

The final IRPS permits a credit union defined as small under the RFA to self-certify that it meets the MDI definition based solely on its knowledge of its current membership and the community it services (e.g., potential membership identified in its charter), without any supporting documentation. The Program will have a significantly beneficial economic impact on small entities because it offers eligible credit unions, including small entities, various forms of technical assistance and educational opportunities at no cost. NCUA therefore certifies that the final IRPS will not have a significant adverse economic impact on a substantial number of small credit unions. Accordingly, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required.

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) applies to rulemakings in which an agency creates a new paperwork burden on regulated entities or modifies an existing burden. For purposes of the PRA, a paperwork burden may take the form of either a reporting or a recordkeeping requirement, each referred to as an information collection. The 2013 proposed IRPS identified a new information collection consisting of the procedure for a credit union to document its self-certification of eligibility to participate in the Program.<sup>40</sup>

The proposed IRPS invited interested persons to submit comments on the prescribed information collection requirement to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), with a copy to NCUA, at the address provided in the preamble to the proposed IRPS. NCUA received the following comments on the information collection requirement prescribed in the proposed IRPS, encouraging the agency to:

- Remove the minority representation requirement among management officials in the MDI definition;
- restrict the collection of data by any method that allows members to voluntarily identify themselves as a minority;
- require the majority of a credit union's members' deposits and/or loan products to be held by racial minorities;
- conform the annual review and update of the minority self-certification to the updating frequency of the data supporting a self-certification (e.g., every ten years if using U.S. Census data); and
- provide a portal on NCUA's Web site for credit unions to access the sources of data relevant to self-certifying

as an MDI, such as links to U.S. Census and HDMA data.

Section II of this final IRPS addresses these comments. In response, NCUA has narrowed the scope of the minority representation requirement among a credit union's management to its board of directors, thus reducing the paperwork burden of assessing minority representation among senior management officials. Also, NCUA has displayed on the agency's Web site links to sources of data for self-certifying as an MDI; thus reducing the burden on potential MDIs to locate the Web sites for assessing source information to document their self-certification. NCUA will apply to OMB for approval of the final IRPS.

#### *Executive Order 13132*

Executive Order 13132 encourages independent regulatory agencies to consider the impact of their actions on state and local interests. NCUA, an independent regulatory agency as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(5), voluntarily complies with the Executive Order to adhere to fundamental federalism principles. This final IRPS will not have a substantial direct effect on the states, on the relationship between the national government and the states, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. NCUA has determined that this final IRPS does not constitute a policy that has federalism implications for purposes of the executive order.

#### *Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999*

NCUA has determined that this final IRPS will not affect family well-being within the meaning of Section 654 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999, Public Law 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681 (1998).

#### *Agency Regulatory Goal*

The Board's goal is to promulgate clear and understandable regulations that impose minimal regulatory burden. We request your comments on whether this final IRPS is understandable and minimally intrusive if implemented as proposed.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on June 18, 2015.

**Gerard S. Poliquin,**  
*Secretary of the Board.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Committee Management; Notice of Reestablishment**

The Chief Operating Officer of the National Science Foundation has determined that the reestablishment of the Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of the duties imposed upon the National Science Foundation (NSF) by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Name OF Committee: Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering (#10749)

1. Nature/Purpose: The International Science and Engineering proposal review panel will advise the National Science Foundation (NSF) on the merit of proposals requesting financial support of research and research-related activities. The Committee will review proposals submitted to NSF under the purview of the Office of International Science and Engineering Program (OISE).

Responsible NSF Official: Rebecca Keiser, Head, Office of International Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford II, Suite 1155, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/292-8710

Dated: June 18, 2015.

**Crystal Robinson,**  
*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

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

**SUMMARY:** 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 79 FR 2014-18873 filed 11 August 2014, and no comments were received. Comments regarding whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of

<sup>40</sup> 78 FR 46374 (July 31, 2013)

the functions of the NSF, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the NSF's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; 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, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556. 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).

NSF 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.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* 2015 Survey of Doctorate Recipients.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0020.

*Summary of Collection.* The Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR) has been conducted biennially since 1973 and is a longitudinal survey. The 2015 SDR will consist of a sample of individuals less than 76 years of age who have earned a research doctoral degree in a science, engineering or health field from a U.S. institution. The purpose of this longitudinal survey is to collect data that will be used to provide national estimates on the U.S.-educated doctoral science and engineering workforce and changes in their employment, education and demographic characteristics.

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.” More recently, the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) was established within NSF by Section 505 of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 and given a broader mandate to collect data related to STEM education, the science and engineering workforce, and U.S. competitiveness in science, engineering, technology, and R&D. The SDR is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's doctoral scientists and engineers.

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*. The NSF publishes statistics from the SDR in many reports, but primarily in the biennial series, *Characteristics of Doctoral Scientists and Engineers in the United States*. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, also will be made available to researchers on the Internet.

Data will be obtained by web survey, mail questionnaire, and computer-assisted telephone interviews beginning in September 2015. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, and 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.

A statistical sample of approximately 120,000 individuals with U.S.-earned doctorates in science, engineering or health will be contacted in 2015. This sample will include approximately 106,000 individuals residing in the U.S. and 14,000 residing abroad. NSF expects the overall response rate to be 70 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. Assuming a 70 percent response rate (84,000 respondents), NSF estimates

that the annual burden for the 2015 SDR is estimated to be 35,000 hours.

*Comment:* On 11 August 2014, NSF published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 2014-18873) a 60-day notice of our intent to request reinstatement of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, NSF solicited public comments for 60 days ending 10 October 2014. No comments were received from the public notice. However, the first notice stated, “NSF estimates increasing the current 47,000 sample size by no more than 70,000 for a total sample size not to exceed 117,000 SEH doctorate holders” and assumed a response rate of 80%. After additional sample redesign work, the sample size and estimated response rates were changed to those described above: A sample of approximately 120,000 with a 70% response rate, and a September, rather than February, start date. The later start date reflects the time spent on the redesign efforts, and the additional work required to select and locate new sample members.

Dated: June 18, 2015.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**  
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by July 24, 2015. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.