

Attachment A.3 – Postdoc association email announcement

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Subject Line: NSF study of postdocs – Participants needed

Dr. [Braby/Beck/Dunn],

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is preparing to conduct a national study of postdocs and other recent doctorate recipients in all disciplines. The study will provide NSF with important information about the career paths and research opportunities for individuals who have earned their Ph.D. or equivalent degree within the last 10 years. RTI International, a not-for-profit research organization in Research Triangle Park, is looking for postdocs to participate in interviews which will help inform the NSF study design. Participants will receive \$50 as a token of appreciation.

Would you be able to post the following notice to the [NCSU/UNC/Duke] postdoc association listserv on RTI's and NSF's behalf? If you have any questions about the study or the research interviews, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your consideration.

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RTI International*, a not-for-profit research organization in Research Triangle Park (RTP), will be conducting one-on-one interviews with postdocs, faculty and non-faculty researchers to help inform the study design. You are eligible to participate if you received a Ph.D. or other doctorate-level degree since 2001, regardless of your funding source or discipline.

The interview will take between 90-120 minutes after which time participants will receive a gift of \$50 cash as a token of appreciation. Interviews will be held in July at RTI at 3040 Cornwallis Rd., Research Triangle Park which is about [20 miles west of NCSU/12 miles east of Chapel Hill/8 miles south of Duke].

If you are interested in participating in this important NSF study, please call Laura Burns at 919-990-8318 or respond to this email with the following information:

- 1) Your full name
- 2) Affiliation - institution and department
- 3) Whether you are a postdoc, faculty member, or nonfaculty researcher
- 4) Year you received your Ph.D. or equivalent degree
- 4) What type of Ph.D.-level degree you have
- 6) A phone number where we can reach you to schedule the interview
- 7) How you heard about these research interviews

If you know someone who may be eligible and interested, please feel free to forward this email to them.

Thank you,

Laura Burns
RTI International

*RTI International is a trade name of Research Triangle Institute.