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Assessment of the Provocative Questions (PQ) Initiative: Funded Applicant Customer Satisfaction Survey

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Section 1: Question Development Process

This section addresses the process used in the development and prioritization of NCI's Provocative Questions. Workshops and online surveys were conducted to engage the extramural research community in the process.

Did you know about the Provocative Question development process before you responded to the PQ Initiative RFA?

- Yes
- No

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In what ways did you participate? (Please select all that apply).

- Participated in a PQ workshop
- Reviewed questions online
- Commented on questions online
- Submitted a question online
- Other (please describe):

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Do you believe your input was reflected in the final Provocative Questions?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/Don't know

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To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the Provocative Questions (PQs)? (Please select one in each row.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
The Provocative Questions represent perplexing, difficult to address, paradoxical, or understudied areas that should be investigated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The overall scope of the Provocative Questions is appropriate—neither too broad nor too narrow.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Provocative Questions that were developed truly address gaps in cancer research.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The PQ question development process gave members of the cancer research community an opportunity to voice their opinions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Provocative Questions have been updated, renewed, or retired on a regular basis since the initiative was launched in FY2011. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about this process? (Please select one in each row.)

The process of updating, renewing and retiring provocative questions...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
...is an important feature of the Provocative Questions Initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...ensures that the most currently provocative questions are the focus of this funding initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...has resulted in the retirement of questions that should have been kept on the list.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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You indicated that you believe that question(s) were retired prematurely. Please indicate which question(s) that you think were retired

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Section 2: Application Process

This section addresses the grant application process used in the PQ initiative.

How did you learn about the PQ RFAs? (Please select all that apply.)

- NCI website
- NIH Guide
- Other NIH website
- NCI staff
- Other NIH staff
- Colleagues
- Scientific meeting
- Other (please describe):

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Second PQ retired too soon:

Third PQ retired too soon:

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Did the RFA guidelines lead you to propose novel or innovative approaches that you might not otherwise have proposed to NCI?

- Yes
- No

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Did the lessened emphasis on preliminary data empower you to propose novel or innovative concepts and/or approaches?

- Yes
- No
- Did not know about the lessened emphasis

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To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the application process? (Please select one in each row.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
Application requirements were clearly indicated in the funding announcement.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I had sufficient time to develop my proposal under the guidelines.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The unique features of the PQ Initiative funding mechanism were clearly explained in the application materials.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The level of effort required to apply for PQ funding was similar to that for other funding mechanisms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Please indicate which of the following statements apply to your application. (Please select all that apply.)

- The research I proposed in my application was within my domain of expertise and did not require a multidisciplinary team.
- There was sufficient time between the release of the RFA and the due date to assemble the appropriate team to respond.
- My application included a multidisciplinary team of investigators.
- My application included collaborators with whom I had never worked before.
- My application involved collaborators working together in a novel fashion.

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Section 3: Review Process

This section addresses the review process that occurs after a grant application is submitted in response to a PQ Initiative RFA.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the application review process? (Please select one in each row.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
The review criteria were clear.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was clear how the PQ review process differed from standard review processes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The review I received indicated that reviewers understood the intention of the PQ initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Section 4: Management Process

This section addresses the management of grants after an investigator receives funding.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the management of your PQ award? (Please select one in each row.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
The funding period provides sufficient time to achieve the research goals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The reporting process sufficiently captures challenges, such as technical difficulties and refuted hypotheses.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Section 5: Informative Failures

This section addresses informative failures that may occur in PQ-funded projects and what occurs after the failures are experienced.

Have you obtained experimental results in your research that definitively contradicted your initial hypothesis?

- Yes
- No

Do you believe that this was because the initial hypothesis was high risk?

- Yes
- No

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Have you encountered technical challenges that could not be overcome in **designing an experimental approach**?

- Yes
- No

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Have you encountered technical challenges that could not be overcome in **conducting an experiment**?

- Yes
- No

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Did you discuss these technical and/or experimental challenges with your NCI Program Officer?

- Yes
- No

Did you receive suggestions as to how to proceed?

- Yes
- No

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Did the PQ award give you sufficient flexibility to change the approach as a result of the technical challenges?

- Yes
- No

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Please indicate whether you have described any informative failures you have experienced while conducting your PQ-funded research.
(Please select all that apply.)

- You have described them in your annual report(s).
- You have described them in a scientific presentation(s).
- You have described them in a scientific publication(s).
- Not applicable because you have not experienced informative failures in your PQ-funded research.

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Would informative failures reported by other investigators from similar lines of work be helpful?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/Not sure

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To what extent are you likely to do the following activities if given the opportunity? (Please select one in each row.)

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
Share informative failures in a public venue (for example, by posting them on the PQ website or presenting them at a conference)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use other researchers' informative failures from their research to inform your own research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Section 6: Community Enthusiasm

This section addresses the extent to which the funding community—as well as the larger scientific community—shows enthusiasm for the PQ Initiative and the research it produces.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about community enthusiasm for the PQ Initiative? (Please select one in each row.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
The PQ Initiative has generated enthusiasm in the broader cancer research community for projects addressing the PQ to which I applied, above and beyond NCI's PQ Initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The focus on the areas of science identified by the PQ Initiative resulted in greater sustained, appropriate attention to these areas by the cancer research community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Section 7: Research Results

This section addresses short- and long-term research results derived from PQ-funded research.

What have **been** the short-term scientific results of your PQ research? (Please select all that apply.)

- New research findings
- New reagents
- New methods/model systems
- New instruments or measurement approaches
- New algorithms or data sets
- Patent applications
- Other - Write In (please describe):
- None of the above

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What do you see as the **potential long-term** results of your PQ research? (Please select all that apply.)

- New lines of basic research
- Changing the understanding of a disease
- Development of pharmaceuticals such as a vaccine or medication
- Development of a screening or diagnostic test
- Changing health behaviors
- Reducing the incidence and/or prevalence of cancer
- Other (please describe):

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Can you describe specific scientific successes from your PQ-funded research?

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Have you submitted a grant application for follow-on work to NCI or other funders based on your PQ Initiative-funded research?

- Yes
- No

To whom did you submit a request for funds?

- NCI
- Other NIH Institutes
- National Science Foundation
- Other (please describe):

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What was the result of the request(s)? (Please select all that apply.)

- Funded
- Not funded
- Still under review
- Other (please describe):

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Do you intend to submit follow-on work based on your PQ Initiative-funded research in the future?

- Yes
- No

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Is there a logical home for a follow-on R01 application within NCI or NIH based on the results of your PQ-funded research?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/Not sure

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Please specify. (Please select all that apply.)

- Fogarty International Center (FIC)
- National Cancer Institute (NCI)
- National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)
- National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)
- National Eye Institute (NEI)
- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
- National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA)
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA)
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
- National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development (NICHD)
- National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
- National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- National Institute on Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
- National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)
- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) - Est. 1949
- National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
- National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
- National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
- National Library of Medicine (NLM)

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Would it be valuable to be able to submit a renewal application to your PQ award to a standard NIH study section?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/Not sure

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Section 8: Dissemination of Findings

This section addresses the methods used to disseminate PQ-funded research.

Do you plan to disseminate your findings from your PQ-funded research in any of the following ways? (Please select all that apply.)

- Present findings at scientific conferences
- Present findings at workshops or trainings
- Present testimony and/or briefings to legislators
- Publish findings in journal articles
- Incorporate findings into curricular materials
- Post findings on a website
- Prepare fact sheets and/or pamphlets
- Prepare press releases
- Report in mass media publications
- Other (please describe):

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Section 9: Concluding Comments

This section addresses the future of the PQ Initiative and provides respondents with an opportunity to make additional comments.

Please indicate which of the following statements reflects your opinion about future funding for the **entire** PQ Initiative program.

- NCI should continue to fund research through the PQ Initiative in its current form.
- NCI should expand the PQ Initiative and distribute more funding through this mechanism.
- NCI should stop issuing RFAs through the PQ Initiative after the current round.

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You indicated that NCI should continue or expand the PQ Initiative. Should there be a termination date?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/Not sure

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You indicated that you thought the program should be terminated. When would be an appropriate time to terminate the program?

- 5 years from now
- 10 years from now
- Don't know/Not sure
- Other (please specify):

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Do you have any additional comments regarding the process and/or results of the PQ Initiative that you would like to share here?

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