5. DATE: November 6, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of Western History, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Planning) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

6. DATE: November 9, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of Arts and Culture, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Planning) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

7. DATE: November 10, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of U.S. History, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Planning) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

8. DATE: November 10, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of Indigenous Studies, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

9. DATE: November 12, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of Local History, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Planning) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

10. DATE: November 12, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of Ethnography, for the Archaeological and Ethnographic Field Research grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

11. DATE: November 13, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of New World Archaeology, for the Archaeological and Ethnographic Field Research grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

12. DATE: November 13, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of U.S. History, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Planning) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

13. DATE: November 13, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of History of Science and Medicine, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

14. DATE: November 16, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of American Studies, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Planning) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

15. DATE: November 17, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of Old World Archaeology, for the Archaeological and Ethnographic Field Research grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

16. DATE: November 17, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of U.S. History (Military and Political), for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

17. DATE: November 24, 2020
This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of World Studies (Modern Era), for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

Because these meetings will include review of personal and/or proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, the meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of Title 5, U.S.C., as amended. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman’s Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated April 15, 2016.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; National Science Board

The National Science Board’s Awards and Facilities Committee, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n–5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. EDT.
PLACE: This meeting will be held by teleconference through the National Science Foundation.
STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda of the teleconference is: Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks; Discussion of future MREPC account planning.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Point of contact for this meeting is: Michelle McCrackin, mccrack@nsf.gov; (703) 292–7000. Meeting information and updates may be found at http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/ notices.jsp#sunshine. Please refer to the National Science Board website www.nsf.gov/nsb for general information.

Chris Blair, Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.


NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend a Current Information Collection

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of the Survey of Earned Doctorates (OMB No. 3145–0019). In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, NCSES is providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comments, NCSES will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for three years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 14, 2020 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 W18200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292–7556; or send email to 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).


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 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 2022 and 2023 SED survey cycles.

Data are obtained primarily 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 in the SED 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. Information from the SED is also included in other series available online: Science and Engineering Indicators; and Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering. In addition, access to tabular data from selected variables is available through the Integrated Data Tool, an online table-generating tool on the NCSES website.

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 2022 SED consists of all individuals receiving a research doctorate in the 12-month period beginning 1 July 2021 and ending 30 June 2022. Likewise, the population for the 2023 SED consists of all individuals receiving a research doctorate in the 12-month period beginning 1 July 2022 and ending 30 June 2023. 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 2022 and 2023 SED are expected to include about 600 separately reporting schools with eligible research doctoral programs from among about 454 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 2022, and approximately 58,000 in 2023.

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: A total response rate of 92% of the 55,703 persons who earned a research doctorate from a U.S. institution was obtained in academic