

emergency management plans. As was painfully apparent in 2024 when hurricane Helene and Milton devastated Asheville, North Carolina, a city touted as “safe” from natural disasters. Every SLTT should have a robust emergency management plan inclusive of people with disabilities to ensure the safety of everyone in their community in the event of a natural disaster.

NCD’s upcoming report will create a toolkit to assist SLTTs in creating an emergency management plan inclusive of the unique needs of people with disabilities in their community. The toolkit will include: promising practices from SLTTs who have successfully incorporated people with disabilities in their emergency management planning; explain the importance of inclusive emergency management planning; highlight federal programs available to SLTTs available to incorporate into SLTTs emergency management plans; and provide examples and templates by SLTTs to incorporate.

II. Issues for Consideration and Request for Information

NCD invites comments based on the questions below. Please explain your answers and provide references and data, if possible.

1. What challenges and obstacles do SLTTs encounter when creating an emergency management plan inclusive of people with disabilities?
2. How have SLTTs successfully incorporated the unique needs of people with disabilities in their emergency management plan?
3. Describe promising practices SLTTs have implemented to ensure incorporation of people with disabilities and its emergency management plan?
4. Provide community testimony of successful emergency management plan practices and/or failures which should be addressed in the toolkit?
5. Provide successful collaboration between the disability community and SLTTs in the creation of an emergency management plan.

Disclaimer

This Request for Information is for information gathering purposes only and does not constitute a commitment by NCD to take any specific action based on the responses received.

Further, this Request for Information is not an invitation to apply for funding or a Request for Proposals.

Authority: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 780 *et seq.*) Dated: March 4, 2026

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request: Guidelines for IMLS Grants to States Five-Year Evaluation

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments on this collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comments related to the Guidelines for IMLS Grants to States Five-Year Evaluation. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 09, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Sandra Narva, Acting Director of Grants Management, Office of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite N–3627, Washington, DC 20210. Ms. Narva can be reached by telephone: 202–653–4634, or by email at snarva@imls.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teri DeVoe, Associate Deputy Director for Grants to States, Office of Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite N–3627, Washington, DC 20210. Ms. DeVoe can be reached by telephone at 202–653–4778, or by email at tdevoe@imls.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of Federal support for the Nation’s libraries and museums. The agency advances, supports, and empowers America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

II. Current Actions

This Notice proposes the clearance of the Guidelines for IMLS Grants to States Five-Year Evaluation. The Grants to States program is the largest source of Federal funding support for library services in the U.S. Using a population-based formula, approximately \$180 million is distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) every year. SLAAs are official agencies charged by the Library Services and Technology Act (20 U.S.C. 9121 and 20 U.S.C. 9141) with the extension and development of library services, and they are located in:

- Each of the 50 States of the United States, and the District of Columbia;
- The territories (Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the

Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands); and

- The Freely Associated States (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands).

IMLS authorizing legislation at 20 U.S.C. 9134 directs State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) to “independently evaluate, and report to the Director regarding, the activities assisted under this subchapter, prior to the end of the Five-Year Plan.” This evaluation provides SLAAs an opportunity to measure progress in meeting the goals set in their approved Five-Year Plans with a framework to synthesize information across all state reports in telling a national story.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Guidelines for IMLS Grants to States Five-Year Evaluation.

OMB Number: 3137–0090.

Agency Number: 3137.

Respondents/Affected Public: State and Territory Library Administrative Agencies.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 12.

Frequency of Response: Once every five years.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 18 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,062 hours.

Total Annual Cost Burden: \$35,322.12.

Total Annual Federal Costs: \$2,164.

Public Comments Invited: Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Dated: March 4, 2026.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering

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 U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) is

announcing plans to request renewal of the Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (OMB Control Number 3145–0062). In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, NSF is providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comments, NSF 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 May 8, 2026 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

ADDRESSES: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, U.S. National Science Foundation, Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 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, between 8:00a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

OMB Control Number: 3145–0062.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: September 30, 2026.

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

Abstract: Established within NSF by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the National Science Foundation 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 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. The GSS, which originated

in 1966 and has been conducted annually since 1972, is a census of all departments in science, engineering, and health (SEH) fields within academic institutions with graduate programs in the United States. This request to extend the information collection for three years is to cover the 2026, 2027, and 2028 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. All information will be used for statistical purposes only. Participation in the survey is voluntary.

The expected frame for the 2026 GSS includes 645 institutions comprising 725 schools with 793 total Coordinators. The GSS is the only national survey that collects information on the characteristics of graduate enrollment and postdoctoral appointees (postdocs) for specific SEH disciplines at the department level. It collects information on:

(1) Master’s and doctoral students’ ethnicity and race, citizenship, gender, source and mechanism of financial support (e.g., fellowships, traineeships, assistantships) and enrollment status.

(2) Postdocs’ ethnicity and race, citizenship, gender, source and mechanism of financial support, type of doctoral degree, and degree origin (U.S. or foreign); and

(3) Other doctorate-holding non-faculty researchers’ gender and type of doctoral degree.

To improve coverage of postdocs, the GSS periodically collects information on postdocs employed in Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs) by ethnicity and race, gender, citizenship, source and mechanism of financial support, and field of research. This survey of postdocs at FFRDCs will be conducted as part of the 2027 GSS survey cycle. In this year, there will be an additional 41 coordinators contacted to respond to the GSS.

The initial GSS data request is sent to a designated respondent, the School Coordinator, at each academic institution in the fall. The School Coordinators gather the data for all of the reporting units at the institution. Reporting units are comprised of the departments, programs, research centers, and health care facilities at each institution. The School Coordinator may upload a file with the requested data on the GSS website, which will automatically aggregate the data and