

**Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of  
Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 3145-0215)**

**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:**

EAPSI Customer Survey

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this survey is to better serve the scientific community by assessing the level of satisfaction with the East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute (EAPSI) experience under program solicitation NSF 12-498. Responses from this survey also will be used by the NSF Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) staff to make continuous improvements in the EAPSI program. The survey will be administered once to each NSF awardee as a PDF form and will provide useful information and insight into what is working well and where to improve the EAPSI program.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:**

The respondents are up to 205 U.S. graduate students who participate in the summer research experience as EAPSI Fellows in East Asia and the Pacific. For locations where a closing ceremony is held, the survey will be printed and given to each EAPSI Fellow at the closing event. The cost of printing the surveys is minimal to the Government and will be borne by the NSF overseas offices. For those locations with no final meeting, the survey will be sent by email. Data will be collated and analyzed by NSF staff in Arlington as part of the ongoing, annual evaluation of the program.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

**CERTIFICATION:**

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suzanne Plimpton, NSF Reports Clearance Officer

To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

**Personally Identifiable Information:**

- 1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected?  Yes  No
- 2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974?  Yes  No
- 3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published?  Yes  No

**Gifts or Payments:**

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants?  Yes  No

**BURDEN HOURS**

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time	Burden
Individuals	205	10 minutes	34 hours
<b>Totals</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>	<b>34 hours</b>

**FEDERAL COST:** The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is  \$10

**If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents**

- 1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?  
 Yes  No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

The respondents for this survey are the NSF EAPSI Fellows who have completed an 8- or 10-week research visit to a research laboratory or facility during which they conducted specific research projects and were exposed to the culture and science policy of the host location. In the 25-year history of the program, participants have been very eager to share informally with NSF their level of satisfaction as well as any issues encountered during their visits. We anticipate an 85% participation rate for the survey for this group of respondents.

**Administration of the Instrument**

- 1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
  - Web-based or other forms of Social Media
  - Telephone
  - In-person
  - Mail
  - Other, Explain email

2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? [ ] Yes [ x ] No

**Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.**

**Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback”**

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**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:** Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on xxxx)

**PURPOSE:** Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:** Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

**CERTIFICATION:** Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

**Personally Identifiable Information:** Provide answers to the questions.

**Gifts or Payments:** If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

**BURDEN HOURS:**

**Category of Respondents:** Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households;(2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected.

**No. of Respondents:** Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.

**Participation Time:** Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

**Burden:** Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

**FEDERAL COST:** Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

**If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents.** Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

**Administration of the Instrument:** Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g. for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

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