

Interview Guide for EAPSI Agency Official in Foreign Location

Thank you for participating in this study. As the representative of [FILL IN NAME OF FOREIGN PARTNER ORGANIZATION], we are interested in your perspectives on the EAPSI fellowship program, and any feedback you might provide to help improve the program.

- *How long have you been working for [PARTNER ORGANIZATION]?*
- *Do you work directly with the EAPSI program? If so, in what role?*

Country's participation in the EAPSI program.

- *[COUNTRY] has been involved in the EAPSI program since [YEAR]: Why did your country initially decide to become involved in the EAPSI program? [If more than 2 years ask:] Are the reasons for continuing to participate in EAPSI different from the initial motivation to participate?*
- *What are the goals of your participation in EAPSI? Are these goals being met? What would you like to see change so that these goals could be better met?*
- *How does the EAPSI program fit into the mission of your agency? Into the scientific research agenda in your country?*
- *From your perspective, what is the value-added (e.g., in terms of resources, expansion of expertise, reputation) of the EAPSI program for the following participants:*
 - *your country;*
 - *your organization;*
 - *the host institutions;*
 - *the host scientists?*
- *Are there any disadvantages to participating in the EAPSI program for the following participants:*
 - *your country;*
 - *your organization;*
 - *the host institutions;*
 - *the host scientists;*
- *Does [NAME OF COUNTRY] participate in programs for visiting graduate students from countries besides the United States? Which country/ies? How is this program similar to and different from EAPSI?*

NSF's role in the EAPSI program.

- *For the NSF, one of the goals of the EAPSI program is to increase US researchers' interest in forming and sustaining international collaborations, such as collaborations with scientists in [COUNTRY]. In your experience, how well do you think the program accomplishes this goal?*

- In what ways could NSF facilitate your country's or your organization's participation in the EAPSI program?
- Are there any changes you would like to see the U.S. National Science Foundation – the EAPSI program sponsor in the U.S. – make to the program?

Closing

- Is there anything else you think it would be helpful for us to know about for our evaluation of the program?

Thank you for taking time out of your day to discuss your experiences with the EAPSI program with me. If you have any questions or concerns that occur to you later on, please feel free to contact me by email at [give email address]. If you would prefer to talk to someone at NSF, you may contact [NSF OFFICIAL] at [NSF OFFICIAL CONTACT INFORMATION].