

ECA Post-Program Participant Survey Questions

Instructions for Award Recipients: Participants should receive the survey no sooner than xxx and no later than 6 weeks after an activity has ended.

Introduction and Consent Language:

Consent language should meet the following guidelines:

- State how long the data collection is expected to take
- Explain the purpose of the data collection
- Explain how data will be used, shared, and stored
- Specify that participation in data collection is voluntary and will have no consequences to the respondent
- Provide contact information for questions or technical support

Unique Identifier Questions

The responses to the following four questions will be used to create a Respondent Unique UD, which will be unique to you. We will use this unique ID to match your responses across different surveys while maintaining your anonymity.

1. What is the first initial of your middle name? (If you do not have a middle name, enter “X”) (drop down)
2. What are the first two letters of your mother’s first name? (drop down)
3. What are the first two letters of your father’s name? (drop down)
4. What are the digits of the day of the month on which you were born as a 2-digit number (e.g. 06, 12, 25) (drop down)
5. What are the last two digits of your birth year (drop down)

Disaggregation Questions

1. Please check the option that best describes your gender:
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Non-binary
 - d. I do not wish to respond
2. Please enter your age: [Open-ended number]
3. **(American)** - please select your home state: [Drop-down State]
4. **(American)** - What is your race or ethnicity? *Mark one or more.*
 - a. White

OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX
Burden Estimate: 8 minutes
Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX

PRA Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.

- b. Hispanic or Latino
- c. Black or African American
- d. Asian
- e. American Indian or Alaskan Native
- f. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

5. **(Foreign)** - please select the country of your citizenship: [Drop-down countries]

Monitoring Data for ECA (MODE) Framework Questions

Cross Cultural Competency

Cross-cultural competency indicators demonstrate ECA’s ability to promote cultural engagement, and the extent to which our participants gain greater understanding of the of the United States and other cultures by participating in one of our exchange programs.

1. Before this exchange program, did you travel outside of your home country?

- a. Yes
- b. No

2. **If yes:** why did you travel outside of your home country [select all that apply]:

- a. Tourism
- b. Visit friends/family
- c. Participation in another ECA exchange program
- d. Study
- e. Work
- f. Other: _____

3. **(Foreign)** - Before this exchange program, did you travel to the United States?

- a. Yes
- b. No

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX Burden Estimate: 8 minutes Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX</p> | <p>PRA Statement Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.</p> |
|---|---|

4. **(Foreign) - If yes:** why did you travel to the United States [select all that apply]:

- c. Tourism
- d. Visit friends/family
- e. Participation in another ECA exchange program
- f. Study
- g. Work
- h. Other: _____

5. My exchange program's activities offered opportunities for cultural connectedness and sharing. *For example: Conversations about each other's' countries, attending cultural events, etc.*

- a. Yes
- b. No

6. **(Foreign) -** How did your views of the United States government and the American people change as a result of your program participation?

| | Less favorable | No change – my view remained unfavorable throughout | No change – my view remained favorable throughout | More favorable |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|---|----------------|
| United States government | | | | |
| American People | | | | |

7. **(Foreign) -** How much did participation in the program change your understanding or knowledge of the following topics?

| | No change | Minimal change | Moderate change | Substantial change |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| United States democracy | | | | |
| United States economy | | | | |
| Foreign affairs in the United States | | | | |
| Domestic affairs in the United States | | | | |
| United States values and | | | | |

OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX
 Burden Estimate: 8 minutes
 Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX

PRA Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.

| | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| culture | | | | |
| Daily life in the United States | | | | |
| Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States | | | | |
| Freedom of speech and press in the United States | | | | |
| Voluntary community service in the United States | | | | |

8. **(American)** - How much did participation in the program change your understanding or knowledge of the following topics?

| | No change | Minimal change | Moderate change | Substantial change |
|---|-----------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Host country political system | | | | |
| Host country economy | | | | |
| Foreign affairs of my host country | | | | |
| Domestic affairs of my host country | | | | |
| Host country values and culture | | | | |
| Daily life in my host country | | | | |
| Religious and ethnic diversity in my host country | | | | |
| Freedom of speech and press in my host country | | | | |
| Voluntary | | | | |

OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX
 Burden Estimate: 8 minutes
 Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX

PRA Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| community service in my host country | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|

9. Thinking about the exchange participants you met that were from other countries (not your home country or the U.S.), how much did participation in the program change your understanding or knowledge of the following topics related to those countries?

| | No change | Minimal change | Moderate change | Substantial change |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Political system | | | | |
| Economy | | | | |
| Foreign affairs | | | | |
| Domestic affairs | | | | |
| Values and culture | | | | |
| Daily life | | | | |
| Religious and ethnic diversity | | | | |
| Freedom of speech and press | | | | |
| Voluntary community service | | | | |

10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statements below?

| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly agree |
|--|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|
| Voting is important because real decisions are made in elections | | | | |
| Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy | | | | |
| An independent media is important to the | | | | |

OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX
 Burden Estimate: 8 minutes
 Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX

PRA Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.

| | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| free flow of information | | | | |
| All citizens in a country should have equal rights and protections under the law, regardless of circumstances | | | | |
| The Rule of Law is fundamental to a functioning democracy | | | | |
| Individuals and organizations have the right to free speech and to voice opposition | | | | |
| Democratic principles enhance the workplace. Supervisors should incorporate democratic principles into their management practices | | | | |

11. **(Foreign)** - Compared to before your program participation, how likely are you to recommend the U.S. as a good place to study?
- Less likely to recommend
 - No change – I was never likely to recommend
 - No change – I was always likely to recommend
 - More likely to recommend

Civic Engagement

Civic Engagement indicators demonstrate the benefits ECA program participants have on their host and home communities, the belief participants have in their ability to impact their communities, and the extent to which participants contribute to the information landscape.

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX Burden Estimate: 8 minutes Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX</p> | <p>PRA Statement Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.</p> |
|---|---|

1. Did you volunteer your time during your exchange?
 - e. Yes --> Continue to the next question
 - f. No --> skip logic
 - g. My program did not offer the opportunity to volunteer --> skip logic

2. How many hours did you spend volunteering your time during your exchange?
(Please note that volunteer hours **do not** include time spend working as part of your professional placement)

3. As a result of your program participation, has your confidence in the following statements changed?

| | Increased | Stayed the same | Decreased |
|--|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| I know several ways in which I can make a difference on some of society's most worrisome problems. | | | |
| I feel I have the ability to make a difference in my local community. | | | |
| I feel I have the ability to make a difference in the global community | | | |

Networking

Networking indicators helps ECA measure the extent to which our exchange participants have increased their network of global connections - including Americans, other program participants or alumni, and the U.S. Department of State - and are using those connections.

1. Do you consider yourself an alumni of a U.S. Department of State program?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. **(Foreign)** - Because of your participation in the program, have you increased the number of Americans you are professionally or personally connected with?
 - a. Yes --> Next question

OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX
 Burden Estimate: 8 minutes
 Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX

PRA Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.

b. No --> Skip Logic

3. **(Foreign) - If yes:** I have _____ the number of Americans I am connected with.

- Greatly increased
- Moderately increased
- Barely increased

4. Have you increased the number of individuals from a country other than your own or the United States that you are personally or professionally connected with?

- a. Yes --> Next question
- b. No --> Skip Logic

5. **If yes:** I have _____ the number of persons I am connected with who are from a country other than my own or where the exchange took place

- Greatly increased
- Moderately increased
- Barely increased

6. Are you registered on the following websites?

| | Yes | No | Do Not Know |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|-------------|
| International Exchange Alumni Network | | | |
| Program Facebook page | | | |
| Program WhatsApp group | | | |
| Other: [write-in] | | | |

7. Through your program experience, did you learn about any new resources that will be useful to you in the future (either personally or professionally)?

- a. Yes
- b. No

8. **If yes:** Please select the appropriate response for each resource:

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX Burden Estimate: 8 minutes Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX</p> | <p>PRA Statement Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.</p> |
|---|---|

| | I did not know this was a resource | I know this resource exists but do not know where to find it | I know where to find this resource and have used it | I know where to find this resource but have not used it |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Small grants applications | | | | |
| AEIF applications | | | | |
| Contact information for other alumni | | | | |
| Project Development tool kits | | | | |
| Information on workshops/ events hosted by the Embassy | | | | |
| Other Resource: [write-in] | | | | |

Capacity Building

Capacity- Building indicators demonstrate the technical, language and soft skills ECA program participants have acquired as a result of their program along with how they have utilized those skills.

1. Has participating in this program increased your job skills (including language proficiency)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. Do you feel that you have increased your skill level in any of the following areas as a result of participation in this program? *Please select all that apply.*
 - a. Communication skills
 - b. Listening skills
 - c. Self-awareness
 - d. Awareness of others
 - e. Self-initiative
 - f. Self-confidence
 - g. Resourcefulness
 - h. Decision-making skills
 - i. Problem-solving skills
 - j. No skills improvement

3. Which of the following best describes your ability to speak in a second language?

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX Burden Estimate: 8 minutes Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX</p> | <p>PRA Statement Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.</p> |
|---|---|

- a. No ability at all
- b. Able to communicate only in a very limited capacity
- c. Able to satisfy basic survival needs and minimum courtesy requirements
- d. Able to satisfy routine social demands and limited work requirements
- e. Able to speak with sufficient grammatical accuracy and vocabulary to discuss relevant professional areas
- f. Able to speak fluently and accurately in all situations
- g. Proficiency equivalent to that of an educated native speaker

4. Please indicate the level to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

| | Agree more | Remained the same, I agree | Remained the same, I disagree | Agree less |
|---|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| If I am misinformed by the news media, it is my own behavior that determines how soon I will learn credible information | | | | |
| I am in control of the information I get from the news media | | | | |
| The main thing that affects my knowledge about the world is what I myself do | | | | |
| If I pay attention to different sources of news, I can avoid being misinformed | | | | |
| If I take the right actions I can stay informed | | | | |

Economic Development

Economic Development indicators show ECA’s commitment toward increasing the contribution exchange programs make to local economies in the United States, including their engagement with U.S. businesses, non-governmental organization, and educational institutions.

1. **(Foreign)** - In the past [TIMEFRAME], how much money have you spent on food, travel, leisure, and merchandise that was purchased in the United States?

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX Burden Estimate: 8 minutes Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX</p> | <p>PRA Statement Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.</p> |
|---|---|

- \$100 or less
- \$101 - \$300
- \$301 - \$500
- \$501 - \$1,000
- \$1001 or more

OMB Control Number: 1405-XXXX
Burden Estimate: 8 minutes
Expiration Date: XX-XX-XXXX

PRA Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: ecaevaluation@state.gov.