

Attachment A.5 – Reply Request Further Information Email

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Subject: Thank you for your interest in the NSF Early Career Doctorates Survey

Dear [fill with name],

Thank you for your interest in the Early Career Doctorates Survey that the National Science Foundation (NSF) is preparing to conduct. This will be a national survey of postdocs and other early career doctorates in all disciplines. The survey will provide the NSF with information about the career paths and research opportunities for individuals who earned their doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree within the last 10 years.

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 study, please call toll-free 1-8XX-XXX-XXXX or respond to this email with the following information:

- 1) Your full name
- 2) Year you received your doctorate or doctorate-equivalent degree
- 3) Affiliation - institution and department
- 4) Whether you are a postdoc, faculty member, or nonfaculty researcher
- 5) A phone number where we can reach you to schedule the interview

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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