DRAFT SED PLEDGE:
To appear on surveys completed by doctorate recipients from participating AAU schools

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If you agree, NSF will send your SED responses to [institution name], who will merge this information with their student exit survey data. [Institution name] will use the merged information for statistical purposes in analyzing graduate programs.   Your institution pledges that any findings based on these surveys will be reported in a manner that does not personally identify you or other individuals. Also, [institution name] will combine these data with similar data from other research universities. All direct personal identifiers (such as name, birth date, last four digits of social security number) will be removed before the data are shared with other universities. Researchers at the participating universities will study the combined SED-exit survey data as part of on-going efforts to improve graduate education in the United States. The following link lists the universities involved in this research effort: xxxxx.

If you do not want your SED data merged with exit survey data from [institution name] or do not want it shared with other AAU universities, please check the box below:

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