

Nonresponse Questions

How many years have you worked as a researcher in your field?

- a. 0-5
- b. 6-10
- c. 10-25
- d. 25+

Which of the following fields best describes your research?

- a. Biology
- b. Chemistry
- c. Computer Science
- d. Electrical Engineering
- e. Mechanical Engineering
- f. Medicine
- g. Physics
- h. Other

How many researchers does your department employ?

- a. 1-5
- b. 6-10
- c. 10-25
- d. 25+

Rank the following research outcomes in the order that you prioritize them. (Rank from most important to least important.)

- a. Publications
- b. Grants
- c. Patents
- d. Other

How many patent applications have you filed between [YEAR] and [YEAR]?

- a. 0
- b. 1-5
- c. 6-10
- d. 10+

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