

## Appendix C.5.A

### Frequently Asked Questions - Faculty

#### FACULTY

#### Training and Education of Doctoral Students

***What is the purpose of this study?***

The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is interested in learning how faculty members and their students view the doctoral research training process. Faculty who have had primary responsibility for overseeing doctoral students' research participated in the 2009 ORI Faculty Survey. The next phase of this research is to talk with students and faculty to hear more about doctoral education from both perspectives. For more information about ORI, visit [www.ori.dhhs.gov](http://www.ori.dhhs.gov).

***Who is conducting the study?***

ORI has contracted with Mathematica Policy Research, a nationally recognized policy research organization, to conduct this study. For more than 40 years, Mathematica has provided research-based information to improve policy and programs in education, health, and employment. For more information about Mathematica, visit [www.mathematica-mpr.com](http://www.mathematica-mpr.com).

***How was I selected?***

Faculty who in the 2009 ORI Faculty Web Survey reported having students who recently earned their doctoral degrees and indicated they would be willing to be recontacted were considered for selection for this study.

***What will I be asked to do?***

You will be asked to provide the names and contact information of your recent doctoral graduates. A member of the Mathematica research team will conduct an interview with you at a time and location of your convenience. The interview will cover topics related to your training and education of doctoral students.

***How long will it take?***

The interview will last about 1½ to 2 hours.

***What are the benefits to participating?***

You will receive \$50 upon completion of the interview. Information about how faculty and students view the doctoral training and education process and information about current practices and policies will inform a discussion of best practices.

***Will the information be protected?***

All data will be protected following strict procedures and shared only with the research team. Individual names will not be reported, and all results will be presented in aggregate form.

***What if I have questions?***

Please contact Janice Ballou at Mathematica Policy Research, toll-free at 1-866-923-8154 or via email at [JBallou@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:JBallou@mathematica-mpr.com).

***Thank you for helping us with this study.***