

Appendix B.2: Initial survey invitation (experimental)

Dear <Name>:

I am writing to invite you to participate in a survey conducted on behalf of the National Science Foundation (NSF) about your experiences in the merit review process. **This survey is completely voluntary and choosing not to participate will in no way adversely affect you. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.**

To complete the survey, please click on the secure, unique link provided below.

Unique survey link: [URL]

All your responses will be kept strictly confidential and respondents are subject to safeguards as provided by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a). Additionally, survey responses will only be shared in the aggregate and will not allow for identification of individual respondents.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the survey helpdesk at MeritReviewSurvey@insightpolicyresearch.com, which is operated by NSF's survey contractor, Insight Policy Research. Thank you for your assistance in this important effort.

Sincerely,

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