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**Importance:** High

Dear Colleague:

The survey for the National Research Council will be upon us soon. **In an attempt to streamline the time it will take for you to complete the online survey, please bear with me and read this email in its entirety.** If you have these items ready ahead of time, the survey should take only about 20 minutes to complete.

Your academic program is included in the National Research Council (NRC) assessment of research doctoral programs. This comparative study was last done in 1995, and is designed to assist prospective students with selecting programs that best fit their interests as well as to allow programs to benchmark themselves against similar programs.

You have been identified as a core member of your academic program and thus will receive a survey from NRC asking about your scholarship, your work with doctoral students, and your academic background and training. A link to the online survey is expected to be emailed to you the **week of January 22.**

In preparation for completing the survey, we recommend you do several things.

1. Update your curriculum vita since you will be asked to attach it electronically (in Word, RTF or PDF format) to the survey. It is particularly important to include all publications within the last 10 years (1996-2006) if you are in the humanities and the last 5 years (2001-2006) for all other fields.
2. Locate offprints or online reproductions of all of your publications that have appeared within the within the last 10 years (1996-2006) if you are in the humanities and the last 5 years (2001-2006) for all other fields. You will need information from these documents to respond to questions about the name(s) and address(es) under which you have published for the online survey.
3. Be prepared to provide the **names** of the KU doctoral students for whom you served as the primary dissertation advisor and who completed their studies between Summer 2001 and Spring 2006. You can consult the official list of doctoral degree recipients from 2001-02 through 2005-06 found at <http://www2.ku.edu/~oirp/NRC/facultyQ.shtml> to confirm that your advisees graduated in the required time frame. Also, you will be asked to provide current employment information for these former students, if known.
4. You will be asked for 1) the **number** of dissertation committees on which you were a member and 2) the **number** of committees that you chaired/co-chaired during the period 2001 to 2006. This includes committees on which you are currently serving or chairing. You will not need names, only a count.

For additional information on the study, links to the NRC study website can be found at <http://www2.ku.edu/~oirp/NRC/index.shtml> and includes links to information on the faculty survey.

More information on completing the survey will be sent next week.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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