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**Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program**

**Exit Evaluation and Two-Year Voluntary Alumni Evaluation**

This is a voluntary survey.

NOAA conducts the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program to encourage independent graduate level research—particularly by female and minority students. The reason for the collection of information is general program oversight, evaluation and performance assessment.

This Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program evaluation gathers information about the pursuit and completion of degrees, employment and involvement in other programs related to your Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship.

We thank you for your participation and feedback, as it will be of great help to NOAA. The data will be treated as confidential and will be reported only in statistical summaries so that individual members cannot be identified.

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Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to:  
  
Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program Manager  
NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries  
1305 East-West Hwy. 11th floor  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**1. General Information**

First Name:

Last Name:

Last Name (if different from above while in the program)

Email:

**2. What is your gender? (Optional)**

Female

Male

Prefer not to answer

**Optional. Please select all that apply if you choose to answer this question.)**

**3a. What is your ethnicity?**

Hispanic or Latino

Not Hispanic or Latino

**3b. What is your race?**

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian or Pacific Islander

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

White/Caucasian

Prefer not to answer

**4. Have you graduated?**

Yes

No

**5. Graduation Date**

Format: MM/YYYY

**6. Institution Name**

Open-ended

**7. Institution State**

Drop-down selection

**8. Area of Discipline**

Business Management / Administration

Communication

Computer & Information Sciences

Education

Engineering

Humanities

Life Sciences – Agricultural Science / Natural Resources

Life Sciences – Biological / Biomedical Sciences

Life Sciences – Health Sciences

Mathematics

Physical Sciences – Astronomy

Physical Sciences – Atmospheric Science

Physical Sciences – Chemistry

Physical Sciences – Geological & Earth

Physical Sciences – Ocean / Marine

Physical Science – Physics

Psychology

Social Sciences

Other:

**9. Degree Obtained**

Bachelors

Masters

Ph.D.

Other: (please specify)

**10. Are you a first generation college student?** (For example, your parents/guardians have not completed a 4-year degree).

Yes

No

**11. If you are a Masters student, will you be pursuing a Doctoral degree?**

Yes

No

Don’t Know

**12. Are you planning on staying within the field of your degree program?**

Yes

No

I don’t know

**13. Which of the following best describes your current occupation?**

Student

Professional

Not employed

**Skip Logic 🡪If answered ‘Professional’**

**14. Industry Sector**

NOAA Federal Employee

NOAA Contractor

Other Federal, State, Local or Tribal Government

Foundation or other Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

Academia

Private Industry

Self-Employed

Other (please specify)

**15. Please provide the name of the organization you are/will be working for.**

Open-ended question

**16. Is your job working in any of the following fields?**

Marine Biology

Maritime Archaeology

Oceanography

Other science, engineering or resource management of ocean and coastal areas

**17. Area of Work**

**STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics**

In a NOAA related field

In another STEM field

Not in a STEM field

**Skip Logic🡪 Answered ‘Student’ or ‘Not Employed’**

**18. Are you seeking employment?**

Yes

No

**19. In what area of work are you seeking employment?**

**STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics**

In a NOAA related field

In another STEM field

Not in a STEM field

**🡪 All**

**20. To what extent did participating in the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship program change your career path?**

*On a scale of 1-5, please rate how your career path changed as a result of participating in this program.*

It did not change my career path 🡪 It substantially changed my career path.

**21. What was your overall experience in participating in the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program?**

*On a scale of 1-5, please rate your experience with this program.*

Poor 🡪 Excellent

**22. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program?**

Open-ended

**23. Please provide your current email address so we can follow-up with you about the voluntary Dr. Nancy Foster Scholar alumni network.**

Email address

**Privacy Act Statement**

**Authority:** The collection of this information is authorized under 5 U.S.C. § 301, Departmental regulations, which authorizes the operations of an executive agency, including the creation, custodianship, maintenance and distribution of records.

**Purpose:** NOAA (the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program) collects this information for the purpose of program evaluation by participating students.

**NOAA** **Routine Uses:** NOAA will use this information to determine what improvements can be made to the program. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a**)** to be shared among NOAA staff for work-related purposes. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice [Commerce/NOAA-14](http://www.osec.doc.gov/opog/PrivacyAct/SORNs/noaa-14.html), Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program; Office of Education, Educational Partnership Program (EPP); Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program and National Marine Fisheries Service Recruitment, Training, and Research Program.

**Disclosure:**  Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to participate may prevent the program from receiving helpful information.