

appendix B to part 701. The Chartering Manual requires credit unions to prepare and submit forms with regard to chartering, field of membership amendments, service to underserved areas, and conversions from Federal to state credit unions and state to Federal credit unions.

The NCUA uses the information to determine if the charter application, field of membership amendment, or conversion application meets the requirements of the Act and NCUA regulations.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector: Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated No. of Respondents:* 8,985.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 8,985.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 2.11.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18,994.

*Reason for Change:* Adjustment have been made to reflect the current number of respondents reporting and a more accurate accounting of the time needed to respond.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit comments concerning: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper execution of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

By Gerard Poliquin, Secretary of the Board, the National Credit Union Administration, on June 22, 2020.

Dated: June 22, 2020.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** and 2 comments were received. NCSES is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Comments regarding* (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NCSES, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NCSES's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be collected, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 7th Street NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 18200, Alexandria, VA 22314 or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

NCSES may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*Title of Collection:* Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.

*OMB Control Number:* 3145-0062.

*Summary of Collection:* The Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS), sponsored by the NCSES within NSF and the National Institutes of Health, is designed to comply with legislative mandates by providing information on the characteristics of academic graduate enrollments in science, engineering and health fields. This request to extend the information collection for three years is to cover the 2020, 2021, and 2022 GSS survey cycles. The information collected by the GSS is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended and the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010. Data collection starts each fall in October and data are obtained primarily through a Web survey. Data are disseminated annually. All information will be used for statistical purposes only. Participation in the survey is voluntary.

To improve coverage of postdocs, the GSS periodically collects information on postdocs employed in Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs). This survey of postdocs at FFRDCs will be conducted as part of the 2021 GSS survey cycle.

Additional details regarding this survey are provided in an earlier **Federal Register** Notice, at 85 FR 19169.

*Use of the Information:* The GSS data are routinely provided to Congress, other parts of NSF, other Federal agencies, the GSS institutions themselves, and several professional societies. In addition, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) publish GSS data annually in the NIH Data Book <https://report.nih.gov/nihdatabook/>.

*Expected Respondents:* The GSS is an annual census of all eligible academic institutions in the U.S. with graduate programs in science, engineering, and health fields. The response rate is calculated based on the number of reporting units (departments, programs, research centers, and health care facilities) that respond to the survey. For reference, in 2018, the GSS population was 19,592 units at 715 academic institutions. Based on recent cycles NCSES expects the annual response rate to be around 99 percent.

*Estimate of Burden:* The total estimated respondent burden of the GSS, including 1,000 hours for potential methodological studies to improve the survey procedures, will be 56,480 hours over the three-cycle survey clearance period. NCSES may review and revise this burden estimate based on

completion time data collected during the 2019 GSS survey cycle, which is ongoing.

TABLE 1—GSS ESTIMATED RESPONSE BURDEN

Category	Respondents (number of school coordinators)	Total burden (hours)
Total burden for 2020 .....	911	18,424
Total burden for 2021 .....	959	18,542
<i>GSS institutions</i> .....	916	18,469
<i>FFRDCs</i> .....	43	73
Total burden for 2022 .....	921	18,514
Potential future methodological studies (across all 3 survey cycles) .....	.....	1,000
<b>Total estimated burden</b> .....	<b>2,791</b>	<b>56,480</b>
<b>Estimated average annual burden</b> .....	<b>930</b>	<b>18,827</b>

*Comments:* As required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), comments on the information collection activities as part of this study were solicited through publication of a 60-Day Notice in the **Federal Register** on April 6, 2020, at 85 FR 19169. NCSES received 2 comments.

NCSES received the first comment on 4 April 2020 from an economics professional association requesting a copy of the draft information collection request (ICR) including the survey instrument and supporting statement. NCSES informed the commenters that the ICR was currently undergoing internal review within NCSES with plans to submit it for public review in June and that the GSS would be largely unchanged from its current design.

NCSES received a second comment on 6 May 2020 from a group representing several organizations. The commenters requested that NCSES include measures of sexual orientation and gender identity on the GSS. NCSES informed the commenters that it shares their interest in improving federal data collections and providing reliable measures for important segments of the population. Furthermore, NCSES described its process for evaluating possible questionnaire additions, including the extensive experimentation involved and the time and resources required. Finally, NCSES informed the commenters that it is conducting research to evaluate these measures and does not intend to include them in the 2020–22 GSS.

Dated: June 22, 2020.

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*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Modification Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification request received and permit issued.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated and permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification and permit issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–8224; email: [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation (NSF), as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR part 670), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas a requiring special protection.

NSF issued a permit (ACA 2018–010) to David J. Smith on October 26, 2017. The issued permit allows the applicant to introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. Dormant microbiological samples, pre-loaded into and remaining within a triple containment vessel, were brought to Antarctica to be launched into the Earth's stratosphere as part of NASA's

Long Duration Balloon program (LDB). Details about the samples and the containment vessel are provided in the permit (attached). The microbiological samples, still contained within the vessel, will be returned to the USA and the home institution after recovery of the balloon payload.

A recent modification to this permit, dated June 19, 2019, permitted the permit holder to continue to conduct permitted activities, under the original permit conditions, until March 31, 2023. Now, the permit holder proposes to include an additional species of microorganism to the next payload. The quantity and state (dormant) of the bacterial spores, as well as the sample and payload preparation methods, would be identical to the original permit. The Environmental Officer has reviewed the modification request and has determined that the amendment is not a material change to the permit, and it will have a less than a minor or transitory impact.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* June 23, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

The permit modification was issued on June 23, 2020.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Board's Committee on Oversight (CO), pursuant to NSF regulations, the National Science Foundation Act, as amended, and the Government in the Sunshine Act, hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of