

NCSES is the primary sponsor of the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR); the National Institutes of Health (NIH) serves as a co-sponsor. The SDR has been conducted biennially since 1973 and is a longitudinal survey. The 2025 SDR will consist of a sample of individuals under 76 years of age who have earned a research doctoral degree in a science, engineering, or health (SEH) field from a U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this panel survey is to collect data to provide national estimates on the doctoral science and engineering workforce and changes in their employment, education, and demographic characteristics. NCSES uses these data to prepare congressionally mandated reports (explained below). Government agencies and academic researchers use SDR data and publications to make planning decisions regarding science and engineering research, training, and employment opportunities. Employers also use the SDR to understand trends in employment sectors, industry types, and salary. Students who want to learn about the relationship between graduate education and careers often obtain valuable information from the SDR. Data and publications from the SDR are available to the public on the NCSES website: <https://nces.nsf.gov/surveys/doctorate-recipients/>. The first SDR longitudinal data products were released in 2022 and are available here: Survey of Doctorate Recipients: <https://nces.nsf.gov/pubs/nsf22327>.

The SDR will collect data by web survey and computer-assisted telephone interviews beginning in June 2025. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018 and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NCSES will ensure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

Use of the Information: NCSES uses the information from the SDR to prepare two congressionally mandated reports: *Diversity and STEM: Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities and Science and Engineering Indicators*. NCSES publishes statistics from the SDR in additional reports, primarily in the biennial series, *Characteristics of Scientists and Engineers with U.S. Doctorates*. As with prior SDR data collections, a cross-sectional public release file of collected data designed to protect respondent confidentiality will be made available to researchers on the

NCSES website: <https://nces.nsf.gov/explore-data/microdata>.

Expected Respondents: The SDR sample is drawn using the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) as a frame. The SDR uses a fixed panel design with a sample of new doctoral graduates added to the panel in each biennial survey cycle. For the 2025 SDR, a statistical sample of approximately 116,000 individuals with U.S. earned doctorates in science, engineering, or health will be contacted. The sample consists of all eligible cases from the previous cycle (106,000) after removing cases that have never responded or have chronically not responded. The 2025 sample will also include 10,000 new doctoral graduates who received their U.S. doctorate between July 2021 and June 2023. Across the full sample, NCSES estimates approximately 88% of individuals will reside in the U.S. and the remaining 12% will reside abroad.

Estimate of Burden: NCSES expects the overall 2025 SDR response rate to be approximately 70 percent. The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, based on 2023 SDR completion times, NCSES estimates an average completion time of approximately 21 minutes. NCSES estimates that the average annual burden for the 2025 survey cycle over the course of the three-year OMB clearance period will be no more than 9,474 hours [(116,000 respondents × 70% response × 21 minutes)/60 minutes/3 years].

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NCSES, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of NCSES's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, 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

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards: Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the charter of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) was established by section 29 of the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) of 1954, as amended. Its purpose is to provide advice to the Commission with regard to the hazards of proposed or existing reactor facilities, to review each application for a construction permit or operating license for certain facilities specified in the AEA, and such other duties as the Commission may request. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that renewal of the charter for the ACRS until December 2, 2026, is in the public interest in connection with the statutory responsibilities assigned to the ACRS.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AEA, as amended by Public Law 100-456, also specifies that the Defense Nuclear Safety Board may obtain the advice and recommendations of the ACRS.

Membership on the Committee includes individuals experienced in reactor operations and management; probabilistic risk assessment; analysis of reactor accident phenomena; design of nuclear power plant structures, systems and components; materials science; and mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering.

This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December, 2024.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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