

Survey of Earned Doctorates

Purpose and Use

Assessing the availability of highly educated personnel is important in evaluating the nation's work force. For this purpose the *Survey of Earned Doctorates* is conducted each year.

The Survey gathers data from all research doctorate graduates each year on their educational history, sources of support, and postgraduation plans. The completed survey responses become part of the Doctorate Records File (DRF), a virtually complete data bank on doctorate recipients from 1920 to the present and the major source of doctoral data at the national level. The profiles of doctorate recipients that emerge from these data serve policy-makers at the federal, state, local, and university levels.

National data are presented annually in the *Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities: Summary Report* (see back cover for information).

A NOTE ON PRIVACY

The information provided on the survey questionnaire remains confidential and is safeguarded in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. The survey data are reported only in aggregate form or in a manner that does not identify information about any individual.

Questions are often asked about how these data are used. The data from this Survey are widely used by universities as well as federal and state governments to make policy decisions that affect graduate education throughout the United States. Following are some of these uses:

- Congressional hearings on the Higher Education Act
- Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (National Science Foundation)
- The Committee for the Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs in the U.S. (National Research Council)
- The study on *Biomedical and Behavioral Research Scientists: Their Training and Supply*, by the Office of Scientific and Engineering Personnel (National Research Council, 2000)
- Reshaping the Graduate Education of Scientists and Engineers (National Academy Press, 1995)

These data are used in the evaluation of graduate education programs, strategic planning at the state level, labor force projections, and equal opportunity employment plans at all levels. The following list illustrates the range of organizations that have used the data for these purposes:

- Graduate Deans
- Educational Testing Service
- Florida Endowment Fund for Higher Education
- McNair Program in the U.S. Department of Education
- New Jersey Department of Higher Education
- Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
- Tennessee Board of Regents
- U.S. International Trade Commission
- Equal Opportunity offices throughout the U.S.
- University of California State System
- Institutional research offices at doctorate-granting universities
- Science & Engineering Resource Center, Puerto Rico
- American Council on Education
- National Bureau of Economic Research
- Modern Language Association

The data from this Survey are widely used by Federal agencies to inform Congress and to make decisions about financial commitments that affect graduate education throughout the United States. Listed below are a few of the sources of educational support that are influenced by the survey results:

- National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship, Traineeship, and undergraduate programs
- U.S. Department of Education (USED) graduate aid programs
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Fellowships
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Traineeships and Fellowships
- NSF, NIH, and USDA federal research assistantships
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Dissertation Grants for faculty working in Historically Black Colleges and Universities

A variety of publications have used these data in formats ranging from full-length books to articles in newspapers and magazines. For example:

- Plans for Postdoctoral Research Appointments among Recent U.S. Doctorate Recipients (NSF InfoBrief, 2004)
- Academic Employment of Recent Science and Engineering Doctorate Holders (NSF Issue Brief, 2002)
- Enhancing the Postdoctoral Experience National Academy of Sciences (2000).
- American Women Surpass Men in Earning Doctorates, in *Chronicle of Higher Education*, December 12, 2003
- In Pursuit of the PhD, by W.G. Bowen and N. L. Rudenstine, 1992.
- Do Babies Matter?: The Effect of Family Formation on the Lifelong Careers of Academic Men and Women, in *Academe*, Nov.-Dec., 2002.
- Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering (NSF, 2005)
- Science and Engineering Doctorate Awards (NSF, annually)
- What is the Debt Burden of New Science and Engineering Ph.D.s? (NSF Issue Brief, 1999)
- Science and Engineering Indicators (National Science Board, biennially)
- Interstate Migration Patterns of Recent Science and Engineering Doctorate Recipients (NSF InfoBrief, 2002)

The Survey of Earned Doctorates is sponsored by six Federal agencies: the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The survey is conducted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago.

The National Science Foundation (NSF), as the lead Federal agency, monitors the contract with NORC. Data from the Survey are available from the NSF Website (www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/ssed/start.htm) and in printed reports, such as **Science and Engineering Doctorate Awards** and **Science and Engineering Indicators**. For more information contact:

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A detailed presentation of the survey results can be found in the annual *Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities: Summary Report* at <http://www.norc.uchicago.edu/issues/docdata.htm>. Copies are also available without charge. For a copy of the report or additional information, please contact:

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Your Information
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Our Privacy Policy

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As the current data collection contractor for the SED, the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago takes the strongest measures to safeguard respondent confidentiality. All project staff members sign binding confidentiality pledges and our processing facilities and computer systems are carefully designed and continuously tested to safeguard the information provided by institutions and respondents.

Security Safeguard Procedures

Only two groups can receive individual-identifiable data from the SED project:

- The SED Federal sponsors (for program evaluation)
- Graduate School Deans (for own graduates only)

Confidentiality safeguards prohibit the use of data for commercial purposes or for investigating an individual respondent or institution. Any independent researcher or contractor for the Federal agencies that performs analyses of the data must sign legally binding organizational and individual Data Use Agreements certifying that the data will only be used for research purposes and that the security of the data will be protected. Penalties for breaching these agreements range upward from \$250,000, and audits of licensed users are regularly conducted by the Federal government.

Similarly, Graduate Deans must sign an agreement that they will only use the data for statistical purposes, and will safeguard the confidentiality of the responses.

SED staff not only secures the survey materials and data, but also removes identifying information from any data and analyses provided to outside sources. It aggregates data to levels that will not allow the identification of individual respondents from the data.

Social Security Number

We understand that you may have concerns about providing your Social Security Number (SSN). We would like to reassure you that your SSN information is kept strictly confidential and is not used outside the project under any condition. The purpose of the Social Security Number is for survey quality control by the contractor (NORC) and for statistical purposes in program evaluation by the SED Federal sponsors.

We ask for your SSN for three specific purposes:

- 1) We use the number to make sure that we do not have duplicate records for any doctorate recipient in the historical data file. Each year we receive several questionnaires from individuals who had completed the SED in an earlier year, when they had expected to graduate. The SSN is the best way to locate such matching records across survey rounds, as well as to cross-reference individuals completing a second research doctorate.
- 2) The National Science Foundation conducts a follow-up survey of a sample of doctorate recipients, the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR), and the SSN may be used to find the mailing addresses of sampled individuals two or more years after they completed their doctoral programs. This follow-up survey is completely voluntary.

- 3) The major Federal agencies that sponsor the SED use the SSN to match the SED data to information on Federal funding support for graduate education. Congress and the Federal agencies require that information on the effectiveness of Federal programs be used in the funding process for these programs. Federal programs conduct program evaluations by using the SED to determine, for example, the percent of participants in a program such as the NSF Graduate Fellowship Program who have completed the doctorate. The U.S. Department of Education has used the SED to evaluate several graduate student aid programs, and National Institutes of Health has used it to evaluate its graduate trainee programs.

Legally, your Social Security Number is solicited under the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended; provision of it is voluntary.

More Information Available

Publications from the Survey of Earned Doctorates use aggregated data in which a person cannot be identified.

The SED Summary Reports are available at:

<http://www.norc.uchicago.edu/issues/docdata.htm>

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Please print your name in full:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (e.g., Jr.)
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Cross reference: Birth name or former name legally changed

Name of Doctoral Institution	City or Branch
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Type of Doctoral Degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.B.A.)	Date Degree Granted (mm/yyyy)
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This information is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. ALL INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE WILL BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL and used only for research or statistical purposes by your doctoral institution, the survey sponsors, their contractors, and collaborating researchers for the purpose of analyzing data, preparing scientific reports and articles, and selecting samples for a limited number of carefully defined follow-up studies. Your Social Security Number is also solicited under the NSF Act of 1950, as amended; provision of it is voluntary. It will be kept confidential. It is used for quality control, to assure that we identify the correct persons, especially when data are used for statistical purposes in Federal program evaluation. Any information publicly released (such as statistical summaries) will be in a form that does not personally identify you. Your response is voluntary and failure to provide some or all of the requested information will not in any way adversely affect you.

The time needed to complete this form varies according to individual circumstances, but the average time is estimated to be 19 minutes. If you have comments regarding this time estimate, you may write to the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Attention: NSF Reports Clearance Officer. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Directions are provided for each question.

- If you have not already done so, please print your name on the front cover.
- Please print all responses; you may use either a pen or pencil.
- When answering questions that require marking a box, please use an "X."

PART A - Education

A1. What is the title of your dissertation?

- Please mark (X) this box if the title below refers to a performance, project report, or a musical or literary composition required instead of a dissertation.

Title _____

A2. Please write the name of the primary field of your dissertation research.

Name of Field _____

Using the list on page 7, choose the code that best describes the primary field of your dissertation research.

Number of Field

If your dissertation research was interdisciplinary, list the name and number of your secondary field.

Name of Field _____

Number of Field

If there were more than two fields, please continue on the back cover of the questionnaire (p. 8).

A3. Please name the department (or interdisciplinary committee, center, institute, etc.) of the university that supervised your doctoral studies.

Department/Committee/Center/Institute/Program _____

A4. If you received full or partial tuition remission (waiver) for your doctoral studies, was it:

- 0 I did not receive any tuition remission
1 for less than 1/3 of tuition
2 between 1/3 and 2/3 of tuition
3 more than 2/3 of tuition but less than full
4 full tuition remission

A5. Which of the following were sources of financial support during graduate school?

Mark ALL that apply

- a. Fellowship, scholarship
b. Grant, stipend
c. Teaching assistantship
d. Research assistantship
e. Other assistantship
f. Traineeship
g. Internship, clinical residency
h. Loans (from any source)
i. Personal savings
j. Personal earnings during graduate school (other than sources listed above)
k. Spouse's, partner's, or family earnings or savings
l. Employer reimbursement/assistance
m. Foreign (non-U.S.) support
n. Other - Specify

A6. Which TWO sources listed in A5 provided the most support?

Enter letters of primary and secondary sources

- 1 Primary source of support
2 Secondary source of support
 Mark (X) if no secondary source

A7. When you receive your doctoral degree, how much money will you owe that is directly related to your undergraduate and graduate education?

Mark (X) one in each column

- | <u>Undergraduate</u> | <u>Graduate</u> |
|--|--|
| 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or less | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or less |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$20,000 | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$20,000 |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 - \$30,000 | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 - \$30,000 |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 - \$40,000 | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 - \$40,000 |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001 - \$50,000 | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001 - \$50,000 |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 or more | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 or more |

A8. The next few questions ask about the degrees you have received. Starting with this doctorate degree, please provide the following information for the most recent master's degree and your first bachelor's degree.

	This research doctorate degree	Most recent master's degree (e.g. MS, MA, MBA) or equivalent	First bachelor's degree (e.g. BA, BS, AB) or equivalent
a. Have you received a degree of this type? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Month/year that you started your degree. . . . Month <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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d. Primary field of study	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
e. Field number from list on p. 7	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Institution name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
g. Branch or city	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
h. State or province	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
i. Country	USA	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

A9. Excluding those above, have you attained any additional postsecondary degrees? Yes No

A10. Was a master's degree a prerequisite for admission to your doctoral program? Yes No

A11. In what year did you first enter graduate school in any program or capacity, in any university? Year

A12. How many years were you taking courses or preparing for exams for this doctoral degree (including a master's degree, if that was a part of your doctoral program)? Years
Round to whole years

A13. After coursework and exams, how many years did you work on your dissertation (non-course related preparation or research, writing, and defense)? Years
Round to whole years

If yes, please list the additional degree(s), granting institution(s), and years.

Degree Type _____

Degree Field _____

Year Granted _____

Institution _____

Branch or City _____

State or Country _____

Degree Type _____

Degree Field _____

Year Granted _____

Institution _____

Branch or City _____

State or Country _____

If necessary, please continue this list on the back cover (p.8).

A14. Did you earn college credit from a community or two-year college?

- 1 Yes
2 No

A15. Are you earning, or have you earned, a professional medical or dental degree (e.g. MD, DDS), in addition to the doctorate?

- 1 Yes
2 No

PART B - Postgraduation Plans

B1. In what country or state do you intend to live after graduation (within the next year)?

- 0 in U.S. → State
1 not in U.S. → Country

B2. Do you intend to take a "postdoc" position?

(A "postdoc" is a temporary position primarily for gaining additional education and training in research, usually awarded in academe, industry, or government.)

- 1 Yes
2 No

B3. What is the status of your postgraduate plans (in the next year)?

Mark (X) one

- 0 Returning to, or continuing in, predoctoral employment → **GO TO B4**
1 Have signed contract or made definite commitment for other work or study → **GO TO B4**
2 Negotiating with one or more specific organizations → **SKIP TO C1**
3 Seeking position but have no specific prospects → **SKIP TO C1**
4 Do not plan to work or study
5 Other - Specify

B4. What best describes your (within the next year) postgraduate plans?

Mark (X) one

FURTHER TRAINING OR STUDY

- 0 Postdoctoral fellowship → **GO TO B5**
1 Postdoctoral research associateship → **GO TO B5**
2 Traineeship → **GO TO B5**
3 Intern, clinical residency → **GO TO B5**
4 Other - Specify

EMPLOYMENT

- 5 Employment (other than 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) → **SKIP TO B6**
6 Military service → **SKIP TO B6**
7 Other - Specify

B5. What will be the main source of financial support for your postdoctoral study/research within the next year?

Mark (X) one

- 0 U.S. Government
1 Industry/Business
2 College or university
3 Private foundation
4 Nonprofit, other than private foundation or college
5 Other - Specify
6 Unknown

B6. For what type of employer will you be working or in training within the next year?

Mark (X) one

EDUCATION

- a. U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school
b. U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical center)
c. U.S. university-affiliated research institute
d. U.S. community college or technical institute
e. U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system
f. Foreign educational institution

GOVERNMENT (other than education institution)

- g. Foreign government
h. U.S. federal government
i. U.S. state government
j. U.S. local government

PRIVATE SECTOR (other than education institution)

- k. Not for profit organization
l. Industry or business (for profit)

OTHER

- m. Self-employed
n. Other - Specify

B7. Please name the organization and geographic location where you will work or study.

Name

State (if U.S.)

OR

Country (if not U.S.)

B8. What will be your primary and secondary work activities?

Mark (X) one in each column

	a. Primary	b. Secondary
Research and development	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Teaching	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
Management or administration	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
Professional services to individuals	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
Other - Specify	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Mark (X) if no secondary work activities.

PART C - Background Information

C1. Are you -

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

C2. What is your marital status?

Mark (X) one

- 1 Married
- 2 Living in a marriage-like relationship
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Separated
- 5 Divorced
- 6 Never married

C3. Not including yourself or your spouse/partner, how many dependents do you have - that is, how many others receive at least one half of their financial support from you?

Mark (X) box if none

	Number
5 years of age or younger	<input type="text"/>
6 to 18 years	<input type="text"/>
19 years or older	<input type="text"/>

C4. What is the highest educational attainment of your mother and father (or guardians)?

Mark (X) one for each parent

	a. Mother	b. Father
Less than high/secondary school graduate	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
High/secondary school graduate	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
Some college	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
Bachelor's degree	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MBA, MSW, etc.)	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
Professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, D.Min, MD, DDS, etc.)	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
Doctoral degree	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>

C5. What is your place of birth?

State (if U.S.)

OR

Country (if not U.S.)

C6. What is your date of birth?

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
		1 9 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

C7. What is your citizenship status?

Mark (X) one

U.S. CITIZEN

- 0 Since birth → **SKIP TO C9**
- 1 Naturalized → **SKIP TO C9**

NON-U.S. CITIZEN

- 2 With a Permanent U.S. Resident Visa ("Green Card") → **GO TO C8**
- 3 With a Temporary U.S. Visa → **GO TO C8**

C8. (IF A NON-U.S. CITIZEN) Of which country are you a citizen?

(Specify country of present citizenship)

C9. In what state or country was the high school/secondary school that you last attended?

State (if U.S.)

OR

Country (if not U.S.)

C10. Are you a person with a disability?

1 Yes → **GO TO C11**

2 No → **SKIP TO C12**

C11. Which of the following categories describes your disability(ies)?

Mark (X) one or more

- a. Blind/Visually Impaired
- b. Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- c. Physical/Orthopedic Disability
- d. Learning/Cognitive Disability
- e. Vocal/Speech Disability
- f. Other - Specify

C12. Are you Hispanic (or Latino)?

1 Yes → **GO TO C13**

2 No → **SKIP TO C14**

C13. Which of the following best describes your Hispanic origin or descent?

Mark (X) one

- 1 Mexican or Chicano
- 2 Puerto Rican
- 3 Cuban
- 4 Other Hispanic - Specify

C14. What is your racial background? Mark (X) one or more

a. American Indian or Alaska Native

Specify tribal affiliation(s)

- b. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- c. Asian
- d. Black or African-American
- e. White

C15. Please fill in your U.S. Social Security Number.

C16. In case we need to clarify some of the information you have provided, please list an E-mail address (if applicable), and telephone number where you can be reached.

E-mail address

Daytime telephone

C17. Please provide your address and the name and address of a person who is likely to know where you can be reached.

Current Address

Street Address

City

State

Country

Zip or Postal Code

Contact Person

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Country

Zip or Postal Code

Phone Number (including area or country code)

E-mail Address

C18. Please sign and date.

Signature

Date

The results of this survey will be published in a Summary Report; the Summary Reports on earlier surveys are available at <http://www.norc.uchicago.edu/issues/docdata.htm>

Please use the back cover to make any additional comments you may have about this survey.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please return this questionnaire to your GRADUATE SCHOOL for forwarding to Survey of Earned Doctorates, NORC at the University of Chicago, 1 N. State Street, Floor 16, Chicago, IL 60602. If you have questions or concerns about the survey, you may contact us by e-mail at 4800-sed@norc.uchicago.edu or phone at 1-800-248-8649.

To the Doctorate Recipient:

Congratulations on earning a doctoral degree! This is an important accomplishment for you. Your accomplishment is also significant for both this nation and others, as the new knowledge generated by research doctorates enhances the quality of life in this country and throughout the world. Because of the importance of persons earning research doctorates, several Federal agencies—listed on the cover—sponsor this Survey of Earned Doctorates.

The basic purpose of this survey is to gather objective data about doctoral graduates. These data are important in improving graduate education both at your home institution and beyond. Often, decisions made by governmental and private agencies to develop new programs, or to support present ones, are based in part on the data developed from this survey. If you have any comments about the survey, please provide them in the space below.

On behalf of the sponsoring Federal agencies, I thank you for your participation in this survey.

Best wishes,

Dr. Lynda T. Carlson
National Science Foundation

Additions to Questions

A2 (continued)

Name of Field

Number of Field

Name of Field

Number of Field

A9 (continued)

Degree Type _____ Degree Type _____

Degree Field _____ Degree Field _____

Year Granted _____ Year Granted _____

Institution _____ Institution _____

Branch or City _____ Branch or City _____

State or Country _____ State or Country _____

Comments about the Survey

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