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#### Introduction

Thank you for accessing the customer satisfaction survey for junior scientists who have applied to the Early Independence Award Program (EIA) as announced in RFA-RM-11-007 (<u>http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-007.html</u>). The purpose of this survey is to gather opinions about the EIA program. This is an opportunity for you to share your experiences and provide feedback. The information collected may be used to make adjustments to the EIA program in subsequent announcements.

The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers, and you may skip any questions that you do not wish to address.

The website for the survey will be open from [INSERT START DATE] to [INSERT START DATE] (11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time).

#### **Privacy and Participation**

Your participation is voluntary and non-participation will have no impact on you or your institution. Your responses will be kept private. If you choose to participate, your privacy will be protected to the extent permitted by law, and will not be disclosed to anyone but the researchers conducting this study, except as otherwise required by law. You will not be identified by name and information from the study will only be reported in the aggregate. Your responses will be combined with those of other respondents in the final report. Responses will be used solely for the purpose of program improvement. Any identifiers (e.g., names, institutions, e-mail addresses, etc.) will be removed when responses are compiled. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your responses.

#### Agree to Participate

Press "START SURVEY" if you agree to participate. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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Section I. Background

1. How did you first learn about the Early Independence Award (EIA) program? Please check all that apply

The NIH website (webpage, e-newsletter posting, blog, etc.)

- An NIH-sponsored listserv email or notice
- O Your institution's listserv email or notice
- A notice from a professional society
- A faculty mentor
- Other (please specify):

2. Which option below best describes your situation? Please note that <u>"current institution"</u> refers to the institution at which you are completing your doctoral degree or medical residency, or have a position/appointment. Please select only one option.

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OB. The institution with which I applied for the NIH EIA program was <u>different from my current institution</u> at the time of application

3. Which option below best describes your degree status at the time of application? Please select only one option.

A. Within the following 12 months, I will complete all the requirements for a doctoral degree

O B. Within the following 12 months, I will complete my medical residency

- C. Within the preceding 12 months, I received my terminal doctoral degree
- O. Within the preceding 12 months, I completed my medical residency

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