

## **Email Survey**

Message Title: NSF R&D Expenditures Survey: Your opinion needed on survey redesign issue

The National Science Foundation (NSF) needs your opinions as part of a current project to update the Survey of R&D Expenditures at Universities and Colleges. Specifically, the questions below are about the fields of research used in Items 2 and 2A. We need your help to identify new fields that should be added to the survey questionnaire to better reflect current academic research. NSF will notify respondents of final survey changes in advance of the survey launch in Fall 2010.

Please send your response back by April XX, 2008 to [rbritt@nsf.gov](mailto:rbritt@nsf.gov). You are receiving this request as your institution's contact for the survey. You are welcome to consult with others at your institution if you think additional input is needed. However, your earliest response is greatly appreciated.

NOTE: The attachment to this message has your institution's FY 2007 survey responses to two items:

Item 2: Expenditures by Field of Science & Engineering (S&E)

Item 2A: Expenditures for non-S&E Fields

It may be helpful to look at your institution's information as you answer the questions below.

1. What additional fields of research, if any, should NSF add to better reflect the research fields at your institution?

As a reminder of possible sources of additional fields, we list the following for your consideration:

- A field you currently report in an "other" category
- A field that is a subset of one of the categories listed below
- A field that combines categories listed below
- A field that describes a research center/institute at your institution

NSF's 36 fields of research

**SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (S&E)**

**ENGINEERING**

Aeronautical and astronautical  
Bioengineering & biomedical eng  
Chemical  
Civil  
Electrical  
Mechanical  
Metallurgical and materials  
Other engineering

**PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

Astronomy  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Other physical sciences

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

Atmospheric  
Earth sciences  
Oceanography  
Other environmental sciences

**MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES**

**COMPUTER SCIENCES**

**LIFE SCIENCES**

Agricultural  
Biological  
Medical  
Other life sciences

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Economics  
Political science  
Sociology  
Other social sciences

**OTHER SCIENCES**

**NON-SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

**EDUCATION**

**LAW**

**HUMANITIES**

**VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT**

**COMMUNICATION, JOURNALISM,&**

**LIBRARY SCIENCE**

**SOCIAL WORK**

**OTHER NON-S&E FIELDS**

Your suggestions for additional fields for NSF survey:

If no additions to recommend, please check here: [\_\_]

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2. The survey does not ask you to specify the names of disciplines you include in the “other” categories for Item 2 and Item 2A. If you reported expenditures in any of these 7 categories, please list the disciplines you included for each. Please include names below regardless of whether or not you listed them in Question 1.

Item 2

Other engineering

Other physical sciences

Other environmental sciences

Other life sciences

Other social sciences

Other sciences

Item 2A

Other non-S&E fields