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NCSU: Dr. Tara Nash, Postdoctoral Association President

UNC: Dr. Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, Director Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Duke: Dr. Jeff Blackinton, Duke University Postdoc Association President

Subject Line: NSF Early Career Doctorates Survey – Participants Needed

Dr. [Nash/Anderson-Thompkins/Blackinton],

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is preparing to conduct the Early Career Doctorates Survey, a national survey of postdocs and other early career doctorates in all disciplines. The survey will provide the NSF with important information about the career paths and research opportunities for individuals who have earned their doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree within the last 10 years. RTI International, a not-for-profit research organization in Research Triangle Park, is looking for postdocs to participate in interviews in which we will evaluate survey questions. Participants will receive \$50 as an expression of appreciation.

Would you please post the following notice to the [NCSU/UNC/Duke] postdoc association listserv on RTI's and NSF's behalf? If you have any questions about the study or the research interviews, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your consideration.

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RTI International*, a not-for-profit research organization in Research Triangle Park (RTP), will be conducting one-on-one interviews with postdocs, faculty and non-faculty researchers to evaluate survey questions. You are eligible to participate if you received a doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree since 2003, regardless of your funding source or discipline.

The interview will take about 90 minutes after which time participants will receive \$50 as an expression of appreciation. Interviews will be held in August and September at RTI at 3040 Cornwallis Rd., Research Triangle Park which is about [20 miles west of NCSU/12 miles east of Chapel Hill/8 miles south of Duke].

If you are interested in participating in this important NSF interview, please register using the link below. We will only use your registration information to select a diverse sample and to contact you if you are selected to participate. If you would prefer, you may also register or get more information by calling toll-free 1-8XX-XXX-XXXX or by sending an email to ecds@rti.org.

[URL link to registration]

If you know someone who may be eligible and interested, please feel free to forward this email to them.

Thank you,

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