**Attachment 1. Email to Coordinators**

Subject: NSF-NIH Survey of Graduate Students and Postdocs (GSS) – New COVID-19 Impact Questions

Dear <COORDINATOR\_NAME>,

We know that the recent coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on institutions across the country. The National Science Foundation (NSF) has recently added a set of questions to the GSS to gauge the impact of the pandemic on the participating institutions and their ability to provide data to the GSS. The questions ask about the pandemic’s impact on your GSS reporting and then specifically about how it has impacted the different groups about which data is collected (i.e. students, postdocs, and NFRs). The questions are mainly multiple choice and should take approximately seven minutes or less to complete. The answers to the questions will provide the GSS project team with context when reviewing the submitted data.

Please use the credentials below to access the survey. Once logged into the site you will be taken directly to the COVID-19 impact questions. Please login and complete these questions by January 29, 2021.

Your login information is:

GSS Web: <https://nsfgss.org/2020>

User ID: [USERID]

Password: [PASSWORD]

Institution: [SCHOOL NAME]

If you have any questions, would like to discuss special challenges due to COVID-19 on your institution, or you are not the right contact person for this survey, please contact Jennifer Pauli at RTI International toll-free at (866) 558-0781 or by e-mail at [gss@rti.org](mailto:gss@rti.org).

Your support and assistance are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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