

may be granted unless NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument, no later than December 27, 2022 that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements regarding the licensing of federally owned inventions as set forth in the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations. Competing applications completed and received by NASA no later than December 27, 2022 will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive license. Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections relating to the prospective license or requests for further information may be submitted to Agency Counsel for Intellectual Property, NASA Headquarters at email: [hq-patentoffice@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:hq-patentoffice@mail.nasa.gov). Questions may be directed to Phone: (202) 358-3437.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NASA intends to grant an exclusive, co-exclusive, or partially exclusive patent license in the United States to practice its undivided interest in the jointly-owned inventions described and claimed in: U.S. Patent 11,406,867 B1, "Portable System and Apparatus for Dynamometry, Exercise, and Rehabilitation" to Biodex Medical Systems, a Mirion Medical Company, having its principal place of business in Shirley, New York. The fields of use may be limited. NASA has not yet made a final determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

This notice of intent to grant an exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive patent license is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective license will comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Information about other NASA inventions available for licensing can be found online at <https://technology.nasa.gov>.

**Helen M. Galus,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request: Survey of Earned Doctorates

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation; National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comments, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for three years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by February 7, 2023 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite E7400, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Survey of Earned Doctorates.

*OMB Control Number:* 3145-0019.

*Expiration Date of Current Approval:* April 30, 2024.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

*Abstract:* Established within the NSF by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the NSF Act of 1950, as amended, the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) serves as a central Federal clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, analysis, and dissemination of objective data on science, engineering, technology, and research and development for use by practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public.

The Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) is part of NCSES' survey system that collects data on individuals in an effort to provide information on science and engineering education and careers in the United States. The SED has been

conducted annually since 1958 and is jointly sponsored by four Federal agencies (NSF/NCSES, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Education/National Center for Education Statistics, and National Endowment for the Humanities) to avoid duplication of effort in collecting such data. It is an accurate, timely source of information on one of our Nation's most important resources—highly educated individuals. This request to extend the information collection for three years is to cover the 2024 and 2025 SED survey cycles.

Data are obtained via Web survey from each person earning a research doctorate at the time they receive the degree. Data are collected on their field of specialty, educational background, sources of support in graduate school, debt level, postgraduation plans, and demographic characteristics. NCSES publishes statistics from the survey in several reports. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974. Responses from individuals are voluntary. NCSES will ensure that all individually identifiable information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for research or statistical purposes.

*Use of the Information:* The Federal government, universities, researchers, policy makers, and others use the information extensively. Results from the SED are used to assess characteristics of the doctorate population and trends in doctoral education and degrees. Data from the survey are published annually on the NCSES website in a publication series reporting on all fields of study, titled *Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities* (<https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/doctorates>). Information from the SED is also included in other series available online: *Science and Engineering Indicators* (<https://nces.nsf.gov/indicators>); and *Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering* (<https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/women>). In addition, access to tabular data from selected variables is available through the NCSES online data tool (<https://ncesdata.nsf.gov/builder/sed>) and the SED Restricted Data System (<https://ncesdata.nsf.gov/rdas>).

*Expected Respondents:* The SED is a census of all individuals receiving a research doctorate from an accredited U.S. academic institution in the academic year beginning 1 July and ending 30 June of the subsequent year. As such, the population for the 2024 SED consists of all individuals receiving a research doctorate in the 12-month period beginning 1 July 2023 and

ending 30 June 2024. Likewise, the population for the 2025 SED consists of all individuals receiving a research doctorate in the 12-month period beginning 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025. A research doctorate is a doctoral degree that (1) requires completion of an original intellectual contribution in the form of a dissertation or an equivalent culminating project (e.g., musical composition) and (2) is not primarily intended as a degree for the practice of a profession. The most common research doctorate degree is the Ph.D. Recipients of professional doctoral degrees, such as MD, DDS, JD, DPharm, and PsyD, are not included in the SED. The 2024 and 2025 SED are expected to include about 620 separately reporting schools with eligible research doctoral programs from among about 460 doctorate-granting institutions. Based on the historical trend, NCSES expects that approximately 57,000 individuals will receive a research doctorate from U.S. institutions in 2024, and approximately 58,000 in 2025.

In addition to the questionnaire for individuals receiving their research doctorates, the SED requires the collection of administrative data such as graduation lists from participating academic institutions. The Institutional Coordinator at the institution helps distribute the Web survey link, track survey completions, and submit information to the SED survey contractor.

*Estimate of Burden:* An average overall response rate of 92% of the persons who earned a research doctorate from a U.S. institution was obtained in the academic years 2019, 2020, and 2021. Using the past response rate, the number of SED respondents in 2024 is estimated to be 52,440 (57,000 doctorate recipients  $\times$  0.92 response rate). Similarly, the number of respondents in 2025 is estimated to be 53,360 (58,000  $\times$  0.92).

Based on the average Web survey completion time for the 2021 SED (19 minutes), NCSES estimates that, on average, 20 minutes per respondent, with a few potential new questions, will be required to complete the 2024 or 2025 SED Web survey. The annual respondent burden for completing the SED is therefore estimated at 17,480 hours in 2024 (52,440 respondents  $\times$  20 minutes) and 17,787 hours in 2025 (based on 53,360 respondents).

Based on focus groups conducted with Institutional Coordinators, it is estimated that the SED demands no more than 1% of the Institutional Coordinator's time over the course of a year, which computes to 20 hours per

year per Institutional Coordinator (40 hours per week  $\times$  50 weeks per year  $\times$  .01). With about 620 schools expected to participate in the SED in 2024 and 2025, the estimated annual burden to Institutional Coordinators of administering the SED is 12,400 hours per survey cycle.

Therefore, the total information burden for the SED is estimated to be 29,880 (17,480 + 12,400) hours in the 2024 survey cycle and 30,187 (17,787 + 12,400) hours in the 2025 survey cycle. NCSES estimates that the average annual burden for the 2024 and 2025 survey cycles over the course of the three-year OMB clearance period will be no more than 20,022 hours [(29,880 hours + 30,187 hours)/3 years].

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NSF, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NSF's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 6, 2022.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**  
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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2022-0204]**

### **Relocation of Draft and Regulatory Guide Notices in the Federal Register**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Categorization of notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is notifying the public that documents regarding draft and final Regulatory Guides that historically have been published in the "Notices" section of the **Federal Register** will now be published in the "Proposed Rules" and "Rules and Regulations" sections of the **Federal**

**Register.** The Office of the Federal Register recently informed the NRC that under their guidelines, these documents fall into the "Proposed Rules" and "Rules and Regulations" categories and requested that the NRC reclassify these notices.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2022-0204 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2022-0204. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov).

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents, by appointment, at the NRC's PDR, Room P1 B35, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stacy Schuman, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC issues Draft Guides (DGs) and Regulatory Guides (RGs) to gather input and provide guidance to licensees and applicants on implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by NRC staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits or licenses, as noted in chapter I of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR). DGs and RGs