

time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services, will be appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee members.

All members of the DHB are appointed to exercise their own best judgment on behalf of the DoD, without representing any particular point of view, and to discuss and deliberate in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. Except for reimbursement of official DHB-related travel and per diem, members serve without compensation.

The public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the DHB membership about the DHB's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the DHB. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the DHB, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

Dated: December 2, 2022.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2022–SCC–0119]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2023–24 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:24) Field Test—Student Data Collection and Student Records**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences (IES), National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/)

*PRAMain* to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245–6347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* 2023–24 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:24) Field Test—Student Data Collection and Student Records.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–0666.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 7,237.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 8,663.

*Abstract:* This request is to conduct the 2023–24 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study Field Test (NPSAS:24 FT) student data collection, consisting of a student record data abstraction and a student survey, carrying over the approved NPSAS:24 FT Institution Collection (OMB#1859–0666 v. 33). This study is being conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), part of the U.S. Department of Education.

This submission covers materials and procedures related to the NPSAS:24 student data collection, which includes

abstraction of student data from institutions and a student survey, administered primarily as a web survey, and carries over respondent burden, procedures, and materials related to the NPSAS:24 FT institution sampling, enrollment list collection, and matching to administrative data files as approved by OMB in September 2022 (OMB#1859–0666 v. 33). The materials and procedures are based on those developed for previous institution-based data collections, including the 2019–20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:20) [OMB #1850–0666 v.25].

The first NPSAS was implemented by NCES during the 1986–87 academic year to meet the need for national data about significant financial aid issues. Since 1987, NPSAS has been fielded every 2 to 4 years, most recently during the 2019–20 academic year (NPSAS:20). NPSAS:24 will be nationally-representative. The NPSAS:24 field test sample size will be 6,000 students, and the full-scale sample will include 137,000 nationally representative undergraduate and 25,000 nationally representative graduate students who will be asked to complete a survey and for whom we will collect student records and administrative data. If the full-scale budget allows, we will include state-representative sampling for the full-scale collection and provide the budget for a state-representative sampling plan in the 30-day full-scale package, planned for 2023. Also, if exercised, NPSAS:24 will serve as the base year for the 2024 cohort of the Baccalaureate and Beyond (B&B) Longitudinal Study and will include a nationally representative sample of students who will complete requirements for the bachelor's degree during the NPSAS year (*i.e.*, completed at some point between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 for the field test and July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for the full-scale). Subsets of questions in the student survey will focus on describing aspects of the experience of students in their last year of postsecondary education, including student debt and education experiences. This submission is designed to adequately justify the need for and overall practical utility of the full study, presenting the overarching plan for all phases of the student data collection and providing as much detail about the measures to be used as is available at the time of this submission.

As part of this submission, NCES is publishing a notice in the **Federal Register** allowing first a 60- and then a 30-day public comment period. Field test materials, procedures, and results

will inform the full-scale study. After completion of this field test, NCES will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** allowing additional 30-day public comment period on the final details of the NPSAS:24 full-scale student records and student survey data collections.

Dated: December 2, 2022.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs

**AGENCY:** Office for Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice; revised common instructions.

**SUMMARY:** On December 27, 2021, the Department of Education (Department) published a revised set of common instructions for applicants seeking funds under a Department discretionary grant competition as part of a broader effort to reduce barriers for applicants. These common instructions are referenced in individual competition notices inviting applications (NIAs). In this notice, the Department is publishing a revised version of the common instructions that supersedes the version published on December 27, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ronald B. Petracca, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 6E306, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 401-6008. Email: [Ronald.Petracca@ed.gov](mailto:Ronald.Petracca@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* This document provides applicants with a centralized and up-to-date set of instructions for applying to the Department's discretionary grant programs. Future NIAs will reference this document in lieu of providing this series of instructions within each NIA. Rarely, exceptions will need to be made to these instructions and will be noted in an individual competition NIA.

*Revised Common Instructions:*

The Department is making several changes to the revised common

instructions for applicants provided in the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2021 (86 FR 73264). Throughout section 4, the Department has removed reference to the Data Universal Numbering System number (DUNS) given the full implementation of the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). The Department has also made some technical updates to the instructions.

The revised common instructions are set forth as follows:

*Common Set of Instructions for Applicants:*

#### Application and Submission Information

1. *Address to Request Application Package:* You can obtain an application package from the Department's website or *Grants.gov*.

To obtain a copy via the Department's website, use the following address: [www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html).

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* Requirements concerning the content and form of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for the program.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:* Submit applications for grants under the program electronically using *Grants.gov*. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, please refer to *Other Submission Requirements* in section 5 of these instructions.

The Department does not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

4. *Unique Entity Identifier, Taxpayer Identification Number, and System for Award Management:* To do business with the Department, and to submit your application electronically using *Grants.gov*, you must—

a. Have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);

b. Be registered in the System for Award Management (*SAM.gov*), the Government's primary registrant database;

c. Provide your UEI number and TIN on your application; and

d. Maintain an active *SAM* registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the IRS or the

Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow two to five weeks for your TIN to become active.

The *SAM* registration process usually takes approximately 7 to 10 business days, but may take longer, depending on the completeness and accuracy of the data you enter into the *SAM.gov* database. The Department recommends that you register early, at least 10 to 14 business days before the application deadline. If you are unable to submit an application on *Grants.gov* by the application deadline because you do not have an active *SAM* registration, you will not be considered for funding.

*Note:* Once your *SAM.gov* registration is active, it may be 24 to 48 hours before you can access the information in, and submit an application through, *Grants.gov*.

If you are currently registered with *SAM.gov*, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your UEI is correct.

*Note:* You must update your *SAM* registration annually. This may take three or more business days.

Information about *SAM* is available at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov). To further assist you with registering in *SAM.gov* or updating your existing *SAM* registration, see the Quick Start Guide for Grant Registrations and the Entity Registration Video at <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>.

In addition, in order to submit your application via *Grants.gov*, you must (1) register as an applicant using your UEI number and (2) be designated by your organization's E-Biz Point of Contact as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Details on these steps are outlined at the following *Grants.gov* web page: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

5. *Other Submission Requirements:*

a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.* The Department is participating as a partner in the Government-wide *Grants.gov* site. Submit applications electronically using *Grants.gov* and do not email them unless explicitly allowed in a competition NIA.

You may access the electronic grant applications at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). You may search for the downloadable application package for this competition by the Assistance Listing Number (ALN). Do not include the ALN's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.184, not 84.184D).

A *Grants.gov* applicant must apply online using Workspace, a shared environment in *Grants.gov* where