



**National Science Foundation
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INDIVIDUAL DATA USE AGREEMENT**

Data collected by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES)ⁱ may be used only for the purpose for which they were obtained – data processing, statistical analysis, and statistical reporting. Any effort to determine the identity of any respondent or to use or disclose the information for any purpose other than statistical analysis and statistical reporting could violate the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018 (CIPSEA); Title 13 United States Code, section nine; section 14(i) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1873(i); and/or the Privacy Act of 1974 as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a. NCSES is the designated System Manager for these Privacy Act systems of records covering this statistical data.ⁱⁱ

NCSES has taken every effort to assure that the confidentiality of the data is carefully protected. Considerable harm could ensue if there were unauthorized access to or disclosure by any user of the data, of identifiable information concerning a respondent to the survey.

Therefore, the undersigned gives the following assurances with respect to these data:

1. I will not use the data for any purpose other than statistical analysis, statistical reporting, or other uses as authorized by NCSES. I understand that information from the data will be publicly disclosed only in statistical summaries which do not disclose information about any individual respondent, and only after written authorization from NCSES.
2. I will not disclose the data or any part of them to any other person or organization, except as specifically allowed and instructed under fully ratified contracts or license agreements.
3. I will not use the data to attempt to learn the identity of, or to gain information concerning, any individual survey respondent included in the data unless the task is directly related to survey administrative tasks with written authorization from NCSES.

4. If the identity of any individual survey respondent should be discovered inadvertently, I will not make use of this knowledge and will advise the NCSES Chief Statistician and NCSES Confidentiality Officer (1) of the incident, (2) how the information about the respondent will be safeguarded, and (3) that no one else will be told of the information discovered.

I hereby agree to comply with the provisions specified above and the confidentiality laws cited above.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

NOTE: Data Use Agreements must be renewed annually if access to the confidential data is to be continued.

ⁱ NCSES collects data through the following surveys: Early Career Doctorates Survey, Survey of Earned Doctorates, Survey of Doctorate Recipients, National Survey of College Graduate, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, National Training, Education, and Workforce Survey, Survey of Postdocs at FFRDCs, Annual Business Survey, Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey, Business R&D Innovation Survey- Microbusiness, FFRDC Research and Development Survey, Higher Education Research and Development Survey, Nonprofit Research Activities Survey, Survey of Federal Funds for R&D, Survey of Federal Science and Engineering Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions, and the Survey of State Government Research and Development.

ⁱⁱ The U.S. Census Bureau is the designated manager for the system of records for the NSCG and NTEWS.