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SUBJECT: Modification of Graduate Medical Education Alumni Survey
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We seek to incorporate one new, multiple choice question to the survey that will help us prospectively evaluate the attractiveness of the NIH Loan Repayment Programs to research-oriented graduates who may seek further advanced-level training at the NIH. Recognizing that increasing debt burdens may dissuade these trainees from pursuing advanced-level clinical-research training, this question has gained significant importance to the NIH and its accomplishment of its mission to train the next generation of clinician scientists. The additional time burden associated with this new multiple choice question would be at most 1 minute. The current annual hours are 272, with this addition it will now be 289 hours. All other dimensions of the survey will remain unchanged.

Proposed new question:

When you completed medical or dental school, what was your debt burden?

- i. None

- ii. <\$50,000
- iii. \$50,000 - \$99,000
- iv. \$100,000 - \$150,000
- v. >\$150,000
- vi. I prefer not to answer

Attached, you will find this question, written in red, on page three of the survey.

Type of Respondents	Estimated Number of Respondents	Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested
Doctoral Level	625	1	21/60	218.75
Students	100	1	21/60	35.00
Nurses	100	1	21/60	35.00
Total	288.75

Thank you for considering this minor modification we seek to make to the survey through the expedited change request process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or wish additional information.