



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Establish an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Celestine Pea, Ph.D., National Science Foundation, 885 S 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230, 703-292-5186, cpea@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). You may obtain a copy of the data collection instruments and instructions from Dr. Pea.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: A Survey of Program Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Discovery Research K-12 (DR K-12) Program.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW

Expiration Date of Approval: Not Applicable

Type of request: New.

Abstract: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office of the Director, the National Science Foundation (NSF), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

A Survey of Principal Investigators for the National Science Foundation's Discovery Research K-12 (DR K-12) program. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This study will assess the implementation of resources, models, and technologies to determine how and why implementation affects STEM learning, to inform program improvement, and to enhance understanding of both what the program is accomplishing and how. The primary objectives of the study are to conduct a survey of principal investigators of the DR-K12 programs to understand the impact and influence of the DRK-12 program and to identify the links between the DR K-12 program and other NSF programs. The findings will provide valuable information concerning the impacts and influences of the granting program and grantees and the extent to which DR K-12 program influence broader American society.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Type of Respondents: DR K-12 Principal Investigators. There are no Capital Costs to report.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 388; Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1; Average Burden Hours Per Response: .30. Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested: 194.00 and the annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$6208.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NSF, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NSF'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; (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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