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Student Survey Reminder E-mail

Dear <NAME>:

On behalf of the Director of the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Program, we would like to remind you to participate in an online survey for an evaluation of the Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) programs. According to our records, you conducted research with Professor [insert professor's name] at [insert institution name]. We expect the survey to take 20 minutes or less to complete.

NIH is working with Westat, an independent research organization, to evaluate the extent to which the AREA program is fulfilling its mission to strengthen the overall quality and productivity of funded institutions or schools and to expose students to hands-on research experience. As a student who previously worked in an AREA-funded laboratory, your feedback is critical to understanding the program, its challenges, and successes.

Participation in the survey is voluntary, but your involvement is important for ensuring that AREA and similar future efforts are successful. Information shared in the survey is private under the Privacy Act. Data will be reported thematically in the aggregate and will exclude personal identifiers.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have questions about the study or the survey, please contact me or Michelle Timmerman. Dr. Timmerman may be reached at 301-402-0672 or R151@mail.nih.gov. Please follow the following link to begin the survey:

[\[Hyper-link to survey goes here\]](#)

Best regards,

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