

mathematics (STEM) discoveries and innovations by catalyzing the STEM enterprise for inclusive change, resulting in a STEM workforce that reflects the diverse population of the Nation. The INCLUDES Initiative aligns with NSF's commitment to equity, inclusion, and broadening participation in the STEM fields and NSF's strategic objectives communicated in the *NSF Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022–2026* (<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2022/nsf22068/nsf22068.pdf>).

The INCLUDES initiative is supported by NSF's Eddie Bernice Johnson INCLUDES Coordination Hub (INCLUDES Coordination Hub; [www.includesnetwork.org](http://www.includesnetwork.org)), an NSF-supported project that provides focused capacity building supports around data and information gathering; learning, community building and engagement; and storytelling, and communications to NSF's Eddie Bernice Johnson INCLUDES National Network (INCLUDES National Network).

NSF is requesting OMB approval for the INCLUDES Coordination Hub to collect information from members of the INCLUDES National Network.

*Why you are collecting it:* The INCLUDES Coordination Hub seeks to collect data from INCLUDES National Network members to: (1) shape INCLUDES Coordination Hub's activities (e.g., to identify support needs in the coming year; to inform Shared Measures and Network communication, engagement, learning, and community building, and expansion goals); (2) assess the development and progress of the INCLUDES National Network; and (3) inform the INCLUDES Coordination Hub's assessment of progress toward its theory of change.

*What information is being collected:* The collected information will include information on how and why respondents engage with the Network, each respondent's perspectives on desired outcomes and ways in which the INCLUDES National Network is informing and supporting their efforts to change systems to broaden participation in STEM, in addition to full name, affiliated organizations, email addresses, and home states. Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected primarily to categorize responses based on respondents' roles in the INCLUDES National Network. PII will be accessed only by the INCLUDES Coordination Hub. Any public data reporting will be in aggregate form, and any personal identifiers will be removed.

*Respondents:* All members of the INCLUDES National Network will be invited to respond to the survey. The INCLUDES National Network is

comprised of individuals who are interested in or working directly to broaden participation in STEM. Some of these individuals are INCLUDES grantees; others have received NSF awards outside of INCLUDES or pursue broadening participation in STEM with support from other sources, including grants from federal, state, philanthropic, or business entities. Some are representatives of these various types of funders or businesses, such as program officers at NSF, other federal agencies, and private foundations, as well as interested individuals unaffiliated with particular grant programs.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 840 (representing a 21% response rate).

*Use of the Information:* The information collected is primarily for the use of the INCLUDES Coordination Hub to track the health, development, expansion, and diversification of the Network, understand the utility of the INCLUDES Coordination Hub in supporting Network members' success, and for informing design decisions the INCLUDES Coordination Hub will make regarding future programming and support provided to National Network members.

*Estimate burden on the public:* Estimated at 280 hours, per year, for the duration of the Coordination Hub's cooperative agreement with NSF. It is beneficial for NSF and the Coordination Hub to have access to this information annually to track progress toward the INCLUDES Initiative's goals of supporting constituencies in identifying shared goals and objectives and understanding National Network members' impact.

*Average Time per Reporting:* The online survey is comprised primarily of closed-ended questions and is designed to be completed by respondents in under 20 minutes.

*Frequency:* Once per year for the duration of the INCLUDES Coordination Hub's cooperative agreement with NSF.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection

techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and collection name identified above for this information collection. Commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email. Comments, including any personal information provided become a matter of public record. They will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; National Science Foundation Research Traineeship Program Monitoring System

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing the opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by February 20, 2024 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite E7465, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292–7556; or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto: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).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) Monitoring System.

*OMB Number:* 3145–0263.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* November 30, 2024.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to renew an information collection.

*Proposed Project:* The National Science Foundation's (NSF's) Division of Graduate Education (DGE) in the Directorate for STEM Education (EDU) administers the NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) program. The NRT program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative models for STEM graduate education training. The NRT program seeks to ensure that graduate students in research-based master's and doctoral degree programs develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers. NRT is dedicated to effective training of STEM graduate students in high-priority interdisciplinary or convergent research areas through the use of a comprehensive traineeship model that is innovative, evidence-based, and aligned with changing workforce and research needs.

Previously, NRT awardees provided NSF with information on their activities through periodic research performance progress reports. The NRT monitoring system (also referred to as the NRT reporting system) has replaced these reports with a tailored program monitoring system that uses internet-based information and communication technologies to collect, review, and validate specific data on NRT awards. EDU is committed to ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness with which respondents provide and NSF staff can access and analyze data on funded projects within the NRT programs.

The NRT monitoring system includes subsets of questions aimed at the different project participants (*i.e.*, Principal Investigators (PIs), and trainees), and allows for data analysis and data report generation by authorized NSF staff. The collection generally includes three categories of descriptive data: (1) Staff and project participants (data that are necessary to determine individual-level treatment and control groups for future third-party study or for internal evaluation); (2) project implementation characteristics (also necessary for future use to identify well-matched comparison groups); and (3) project outputs (necessary to measure baseline for pre- and post-NSF-funding-level impacts). NRT awardees will be required to report data

on an annual basis for the life of their award.

*Use of the Information:* NSF will primarily use the data from this collection for program planning, management, and audit purposes to respond to queries from the Congress, the public, NSF's external merit reviewers, who serve as advisors, including Committees of Visitors (COVs), the NSF's Office of the Inspector General, and as a basis for either internal or third-party evaluations of individual programs. This information is required for effective administration, communication, program and project monitoring and evaluation, and for measuring attainment of NSF's program, project, and strategic goals, and as identified by the President's Accountability in Government Initiative; GPRA, and the NSF's Strategic Plan. The Foundation's FY 2022–2026 Strategic Plan may be found at: [https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf22068](https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf22068).

Since this collection will primarily be used for accountability and evaluation purposes, including responding to queries from COVs and other scientific experts, a census, rather than sampling design, typically is necessary. At the individual project level, funding can be adjusted based on individual project's responses to some of the surveys. Some data collected under this collection will serve as baseline data for separate research and evaluation studies.

NSF-funded contract or grantee researchers and internal or external evaluators in part may identify control, comparison, or treatment groups for NSF's education and training portfolio using some of the descriptive data gathered through this collection to conduct well-designed, rigorous research and portfolio evaluation studies.

*Burden on the Public:* Estimated at 82 hours per award for 120 awards for a total of 9,840 hours (per year).

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC–2023–0149]**

### **Information Collection: Criteria and Procedures for Emergency Access to Non-Federal and Regional Low-Level Waste Disposal Facilities**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, “Criteria and Procedures for Emergency Access to Non-Federal and Regional Low-Level Waste Disposal Facilities.”

**DATES:** Submit comments by February 20, 2024. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website:

- *Federal rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2023–0149. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* David C. Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T–6 A10M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.