

**Attachment 4b:
Email from NSF to Current/Former
Scholars/Fellows**

Subject: Help shape the future of the Noyce Program – Share your experience

Dear Noyce Scholars and Fellows,

I am writing on behalf of the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program (the Noyce Program) to inform you about an external evaluation of the Noyce Program that is being conducted by WhitworthKee Consulting (WKC).

The Noyce Program provides funding to higher education institutions via (a) scholarships, (b) stipends, and (c) other means of programmatic support to recruit and prepare science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors and other professionals to become K-12 STEM teachers and teacher leaders. Your college or university funding opportunity may go by a name other than “Noyce Program,” but you are being contacted because the Noyce Program has funded your involvement. The evaluation's purpose is to understand overall perceptions of the Noyce Program and to identify what is working well and growth opportunities.

As a member of the Noyce community, your responses will help the WKC Evaluation Team better understand the diverse backgrounds and needs of our program participants, ensuring that we continue to foster an inclusive and supportive community.

As part of the evaluation, the WKC Evaluation Team is requesting that current and former Noyce scholars and fellows complete a **questionnaire** that asks about you, your educational and professional experiences, and your involvement with the Noyce Program (*estimated time commitment: 20 minutes*). Between Fall 2024 and Summer 2025, you may also receive information from the WKC Evaluation Team about participating in a **focus group** where you will be invited to provide your perspectives on STEM teacher preparation/teacher leadership and the Noyce Program.

If you choose to participate, the WKC Evaluation Team will do everything they can to keep your responses confidential and will not share individually identifiable information with anyone (including NSF staff or other Noyce project members) outside of the WKC Evaluation Team.

If you would like to participate in the evaluation, please use the following link to complete the demographic questionnaire at your earliest convenience: **[LINK]**

If you have any questions, please contact WKCNoyceEval@WhitworthKee.com. If you would like additional information about the evaluation, please visit the evaluation website: <https://whitworthkee.com/nsf-noyce-program-evaluation/>. If

you'd like to learn more about WhitworthKee Consulting, you can find more information at the WKC website: <https://whitworthkee.com/>. Thank you in advance for sharing your feedback.

With kind regards,

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