, EdD
  - 4 Professional degree—a DDS, JD, MD, DVM, etc.

[Ask A2 and A3 for the highest degree selected at A1. The order of “highest” is, as follows: Highest=doctoral degree (A1=3); Next highest = professional degree (A1=4); third highest = master's degree (A1=2). If only selected bachelor's degree (A1=1), ask A2 and A3 for that degree.]

- A2. In what year was your [fill highest degree selected from A1 -see instructions above] awarded?
- A3. From what institution did you receive your [fill highest degree selected from A1 -see instructions above]?
- A4. [Ask for all degrees selected at A1] What city, state, and country did you receive [A1: FILL]?
- A5. We would also like to know more about what you are doing now. Are you currently enrolled as a student?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
- A6. Are you a...
- 1 Clinical researcher?

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- 2 Clinical fellow?
- 3 Clinical practitioner?
- 4 None of the above?

A7. Are you currently doing any work for pay or profit of any kind?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

A8. Are you currently engaged in any research activities?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

If BOTH A7=2 and A8=2, Go to A20.

A9. What kind of [Fill if A7=1: WORK; if A7 not equal to 1 and A8=1: RESEARCH] do you do; that is, what are your duties and responsibilities? Please be as specific as possible, including any area of specialization. If you have more than one position, report the one at which you spend the most hours.

A10. What is [Fill if A7=1: YOUR JOB TITLE; if A7 not equal to 1 and A8=1: THE TITLE OF YOUR RESEARCH POSITION]?

A11. In what month and year did you [Fill if A7=1: BEGIN THIS JOB; if A7 not equal to 1 and A8=1: START WORKING ON THIS RESEARCH]?

A12. Which of the following characteristics are requirements for your current position?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
A12a. The position requires a Ph.D.	1	2	8
A12a2. [If A12a=No] The position requires an equivalent doctorate degree, such as an M.D.	1	2	8
A12b. [If A12a=Yes or if A12a2=Yes] The position requires that the doctorate was recently awarded.	1	2	8
A2b_1. [If A2b=YES] Within how many years must it have been awarded? _____			
A12c. The position is temporary.	1	2	8
A12d. The position is for a defined period of time.	1	2	8
A12e. The position is primarily for the purpose of training in research.	1	2	8
A12f. The position requires that you work under a senior scholar.	1	2	8

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A12g. The position requires publication of research in scholarly journals. 1 2 8

A13. Is your position considered full-time?

1 Yes

2 No

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- A14. We are interested in how your position is funded. Do you receive funding from any of the following sources? (Select all that apply)
- 1 A grant or contract that was awarded directly to someone above you, such as a supervisor or advisor
  - 2 A grant or contract that was awarded to a project, consortium, or work group of which your supervisor/advisor is a member
  - 3 A grant, contract, or fellowship that was awarded directly to you
  - 4 Funds from the institution, university, or company that employs you
  - 5 Your own personal sources
  - 7 Other (please specify)
  - 8 Don't know

- A15. What is your primary source of funding?
- 1 A grant or contract that was awarded directly to someone above you, such as a supervisor or advisor
  - 2 A grant or contract that was awarded to a project, consortium, or work group of which your supervisor/advisor is a member
  - 3 A grant, contract, or fellowship that was awarded directly to you
  - 4 Funds from the institution, university, or company that employs you
  - 5 Your own personal sources
  - 7 Other (please specify)
  - 8 Don't know

(Ask A15a if A15=1, 2, or 3)

- A15a. Which best describes your funding?
- 1 National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grant (not including a traineeship)
  - 2 NIH National Research Service Award (NRSA)
  - 3 NIH Intramural Funding
  - 4 National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant
  - 5 NSF fellowship
  - 6 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant
  - 7 Other U.S. government grant
  - 8 Government fellowship from another country (or country outside the US)
  - 9 Fellowship from a non-government funding agency (e.g. a foundation, association, or disciplinary society)
  - 97 Other (please specify)

- A16. (Ask if A7=1 or A8=1) What is your annual salary before deductions?

- A17. (Ask if A7=1 or A8=1) Do you receive any of the following benefits from your position? (Select all that apply)
- 1 Paid sick days
  - 2 Paid vacation
  - 3 Medical insurance
  - 4 A retirement program

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- A18a. In the process of obtaining your current position, did you complete a formal application?  
1 Yes  
2 No
- A18b. When you began this position, did you receive an official letter of appointment or contract?  
1 Yes  
2 No
- A19. What is the name of the organization at which you [Fill if A7=1: WORK; if A7 not equal to 1 and A8=1: CONDUCT RESEARCH]?
- A19a. In what city and state is that organization located?
- A19b. Which one of the following best describes your primary employer? (Select one)  
1 Academic institution  
2 Non-academic, non-profit organization  
3 For-profit company or organization  
4 Government agency or institution  
5 Self-employed  
7 Other
- A20. Are you a postdoc?  
1 Yes (Go to A21)  
2 No (Go to A23)
- A21. For how many years have you been a postdoc?
- A22. Which of the following characteristics are requirements for your current postdoc position?
- |   | Yes | No | Don't Know |
|---|-----|----|------------|
| A22a. The position requires a Ph.D.   | 1   | 2  | 8          |
| A22a2. [If A22a=No] The position requires an equivalent doctorate degree, such as an M.D. | 1   | 2  | 8          |
| A22b. The position requires that the doctorate was recently awarded.                      | 1   | 2  | 8          |
| A22b_1. [If A22b=YES] Within how many years must it have been awarded? _____              |     |    |            |
| A22c. The position is temporary.  | 1   | 2  | 8          |
| A22d. The position is for a defined period of time.                                       | 1   | 2  | 8          |
| A22e. The position is primarily for the purpose of training in research.                  | 1   | 2  | 8          |

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A22f. The position requires that you work under a senior scholar. 1 2 8

A22g. The position requires publication of research in scholarly journals. 1 2 8

A23. Have you ever been a postdoc?

1 Yes (Go to A24)

2 No (Go to A26)

A24. For how many years were you a postdoc?

A25. Would you be willing to sign a national registry of postdocs?

1 Yes

2 No

A26. Do you know anyone who has ever been a postdoc?

1 Yes (Go to A26a)

2 No (Go to B1)

A26a. What is the name of the institution or institutions where these individuals held their postdoc appointment?

A26b. Was this individual/Were these individuals a member of any of following professional organizations?

1 ACS: American Chemical Society

2 ADA: American Dental Association

3 AMA: American Medical Association

4 AMS: American Mathematical Society

5 APS: American Physics Society

6 ASA: American Statistical Association

7 AAVMC: American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

8 FASEB: Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

9 GSA: Geological Society of America

10 NPA: National Postdoc Association

11 NPSE: National Society of Professional Engineers

12 Other (specify)

13 Don't know

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## Section B: Affiliations

- B1. Now these questions are about you. Are you a member of any of the following professional organizations? (Select all that apply)
- 1 ACS: American Chemical Society
  - 2 ADA: American Dental Association
  - 3 AMA: American Medical Association
  - 4 AMS: American Mathematical Society
  - 5 APS: American Physics Society
  - 6 ASA: American Statistical Association
  - 7 AAVMC: American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
  - 8 FASEB: Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
  - 9 GSA: Geological Society of America
  - 10 NPA: National Postdoc Association
  - 11 NPSE: National Society of Professional Engineers
  - 12 Other (specify)
- B2. (Ask if A5=1) Are you a member of any student organizations?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No (Go to B3)
- B2a. Which ones?
- B3. Have you ever taken part in a program sponsored through the Institute of International Education (IIE) such as a Fulbright scholarship, etc.?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
- B4. Have you responded to any of the following surveys? (Select all that apply)
- 1 SED: Survey of Earned Doctorates
  - 2 SDR: Survey of Doctorate Recipients
  - 3 Sigma Xi Postdoc Survey
- B5. Is your name listed as the awardee on a grant from any of the following organizations...
- 1 The National Science Foundation (NSF)
  - 2 The National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  - 3 The Department of Energy (DOE)
  - 4 The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
  - 6 Other grant (specify)

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## Section C: Respondent Characteristics

- C1. In what year were you born?
- C2. Are you...
- 1 Male
  - 2 Female
- C3. Are you a U.S. citizen?
- 1 Yes (Go to C4)
  - 2 No (Go to C3a)
- C3a. In which country or countries do you hold citizenship? (Go to C5)
- C4. Are you a U.S. citizen...
- 1 Born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or U.S. Territory
  - 2 Born abroad of American parent(s)
  - 3 By naturalization
- C5. Are you a non-U.S. citizen...
- 1 With a permanent U.S. Resident Visa (green card) (Go to C7)
  - 2 With a temporary U.S. Resident Visa (Go to C6)
- C6. What type of visa do you have?
- 1 H-1B or other H series temporary visa
  - 2 F-1 or other F series temporary visa
  - 3 J-1 or other J series temporary visa
  - 4 O-1 or other O series temporary visa
  - 5 L-1 or other L series temporary visa
  - 6 K-1 or other K series temporary visa
  - 7 V temporary visa
  - 8 TN-1 or other T series temporary visa
  - 9 Other type of temporary visa (specify)

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C7. Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

C8. What is your race? Are you white, black, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander? (Select all that apply)

- 1 White
- 2 Black or African-American
- 3 American Indian or Alaska Native
- 4 Asian
- 5 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- 6 Some Other Race (Specify)

End1. If you have any other comments or concerns regarding this survey, please list them below.

End2. Thank you for participating in this survey and assisting us in our research. We appreciate your taking the time out of your busy schedule.