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Questions are often asked about how these data are used. The data from this survey are widely used by universities as well as federal and state governments to make policy decisions that affect graduate education throughout the United States.

Following are some of these uses:

- The Committee for the Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs in the U.S. (National Research Council, 2006)
- Congressional hearings on the Higher Education Act
- Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (National Science Foundation)
- The study on *Biomedical and Behavioral Research Scientists: Their Training and Supply* (National Research Council, 2005)
- Reshaping the Graduate Education of Scientists and Engineers (National Academy Press, 1995)

The data from this survey are widely used by Federal agencies to inform Congress and to make decisions about financial commitments that affect graduate education throughout the United States.

Listed below are a few of the sources of educational support that are influenced by the survey results:

- National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship, Traineeship and undergraduate programs
- U.S. Department of Education (USED) graduate aid and fellowship programs
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Fellowships
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Traineeships and Fellowships
- NSF, NIH, and USDA federal research assistantships
- NASA fellowship and scholarship program evaluation
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Dissertation Grants

A variety of publications have used these data in formats ranging from full-length books to articles in newspapers and magazines.

For example:

- Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering (NSF, 2013)
- Time to Degree of U.S. Research Doctorate Recipients (NSF InfoBrief, 2006)
- The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century, Thomas L. Friedman (2006)
- Plans for Postdoctoral Research Appointments Among Recent U.S. Doctorate Recipients (NSF InfoBrief, 2004)
- U.S. Doctorates in the 20th Century (NSF Special Report 06-310, 2006)
- Science and Engineering Doctorate Awards (NSF, annually)
- Science and Engineering Indicators (National Science Board, biennially)
- Do Babies Matter?: The Effect of Family Formation on the Lifelong Careers of Academic Men and Women, in *Academe*, November-December, 2002

These data are used in the evaluation of graduate education programs, strategic planning at the state level, labor force projections, and equal opportunity employment plans at all levels.

The following list illustrates the range of organizations that have used the data for these purposes:

- Graduate Deans
- Council of Graduate Schools
- Educational Testing Service
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- McNair Program in the U.S. Department of Education
- American Historical Association
- Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
- *Bridge to Doctorate* Program at the National Science Foundation
- U.S. International Trade Commission
- Equal Opportunity offices throughout the U.S.
- University of California State System
- Institutional research offices at doctorate-granting universities
- Science & Engineering Resource Center, Puerto Rico
- American Council on Education
- National Bureau of Economic Research
- Modern Language Association
- Affirmative Action Associations