# National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Employee Engagement Survey

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1. **Which of the following items has the most positive influence on your personal job satisfaction:**

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| Achieving the NIMH Mission | [ ] |
| Supervisory support | [ ] |
| Non-supervisory relationships/mentoring  | [ ] |
| My colleagues | [ ] |
| Organizational leadership | [ ] |
| Training and Development | [ ] |
| Job duties/work portfolio | [ ] |
| Work/Life Balance | [ ] |
| Rewards/recognition | [ ] |
| Other | [Text box] |

1. **Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very Dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very Satisfied |
| Non-monetary recognition for your accomplishments at work (e.g., Thank You note, Time-off award, lunch with the senior management)**(both formal and informal)** | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
| Support from your coworkers | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
| Support from your supervisor(s) | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
| Opportunities to advance my position at NIMH | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
| Workplace flexibility (e.g., Telework and flexible schedules) | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
| Please offer suggestions for improving any of the above areas, or other areas that you are not currently satisfied with: | [Text box to allow respondents to add suggestions] |

1. **Which of the following forms of recognition would you appreciate receiving the most? (Select up to three)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| A thank you note from my supervisor | [ ] |
| Frequent positive feedback | [ ] |
| A chance to be on an exciting project | [ ] |
| A cash award | [ ] |
| A time-off award | [ ] |
| Public praise from senior leadership (e.g., email to community from OD, acknowledgement at all hands/council) | [ ] |
| Public praise from Division/Office leadership (e.g., email to Branch/Division from D/O director or Branch Chief, acknowledgement at Branch/Division meeting) | [ ] |
| An opportunity to work with people from other parts of the organization | [ ] |
| The ability to attend a seminar, conference, or training class | [ ] |
| Other (please specify): | [text box to allow respondents to specify] |

1. **Of the following options, which do you believe need(s) greater attention for optimizing your job satisfaction?  (Choose your top three)**

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| --- | --- |
| Good alignment of my job tasks with my skills | [ ] |
| Opportunities for innovation/creativity | [ ] |
| Being treated with respect by my direct supervisor (e.g., branch chief) | [ ] |
| Being treated with respect by my second-level supervisor (e.g., Division/Office Director) | [ ][ ] N/A |
| Having my work valued by my leadership chain | [ ] |
| Opportunities for professional development (such as leadership programs, coaching, mentoring) | [ ] |
| More telework | [ ] |
| More flexible work schedule (e.g., AWS, maxiflex) | [ ] |
| Responsibilities matching my skill level | [ ] |
| Opportunities for workplace socializing/networking | [ ] |
| None of the above - All my needs for job satisfaction are met | [ ] |
| More recognition/reward | [ ] |
| More opportunities for growth within my position | [ ] |
| Other | [Text box] |
| None of the Above | [ ] |

1. **What is the likelihood that you would consider leaving NIMH:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very Unlikely | Unlikely | Neutral | Likely | Very Likely |
| Now | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
| Within the next 6-12 months | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
| Within the next 1-2 years | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
| Longer term (>2 years) | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |

1. **If you indicated in the above question that you are considering leaving NIMH, please select up to three top factors that could influence your decision to look for a new job.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Retirement | [ ] |
| Commute | [ ] |
| Career change | [ ] |
| Pursuing Full-time education | [ ] |
| Work/Life Programs (e.g., telework, AWS options, child or elder care) | [ ] |
| Appointment expired | [ ] |
| Conflict of interest/Ethics issues | [ ] |
| For a higher income | [ ] |
| For greater growth potential elsewhere | [ ] |
| Lack of mentorship/career path guidance | [ ] |
| Lack of recognition | [ ] |
| Dissatisfaction with Supervisor | [ ] |
| Poor fit with colleagues/coworkers or the organizational culture | [ ] |
| Too many work responsibilities | [ ] |
| Work responsibilities do not match well with my strengths/expertise | [ ] |
| Feeling that work is not impactful | [ ] |
| Feeling that work is not valued by leadership | [ ] |
| Job is not what I thought it would be | [ ] |
| Lack of promotion/advancement potential within the institute | [ ] |
| Lack of developmental/growth opportunities | [ ] |
| Other (please specify): [Text box here to allow respondents to specify] | [ ] |

1. **What strategies do you recommend NIMH adopt/increase to retain employees (pick top three)**

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| --- | --- |
| Stay interviews to identify things that drive employees to remain at NIMH | [ ] |
| Increased non-monetary recognition | [ ] |
| Greater opportunities for professional growth within current job | [ ] |
| More opportunities to collaborate with /learn from colleagues outside my division/office | [ ] |
| Increased transparency/communication from Leadership | [ ] |
| Increased work flexibility (e.g., telework, AWS) | [ ] |
| Increased transparency about currently available positions within the institute | [ ] |
| Other | [Text box] |

1. **What NIMH Division are you in?**
* Intramural Research Program (IRP)
* Extramural Research Program (ERP)
1. **Please indicate your GS-grade/job category:**
* GS 1-8
* GS 9-12
* GS 13-15
* Title 42 FTE
* IRTA Trainee
* Prefer not to indicate
1. **If you have additional comments on job satisfaction and/or retention issues, please let us know here:  [Text box]**