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Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs

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Dear Dr. [firstname lastname],

The National Research Council (NRC) is currently conducting the **2006 Assessment of Research Doctorate Programs**. You have been nominated to complete the Assessment's Faculty questionnaire on behalf of [InstitutionName]. This questionnaire asks about your work in the doctorate program(s) at your institution, your career experience, and what you think are important characteristics of doctoral programs.

This assessment, the first in ten years, is a comparative assessment of the quality of doctoral education and is the most comprehensive study of doctoral programs to date. By participating in this study, you will help the NRC: 1) identify the characteristics of successful graduate programs, 2) construct a statistical description of the doctoral program or programs with which you are affiliated, and 3) provide NRC with enough information to collect data on grants, citations, awards, and publications from other sources.

To complete the questionnaire, go to: [https://www.nrc-assessment.com/NRC\\_Faculty/](https://www.nrc-assessment.com/NRC_Faculty/)

Your login information is:      Username: [username]  
    Password: [password]

You can return to this website as many times as you would like while completing the questionnaire. Once you have completed the questionnaire, click on the "Ready to Submit Survey" button on the last page. This tells us that you have completed the questionnaire.

All information you provide is confidential and will be used only for research purposes by the NRC, its contractors, and collaborating researchers. Your responses will only be released as aggregated data for the purpose of analysis and report writing. No data will be released that will permit the identification of any individual or individual characteristics. If you agree to serve as a rater, you may be contacted again in connection with the rating study.

Your participation in this survey is important. If you have any questions about the survey or experience technical difficulties, please email us at [NRCAssessment@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:NRCAssessment@mathematica-mpr.com). Please include your name and the name of your institution so that we can promptly respond to your questions.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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