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Introduction: This research seeks to support the mission of the NASA Office of Education by asking you to take part in *post-internship* surveys pertaining to our interest in the ways in which NASA project activities impact outcomes for participants. The information we collect will help us to improve the nature of the project activity and the accuracy with which NASA Education can report to its community about the project activities it offers.

Purpose of the Study: Determine the degree to which instruments accurately capture the ways participant outcomes are measured by data collection instruments.

Description of Study Procedures: You are asked to complete a short collection of related surveys accessed by separate SurveyMonkey links presented to you in the introductory email from the NIFS Director or your NASA Internship point of contact.

Study Consent: There are no foreseeable risks to participants electing to participate in this study. Your participation is completely voluntary. In no way does refusing participation in pre-internship survey development preclude you from eligibility for NASA education project activities now or in the future. If you agree to participate, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

Estimation of Time Required: To be determined through the testing procedure. **Please note your start time at the beginning of each survey.** At the end of each, you will be asked to approximate the time it to you to complete that particular survey.

Contact Persons: If you have any additional questions concerning the research, this passive consent, or confidentiality of responses, please contact Dr. Lisa E. Wills, Senior Research Associate, at lisa.e.wills@nasa.gov or call (202)258-6021.

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I. About you

Please note your start time. At the end of this survey, you will be asked to approximate the time required to complete this survey.

Please base your responses to the following questions on your NASA research experience:

1. My NASA research group had approximately _____ members (count undergraduate and graduate students, technicians, post-doctoral staff, and primary investigators.)

Less than 5

6-10

11-20

More than 20

2. My NASA research group included members from multiple disciplines or Colleges (e.g., College of Engineering, Department of Mathematics, Department of Biology, College of Education.)

I didn't know my lab mates well enough to answer this question

No

Yes

If "Yes," please list all departments or colleges below (100 characters and spaces limit):

3. I was assigned a research project _____ after joining my prior/current research group.

Established before I arrived at the Center

Within the first week

Within the second week

I don't have a project yet

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4. I had *individual* meetings with my NASA research mentor_____.

I did not have individual meetings with my research advisor

Weekly

Three times a month

Twice a month

Once a month

We never met, only before my research project was due

Never

Other

If "other," please explain (50 characters and spaces limit):

5. How often did you have research group meetings (the majority of the group is present)?

- We did not hold research group meetings
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Twice a month
- At random/ as needed
- Never
- Other

If "other," please explain (100 characters and spaces limit):

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7. As compared to other students on my same academic level, my level of participation in my NASA research group was:

- Less than average
- Average
- More than average
- There were no other students on my same academic level in the lab.

8. My research was primarily conducted:

- Using a computer in an office
- In a laboratory
- Outside doing field work
- Other

If "other," please describe (100 characters and spaces limit):

9. My research group was primarily associated with:

- An engineering department
- A larger research center
- Other

If "other," please describe (50 characters and spaces limit):

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10. Please use this space to provide any additional feedback about your internship experience you'd like to share with us (500 characters with spaces):

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11. Please provide a current email address and your NASA UUPIC number so that we are able to connect your Pre-experience and Post-experience surveys with your profile information in NASA's database.

Email address:

UUPIC number:

I do not have a NASA UUPIC number:

Please provide the following feedback on your experience completing this survey:

*** 12. How many minutes did you take to complete this survey? (whole number only)**

Thank you for participating!

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