



Dear Signing Official:

We are writing to ask for your help with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Postdoc Benefits Survey. Your institution and other members of the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) are asked to participate in this survey.

This survey is being conducted in response to the recommendations of the Biomedical Research Workforce Working Group, an Advisory Committee to the Director of the NIH, Dr. Francis Collins, on actions to support a future sustainable biomedical research workforce. The purpose of the survey is to collect data on the benefits currently provided to postdoctoral researchers. NIH plans to use this information to consider policy options for equalizing benefits across various NIH support mechanisms and for improving the consistency of those benefits with those available to other employees.

In a few days, you will receive an email that contains a unique and secure link to the survey. You will be the only recipient of this unique link. Please take a moment now to add this email address to your address book or list of approved senders in order to ensure delivery of this email.

The survey takes an estimated 20-30 minutes to complete. For your convenience, it can be completed in more than one session if necessary. If you begin the survey and are not able to complete it during that session simply close your browser and use the same link to login again later. You will be taken automatically to the point in the survey at which you stopped.

RTI International, an independent, not-for-profit research firm based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, is carrying out this survey for NIH. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please feel free to call either RTI or NIH's Office of Extramural Research.

By taking 20-30 minutes to complete this survey, you will be providing a service to NIH, the broader scientific enterprise, and to all NIH-supported postdoctoral researchers.

We sincerely hope you will devote the time to provide this critical information.

Thank you,

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