

**Attachment A.2.13: Data Form, Section 3—Report Once  
DATA FORM**

The purpose of the Data Form is to document the BEST program activities at your institution and gather the information listed in the RFA. Please read these instructions prior to completing the sections. If you have any questions, please contact [insert contractor name] at [insert contractor's email address].

The form consists of four sections: (1) Program Description and Participation in BEST Activities (reported annually); (2) Aggregate Data from Participating Departments/Graduate Programs (reported annually); (3) Baseline Information for the Five Years Prior to Receiving the BEST Award (reported once); and (4) Information to Report in Year Four of the Award (reported once).

Updating the tables:

-If you do not need the example entries, you can enter the information from your institution by overwriting the information in the example cells.

-If you need to insert one or more rows into a table, click on the row number in the left margin of the worksheet to copy the entire example row, select "copy," and then select "Insert copied cells." You will now have two rows with examples. You can then enter the information that is specific to your institution by overwriting the example entries that you copied. Copying the row this way will allow you to keep the formatting for new rows.

**SECTION 3. BASELINE INFORMATION FOR THE FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE BEST AWARD  
(REPORTED ONCE)**

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Please submit Section 3 to coincide with the submission of the NIH Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) in FY 2015. Submit the form to [insert @nih.gov email address] using the Secure Email File Transfer (SEFT) service. If you have any questions, please contact [insert contractor's name] at [insert contractor's email address].

Provide aggregate data for the departments and/or graduate programs from which your institution is recruiting BEST participants. Departments are referred to in the tables as "Departments/Graduate Programs Participating in BEST." If data are not available, indicate that in the comment section of each table.

For awardees with BEST programs spanning multiple institutions, please report the departments/graduate programs for each institution when completing the tables. For example, if a BEST program has participants from University #1 and University #2, each participating department/graduate program from both universities would need to be reported.

A. ACADEMIC YEAR REPORTING PERIOD

A1: START (MM/DD)

A2: END (MM/DD)

B. INSTITUTION

C. PROGRAM

D. NAME OF POINT OF C  
E. EMAIL OF POINT OF C  
F. DATE FORM SUB

## **RESPONSES**

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## ELAPSED TIME TO DOCTORATE

*The information in the following table addresses the following RFA Item: Time to degree*

**Table 20. Elapsed Time to Doctorate (ETD)\***

\*Represents the total elapsed time starting from entry into the graduate program to doctoral degree completion, with leaves of absence or

<b>A</b> <b>Departments/Graduate Programs Participating in BEST</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Total Number of Students who Received their Ph.D. in the 5 Years Prior to BEST Award</b>	<b>C</b> <b>Elapsed Median Time to Doctorate for Students in Column B</b>
<i>Ex. Life Science</i>	<i>Ex. 200</i>	<i>Ex. 6 years</i>

Data Source(s):

Additional Comments:

other enrollment lapses counting toward the ETD.

## CAREER PATHS OF PH.D. RECIPIENTS

The NIH RFA-RM-12-022 and RFA-RM-13-019 define a research intensive career as “*an occupation in which research is performed in any venue, including industry, academic, government, or entrepreneurial pursuits,*” and a research-related career as “*occupations that directly support the biomedical research enterprise.*” Research-related careers are those that require a doctoral degree, and may include activities such as teaching, administering research or higher education programs, science policy, or technology transfer. If the Ph.D. recipient is pursuing a career path other than the ones listed above, please classify the career as other.

**Table 21. Career Paths of Ph.D. Recipients from Participating Departments/Graduate Programs**

Career Paths	Number of Ph.D. Recipients
a. Research intensive	<a href="#">Ex. 23</a>
b. Research-related	<a href="#">Ex. 14</a>
c. Other	<a href="#">Ex. 1</a>

Data Source(s) [e.g., institution exit survey, alumni survey]:

Additional Comments:





**LENGTH OF TIME IN POSTDOCTORAL POSITIONS**

**Table 22. Length of Time in Postdoctoral Training**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b> Departments Participating in BEST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>B</b> Total Number of Scientists who Completed their Postdoctoral Training in the 5 Years Prior to the BEST Award</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>C</b> Average Length of Time in Postdoctoral Training for Scientists in Column B</p>
<p><i>Ex. Life Sciences</i></p>	<p><i>Ex. 100</i></p>	<p><i>Ex. 4 years</i></p>

Data Source(s):  
Additional Comments: