

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 0925-0648 exp. 1/2015)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Qualitative Research to Explore Young People’s Choices to Pursue a Career as a Physician Scientist

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this request is to amend the previously-approved OMB clearance to increase the burden hours for the young faculty sub-study. The focus group participation of young faculty working in basic/laboratory science fields who were recruited by research deans has been unexpectedly high.

The purpose of the proposed research is to explore the attitudes of young medical, dental, and veterinary students toward careers as physician scientists, as well as the attitudes of young faculty pursuing such careers. The findings will be used to inform the deliberations of the Physician Scientist Workforce Committee that will make recommendations to the NIH Director regarding actions that NIH should take to support a sustainable and diverse physician-scientist workforce.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

The overall study will consist of two sub-studies. Respondents will consist of:

- a) 80 4th year students in medical, dental, and/or veterinary school
- b) 66 young faculty members (e.g., assistant professors) in medical, dental, and/or veterinary schools

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Focus Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

- 1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? Yes No
- 2. If Yes, will any information that is collected be included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? Yes No
- 3. If Yes, has an up-to-date System of Records Notice (SORN) been published? Yes No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? Yes No

Student participants only will be offered a \$50 gift card for their participation in a 90-minute focus group.

BURDEN HOURS

| Category of Respondent | No. of Respondents | Participation Time | Burden Hours |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Individuals (Screening) | 220 | 5/60 | 18 |
| Individuals (Students) | 80 | 90/60 | 120 |
| Individuals (Young Faculty) | 70 | 90/60 | 105 |
| Totals | 370 | -- | 243 |

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$42,278.67

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

- 1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
 Yes No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

For **student focus groups**, participants will be recruited via Facebook and Twitter announcements from the American Medical Student Association, Student National Medical Association, American Physician Scientists Association, American Student Dental Association, and the Student American Veterinary Medical Association, and screened via an email questionnaire to determine eligibility and ethnicity.

For **young faculty focus groups**, participants will be recruited from among those who currently hold a K08 or K23 training award, based on data provided by NIH staff. We will sample randomly from that pool.

Administration of the Instrument

- 1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
 Web-based or other forms of Social Media

- Telephone
- In-person
- Mail
- Other, Explain

2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? Yes No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.