

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Shelly Martinez, OMB  
**FROM:** Ted Socha, NCES  
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**DATE:** June 29, 2009  
**RE:** NSF Items in B&B:08/09 Full-Scale Instrument

OMB forms clearance (No. 1850-0729) was received in May 2009 for the full-scale data collection of the 2008/09 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B:08/09). This memo serves to summarize proposed additions to the full-scale data collection as they relate to what was approved previously. The proposed survey items listed below are to be new items and will not replace any previously OMB approved items.

In collaboration with the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Division of Science Resources Statistics, we propose that the B&B:08/09 interview to include a small subset of items already in use on NSF's 2008 National Survey of Recent College Graduates (NSRCG). Since both NCES and NSF have shared interests in learning about college graduates, we sought their input on the content of our B&B:08/09 survey. Listed below are questions to be included in the B&B:08/09 full-scale interview that were derived from the 2008 NSF Survey of Recent College Graduates based on these discussions.

We propose to add 6 questions, all shown below in blue and italics, each paired with their NSCG "source" question in black.

The student interview is now expected to require an average of 26 minutes per response, an increase of 1 minute from the last submission, with a range of times from 11 to 46 minutes. From the anticipated starting sample of 17,312, 14,722 interviews are expected for a total burden of 6,380 hours. That burden estimate is 246 hours more than stated in the last submission.

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**NSF B19. To what extent was your work on your principal job related to your highest degree? Was it...**

Closely related  
Somewhat related  
Not related

***B&B instrument item: RDNSF19B***

*Would you say your job is closely related, somewhat related, or not related to your bachelor's degree from BA school?*

- Closely related*
- Somewhat related*
- Not related*

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**NSF B20. (If Not related) Did these factors influence your decision to work in an area outside the field of your highest degree?**

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- 1 Pay, promotion opportunities
- 2 Working conditions (e.g., hours, equipment, working environment)
- 3 Job location
- 4 Change in career or professional interests
- 5 Family-related reasons (e.g., children, spouse's job moved)
- 6 Job in highest degree field not available
- 7 Some other reason – *Specify*

**B&B instrument item: RDNSF20B**

*Which of the following factors influenced your decision to work in an area outside of your BA school bachelor's degree field...*

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Pay, promotion opportunities?</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Working conditions (for example, hours, equipment, working environment)?</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Job location?</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Change in career or professional interests?</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Family-related reasons (for example, children, spouse's job moved)?</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Job in BA school bachelor's degree field not available?</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Other factor(s) not listed?</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**NSF B21. Which two factors in question B19 were your most important reasons for working in an area outside the field of your highest degree?**

Enter number of appropriate reason from question B20 above.

- 1 Most important reason
- 2 Second most important reason  
(Enter "0" if no second reason)

**B&B instrument item: RDNSF21B**

*Which of the following was your most important reason for working in an area outside of your bachelor's degree field...*

*(List items chosen in RDNSF20B)*

**B&B instrument item RDNF21B2**

Which of the following was your second most important reason for working in an area outside of your [Y\_NPSCHL] bachelor's degree field...

(List remaining items from RDNSF21B)

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**NSF D11. Of which foreign country are you a citizen?**

**B&B instrument item: RFNSF11D**

Of which foreign country are you a citizen?

(Dropdown is a list of countries from the SESTAT foreign country codes NSF uses, plus any updated countries using the online 2008 CIA World Factbook.)

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**NSF D9. (If U.S. citizen) Were you a U.S. citizen...**

Mark one answer.

- 1 Born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory
- 2 Born abroad of American parent(s)
- 3 By naturalization

**Go to question D12**

**B&B instrument item: RFNSF9D**

Are you a U.S. citizen...

- Born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory, or
- Born abroad of American parent(s), or
- By naturalization