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Reporting Requirements for NESCent

The information you provide to us in reports is vital for evaluating our effectiveness at fostering cross-disciplinary research, generating lasting collaborations, promoting scientific productivity, and producing lasting scientific impacts. We also want to ensure that we are attracting and supporting disciplinary, geographic, and demographic diversity. These data are utilized both internally and also reported to the National Science Foundation. If you have specific questions about your reporting responsibilities do not hesitate to contact the Assistant Director of Science Craig McClain at cmccclain@nescent.org. Your reporting responsibilities to NESCent throughout the lifespan of your NESCent-sponsored project include:

1. Demographics

All scholars are required to provide demographic information that we will use anonymously for our reporting to the National Science Foundation. We ask for demographic data relating to gender, ethnicity, race, disability, and citizenship, job title, institution (this is done through our administrative database, <http://nead.nescent.org>) so that:

- We can gauge whether our programs and other opportunities in science and technology are reaching and benefitting everyone regardless of demographic category;
- We can ensure that those in under-represented groups have the same knowledge of and access to programs, meetings, vacancies, and other research and educational opportunities as everyone else; and
- We can monitor involvement of international investigators or students in work we support.

2. Public Summary

We ask you to write a public summary for our website and for reporting back to the National Science Foundation. These summaries are an opportunity for you to describe and promote your work to interested outside readers — from scientists outside your field, to friends, family, and the media. The summaries should be 150-400 words in length and geared to a reasonably educated member of the public. They should describe your research questions, how you plan to address them, and ultimately the importance of the work (why should your audience care?). These summaries may be reviewed and modified by our current Communications Manager clarity as needed. To upload your summary, log into www.nead.nescent.org and enter text into the public summary field in your project. For more information please contact NESCent's Communications Manager Robin Smith at rsmith@nescent.org

3. Final Report

Scholars are required to submit a final report no later than one month after the end of your appointment (this is done through our administrative database, <http://nead.nescent.org>). The following information is included in your report:

- Goals of the project
- Summary of activities
- Plans for any follow-up activities
- Anticipated outcomes and products (e.g. databases, papers, proposals, etc.)

4. Products

Scholars are required to inform the Center of articles, books, grants, software, and databases produced from NESCent funded projects. Please do so by entering them into our administrative database (<http://nead.nescent.org>). Data or datasets, software, published books and scholarly articles generated or created by a NESCent fellow or through a project or meeting funded by NESCent must appropriately and conspicuously acknowledge NESCent and the National Science Foundation. The following citation may be used in this regard: *Supported by the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent), NSF #EF-0905606.*

5. Press Coverage

As you prepare to publish your work, please contact us in advance of publication. Our communications office is eager to work with you to develop press releases to highlight your results, which we will write and distribute to your university news office(s) on your behalf. For a sample of previous press releases or to discuss possibilities for making your work available to the wider public, please contact NESCent's Communications Manager Robin Smith at rsmith@nescent.org