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**Evaluation of the NIST Foreign Guest Researcher Program:  
The NIST Foreign Guest Researchers Survey Instrument**

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Welcome to the NIST Guest Foreign Researcher Survey, conducted by RTI International for NIST. Your participation is vital in understanding the experiences of foreign researchers at NIST. This electronic survey takes around 10 minutes and aims to gather insights into your collaboration with NIST. Please do not provide any personally identifiable information in written responses. This survey does not include the respondent's name and the results will be shared only in the aggregate form.

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Thank you for your valuable input.





### Section 1: Descriptive Information

To better understand and analyze the feedback from the diverse group of foreign guest researchers, please provide some background information about yourself.

1a. Please describe your home institution at the time of your engagement with NIST.

Home country

Home organization

1b. What was the type of organization you selected above?

☐ University or College

☐ Independent Research Institute

☐ Governmental Agency or Federal Laboratory

☐ Other

2. What group did you work with at NIST?

Laboratory or office

Division

3. How long was your experience working with NIST? If you engaged with NIST multiple times, please provide the combined duration of your experiences.

4. How did you engage with NIST?

☐ Support through bilateral programs or international organizations.

☐ Direct relationships between NIST and my home institution/research group.

☐ Other NIST program for foreign guest researchers.

5. Are you currently at the same institution as when you were a guest researcher?

☒ No

☐ Yes

5a. Where is your new institution?

☐ USA

☐ Outside USA

5b. Was the change in institution a result of your NIST experience?

☐ No

☐ Yes

6. What is your sex?

☐ Female

☐ Male



## Section 2: Experience as a Foreign Guest Researcher

To gain insights into your experiences with NIST, please provide information regarding your involvement and satisfaction with different activities you engaged when at NIST.

7. Thinking about your experience as a guest foreign researcher at NIST, please rate the following NIST activities from Negative to Very Positive.

|                                                  | Negative              | Neutral               | Somewhat Positive     | Positive              | Very Positive         | Not Applicable        |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Onboarding                                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Collaboration with NIST researchers              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Participation at professional and social events  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Access to NIST facilities and research equipment | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Access to gym and other amenities                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Access to opportunities to accelerate my career  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Recognition of my contributions                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Access to professional network                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Personal Enrichment                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other (please describe)                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

\*IAAO has added two entries to this list - visa issuance process and badging in a timely manner (no modifications to the grading scale).

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8. Were you involved in any invention disclosures for the NIST research?

☐ No

☐ Yes

9. Were you involved in any NIST research that led to a patent?

☐ No

☐ Yes

10. Please describe what were the most positive and the least positive experience(s) at NIST.

Most Positive

Least Positive





### Section 3: Impact on your career and on NIST

To understand the impact of your collaboration with NIST, please share information about the impact of your engagement with NIST on your career, NIST, your home institution, and research in general, including any specific outcomes resulting from your collaboration.

11. What do you think were your most impactful contributions to NIST research and the overall organization? Please list and describe any outputs of your research collaboration with NIST, including new tools, process improvements, or advancements in measurement science.

12. What were the impacts of your NIST experience on your career and your home institution, if any?

13. How would you rate your overall experience at NIST?

☐ Dissatisfied

☐ Neutral

☐ Somewhat Satisfied

☐ Moderately Satisfied

☐ Very Satisfied





We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.  
Your response has been recorded.