SURVEY OF EARNED DOCTORATES (SED)

This survey is required of all BYU doctoral students before graduation.

The Survey of Earned Doctorates is completed online. Doctoral students will register directly via the Web and instantaneously receive a PIN and password as well as the URL to the survey. With this information, you can access and complete the entire survey online. The registration URL is:

https://sed-ncses.org

After you complete the questionnaire online, be sure to have a confirmation e-mail sent to you indicating that you completed the survey. You will also have the option to print a certificate to turn in to the university to indicate the SED was completed. If you have any questions about the Web survey, please use one of the contact methods listed below:

E-mail: sed@rti.org

Phone: 1-877-256-8167

About the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED):

The Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) is a federal agency survey conducted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) for the National Science Foundation and five other federal agencies (National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Education, National Endowment for the Humanities, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

The SED gathers information annually from 45,000 new U.S. research doctorate graduates about their educational histories, funding sources, and post-doctoral plans. Each year the SED data are added to a larger historical record of doctorate-degree graduates, the Doctorate Records File (DRF). Begun in 1920, the DRF contains annual information used to track the number of graduates in various fields; the educational paths of scientists, engineers, and humanists; movement of graduates into the labor market; and similar information.