

Dear IES Training Fellows,

Shortly, you will be receiving a link to take a **brief version** of the IES Fellows Survey. This revised survey includes questions from the full Fellows Survey but is **intended for fellows who exited their program** since the last survey. We know that some of you are still active in your PhD programs, but you are included here because either (1) your trainer has said that you have completed the IES training portion of your program or (2) the training program grant has ended. Thus, we are calling this an “exit” for you as well.

We truly appreciate your time and help with this survey because your feedback helps to us to improve the programs for future fellows.

This current email is simply to let you know that you should be getting a link and to let you know who is sending it. The invitation will come in two emails: one with a link to the survey, one with a password. The emails are system-generated, so you may not recognize the alias. If you happen to note a possible glitch in the survey, please let us know.

The survey is voluntary, and there are no repercussions for not providing any or all of the information requested. We request that you follow the link to acknowledge receipt of the invitation **even if you choose to opt out of the full survey**. (Please see the Paperwork Reduction Act Burden Statement below.)

Your responses regarding the quality of the program **will be kept confidential**, (per The Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 outlined below), except as required by law. All results will be presented **at the group level only**. Only IES staff will know your individual responses. Please see the Privacy Information below for full details.

Privacy Information:

Information collected for this study come under the confidentiality and data protection requirements of the Institute of Education Sciences (The Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, Title I, Part E, Section 183). Information that could identify an individual or institution will be separated from the survey responses submitted, kept in secured locations, and be destroyed as soon as they are no longer required. Survey responses will be used only for research purposes. The reports prepared for the study will summarize findings across individuals and institutions and will not associate responses with a specific district, school, or person. The data collection activities will be conducted in compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974.

Paperwork Reduction Act Burden Statement:

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is voluntary. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to IESTrainingProgram@ed.gov and reference the OMB Control Number 1850-0873.

Your responses are extremely important to us as we seek to ensure that the IES Education Research training programs are meeting their goals of providing high-quality, rigorous training in education research. The results of the survey will be used to both improve the fellowship program as well as to provide information on the program to policymakers, practitioners, and the public.

Best regards,
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