

addressed to the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Title of Collection:* 2019 Survey of Doctorate Recipients.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0020.

*Summary of Collection:* The Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR) has been conducted biennially since 1973. The 2019 SDR will consist of a sample of 120,000 individuals less than 76 years of age who have earned a research doctoral degree in a science, engineering, or health field (SEH) from a U.S. institution. The purpose of this panel survey is to collect data that will be used to provide national estimates on the doctoral science and engineering workforce and changes in their employment, education, and demographic characteristics. The SDR is sponsored by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the NSF and by the National Institutes of Health. Data will be obtained by web, mail, and computer-assisted telephone interviews beginning in September 2019. Information from the SDR are used in assessing the quality and supply of the nation's SEH personnel resources for educational institutions, private industry, and professional organizations, as well as federal, state, and local governments. A public release file of collected data, that is designed to protect respondent confidentiality, will be made available to researchers, reporters, and other interested persons on the internet.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “. . . provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The SDR is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's doctoral level scientists and engineers.

The survey data will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 and the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will ensure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

*Use of the Information:* The NSF uses the information from the SDR to prepare congressionally-mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering*

and *Science and Engineering Indicators*. These two reports are made available, in full, on the internet. However, summary *Digests* of facts and figures from these lengthy reports are made available both in print and on the internet. Although NSF publishes statistics from the SDR in many reports, a set of statistical tables is produced online by NCSES in the biennial publication of SDR Data Tables.

*Expected Respondents:* A statistical sample of 120,000 SEH doctorate holders will be contacted in 2019. The 2019 cycle of the SDR will continue to carry forward the large expanded sample of doctorate holders first selected for the 2015 SDR. The larger sample supports estimates of employment outcomes on a greater number of SEH detailed fields of degree captured in the Survey of Earned Doctorates, by demographic characteristics, such as gender, ethnicity, and race. The 2019 SDR eligible sample will only include those who responded previously to either the 2017 SDR or the 2015 SDR and will add 10,000 doctorates from the most recent 2016 and 2017 academic years. In addition, a supplemental sample of nearly 15,000 doctorate holders from the 2013 Doctorate Records File was selected to replace those removed from the 2019 sample due to past nonresponse from either refusal or failure to locate. NSF expects the overall response rate for the 2019 SDR to be 75 percent.

*Estimate of Burden:* The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it takes approximately 25 minutes. Thus, NSF estimates that the total annual burden for the 2019 SDR will be 37,500 hours (that is, 120,000 respondents at 75% response rate for 25 minutes).

*Comment:* As required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), comments on the information collection activities as part of this study were solicited through the publication of a 60-Day Notice in the **Federal Register** on 14 August 2018, at FR Doc. 2018-17359. NCSES received one comment on 13 October 2018 from a group representing several organizations. The commenters requested that NCSES include measures of sexual orientation and gender identity on the SDR and on other NCSES surveys (specifically, the National Survey of College Graduates and the Survey of Earned Doctorates). 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 initiating research to evaluate these measures and does not intend to include them in the 2019 SDR.

NCSES also received 4 anonymous comments between 2 September 2018 and 15 September 2018 and each was deemed to be fully unrelated to the request for comment on this proposed information collection.

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)**

### **Sunshine Act Meetings; National Science Board**

The National Science Board (NSB), 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 meetings for the transaction of NSB business as follows:

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:10 p.m., and Thursday, July 18, 2019 from 9:45 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** These meetings will be held at the NSF headquarters, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314. Meetings are held in the boardroom on the 2nd Floor. The public may observe public meetings held in the boardroom. All visitors must contact the Board Office (call 703-292-7000 or send an email to [nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov](mailto:nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov)) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and provide your name and organizational affiliation. Visitors must report to the NSF visitor's desk in the building lobby to receive a visitor's badge.

**STATUS:** Some of these meetings will be open to the public. Others will be closed to the public. See full description below.

#### **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

#### **Plenary Board Meeting**

*Open Session: 9:00-9:30 a.m.*

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- NSF Director's Remarks
- Summary of Activities

**Committee on National Science and Engineering Policy (SEP)***Open Session: 9:30–10:00 a.m.*

- Committee Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior SEP Minutes
- Update and Discussion of the Outline of "The State of Science & Engineering in the U.S." (summary report)
- Update on Indicators Roadshow Activities
- Reimagining *Indicators* Production Process and Coordination with NSB

**Task Force on the Skilled Technical Workforce (STW TF)***Open Session: 10:00–10:30 a.m.*

- Task Force Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- Final Report Discussion and Vote
- Final Report Rollout Discussion

**Committee on Oversight (CO)***Open Session: 10:45–11:30 a.m.*

- Committee Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes
- Merit Review Report Update
- Chief Financial Officer's Update
- Inspector General's Update

**Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F)***Open Session: 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.*

- Committee Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Schedule of Planned Action and Context Items
- Information Item: Cost Oversight for Major Facility Projects

**Committee on Strategy (CS)***Open Session: 1:15–3:05 p.m.*

- Committee Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Update on Budgets
- Presentation: Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science Overview
- Presentation: NSF Partnerships
- Presentation: MULTIPLYing Impact Leveraging International Expertise in Research Missions (MULTIPLIERS) Update

**Committee on Strategy (CS)***Closed Session: 3:15–3:55 p.m.*

- Committee Chair's Remarks
- Approval of Prior Closed Minutes
- Update on Budgets

**Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F)***Closed Session: 3:55–5:10 p.m.*

- Committee Chair's Opening Remarks

- Approval of Prior Closed Minutes
- Written Item: Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure (MSRI) I & II
- Written Item: National Center for Optical-Infrared Astronomy (NCOA)
- Presentation: National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Update

**Thursday, July 18, 2019****Plenary Board***Open Session: 9:45–10:45 a.m.*

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Science and Security Roundtable

**Task Force on Vision 2030 (Vision TF)***Open Session: 10:45–11:15 a.m.*

- Task Force Chair's Opening Remarks
- Update on Vision Project

**Plenary Board***Closed Session: 11:15–11:30 a.m.*

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- NSF Director's Remarks
- Approval of Prior Closed Minutes
- Closed Committee Reports

**Plenary Board (Executive)***Closed Session: 11:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m.*

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Executive Closed Minutes
- NSF Director's Remarks
  - Executive Search Update
- Report by Committee on Nominations

**Plenary Board***Open Session: 1:10–1:50 p.m.*

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- NSF Director's Remarks
  - Senior Staff Updates
  - Office of Legislative and Public Affairs (OLPA) Information Item
- Open Committee Chair Reports
- Vote on STW Final Report
- Vote on CY 2020 NSB Meeting Schedule
- National Academies Reproducibility and Replicability Report
- NSB Chair's Closing Remarks

*Meeting Adjourns: 1:50 p.m.***MEETINGS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:****Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

9:00–9:30 a.m.—Plenary NSB  
 9:30–10:00 a.m.—SEP  
 10:00–10:30 a.m.—STW TF  
 10:45–11:30 a.m.—CO  
 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.—A&F  
 1:15–3:05 p.m.—CS

**Thursday, July 18, 2019**

9:45–10:45 a.m.—Plenary  
 10:45–11:15 a.m.—Vision TF

1:10–1:50 p.m.—Plenary

**MEETINGS THAT ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:****Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

3:15–3:55 p.m.—CS

3:55–5:10 p.m.—A&amp;F

**Thursday, July 18, 2019**

11:15–11:30 a.m.—Plenary

11:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m.—Plenary Executive

**CONTACT PERSONS FOR MORE**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Public meetings and public portions of meetings held in the 2nd floor boardroom will be webcast. To view these meetings, go to: <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nsf/190717/> and follow the instructions. The public may observe public meetings held in the boardroom. The address is 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA, 22314.

Please refer to the NSB website for additional information. You will find any updated meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter, or status of meeting) at <https://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>.

The NSB provides some flexibility around meeting times. After the first meeting of each day, actual meeting start and end times will be allowed to vary by no more than 15 minutes in either direction. As an example, if a 10:00 meeting finishes at 10:45, the meeting scheduled to begin at 11:00 may begin at 10:45 instead. Similarly, the 10:00 meeting may be allowed to run over by as much as 15 minutes if the Chair decides the extra time is warranted. The next meeting would start no later than 11:15. Arrive at the NSB boardroom or check the webcast 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of the meeting you wish to observe.

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