

QUESTIONNAIRE COVER LETTER
For BBSI Non-Awardees

Subject line: NSF/NIH Bioengineering and Bioinformatics Summer Institutes Program (BBSI)
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Dear Dr. [insert last name],

We are conducting a study for NSF and NIH on their jointly sponsored Bioengineering and Bioinformatics Summer Institutes (BBSI) program. We would appreciate your participation in this study. Your name was provided to us by NSF as someone who submitted a proposal for a BBSI in the 2002 or 2006 solicitation but was declined.

Our survey questionnaire can be accessed by clicking on this link:

[insert link to questionnaire—respondent's survey ID number will be imbedded]

If you did not submit a proposal for a BBSI in the 2002 or 2006 solicitation, please reply to this e-mail with "NOT BBSI" in the subject line, and we will remove your name from our survey population.

All of your responses will be strictly confidential and used only in combination with those from other respondents. The ID number included in the survey URL allows us to cross your name off our contact list once we have received your questionnaire and to send you a summary of the study results.

For more information about our study, please see the overview below. If you have any questions or problems with the survey, simply reply to this e-mail.

Please complete and submit the questionnaire as soon as possible. Your participation is important to the success of this study.

Sincerely yours,

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BIOENGINEERING AND BIOINFORMATICS SUMMER INSTITUTES PROGRAM (BBSI)

SURVEY OF NON-AWARDEES

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Your responses to this questionnaire are strictly confidential.

SECTION A: FOLLOW-UP TO YOUR BBSI GRANT APPLICATION

A1. When you did not receive a BBSI grant, did you apply for new funding that would give undergraduates a research experience in bioengineering or bioinformatics?

(MARK ONE IN EACH ROW)

	Yes	No
Reapplied for BBSI funding.....	1	2
Applied for new Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) funding from NSF or NIH.....	1	2
Applied for undergraduate research funding from agencies other than NSF and NIH.....	1	2
Other (PLEASE SPECIFY).....	1	2

IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES' IN ANY ROW, CONTINUE

IF YOU ANSWERED 'NO' IN ALL ROWS, SKIP TO QUESTION A4

A2. (If you applied for other funding that would give undergraduates a research experience in bioengineering or bioinformatics) Did you receive any awards?

(MARK ONE)

Yes..... 1 → PLEASE DESCRIBE AND THEN SKIP TO QUESTION A4

No..... 2 → CONTINUE

A3. (If you did not receive any of the funding you applied for to give undergraduates a research experience in bioengineering or bioinformatics) Do you plan to ...?

(mark one)

Seek new funding for this purpose.....1.

Drop the idea altogether.....2.

Don't know.....9.

A4. Have you engaged in any activity that contributes to undergraduate research experiences in bioengineering or bioinformatics?

(MARK ONE)

Yes..... 1 → PLEASE DESCRIBE _____

No..... 2 →

SECTION B: CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

NOTE: The following information will help us interpret your responses to the previous questions. ALL of your responses to this questionnaire are strictly confidential and will not be released to anyone outside of our small research project team.

B1. Which field best describes the work you do in your current job?

(MARK ONE)

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|--|---|---|---|
| Bioengineering or biomedical engineering.... | 1 | → | Please specify subfield (if any)
_____ |
| Bioinformatics..... | 2 | → | Please specify subfield (if any)
_____ |
| Both fields..... | 3 | → | Please specify subfield (if any)
_____ |
| Other field(s) <i>(PLEASE SPECIFY)</i> | 4 | | _____ |

B2. By which of the following kinds of organizations are you currently employed?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- College/university.....
 - Industry/for-profit organization..
 - Non-profit organization.....
 - Government.....
 - Other *(PLEASE SPECIFY)*.....
- _____

IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY, SKIP TO SECTION C

B3. (If currently employed by a college/university) What is your current academic rank?

(MARK ONE)

- Professor.....1
 - Associate professor.....2
 - Assistant professor.....3
 - Adjunct professor.....4
 - Instructor or lecturer.....5
 - Research associate.....6
 - Other *((PLEASE SPECIFY))*.....7
- _____

B4. (If currently employed by a college/university) What is your current tenure status?

(MARK ONE)

Doesn't apply: No tenure system here.....

Tenured.....

On tenure track but not tenured.....

Not on tenure track.....

B5. (If currently employed by a college/university) Which of the following best describes your department's position on undergraduate research mentoring/supervising?

(MARK ONE)

Faculty are required to serve as mentors/supervisors on undergraduate research.....1.

Faculty are not required to mentor/supervise undergraduate research, but are encouraged to do so.....2.

The department takes no position on mentoring/supervising undergraduate research.....3.

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY).....4.

SECTION C: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NOTE: The following information will help us interpret your responses to the previous questions. ALL of your responses to this questionnaire are strictly confidential and will not be released to anyone outside of our small research project team.

C1. What is your age? _____

C2. What is your sex?

(MARK ONE)

Male..... 1

Female..... 2

C3. What is your ethnicity?

(MARK ONE)

Hispanic or Latino..... 1

Not Hispanic or Latino..... 2

C4. What is your race?

(MARK ONE)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native..... 1
- Asian..... 2
- Black or African American..... 3
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander..... 4
- White..... 5
- Combination of Asian and White..... 6
- Combination that includes any of the following:
American Indian or Alaskan Native; Black or
African American; Native Hawaiian or Pacific
Islander..... 7

SECTION D: OVERVIEW

D1. How do you think NSF could improve the BBSI proposal process?

D2. How do you think NSF could improve research experiences for undergraduate students?

D3. If you have any other comments, including comments about this survey, please enter them here.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY

If you have questions, please contact Jongwon Park: 703-247-8550, bbsi@wdc.sri.com