

The PHN Scholar Impact Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. In this survey, we will be asking you to answer a few questions about your experiences with the PHN Scholar program. The goal of these questions is to assess the program and identify its strengths and weaknesses. The information you provide will be very helpful for us as we try to improve the PHN scholar program for future rounds. It is only by hearing from a variety of people, including both those who were selected as applicants as well as those who were not, that we can get a fully accurate sense of where improvements may be needed.

We expect this survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Thanks again for your help, we really appreciate it.

Impressions of the Application and Selection Process

First, we'd like to hear about your impressions of the process of submitting your application for the PHN Scholars program.

1. Which PHN scholar cycle did you apply for?
 - 2013
 - 2014
 - Both 2013 and 2014
2. How helpful were the instructional materials for preparing your application?"
 - Not helpful
 - Somewhat helpful
 - Very helpful
3. How helpful was your project mentor in assisting you with your application?
 - Not helpful
 - Somewhat helpful
 - Very helpful
4. How helpful were your center PIs in assisting you with your application?"
 - Not helpful
 - Somewhat helpful
 - Very helpful
5. Overall, how would you rate the application process for the PHN Scholar award?
 - Poor
 - Fair
 - Good
 - Excellent
6. What do you think could be done to improve the application process? Your honest feedback will help us prepare for future award cycles.

We are also interested in hearing what you think about the process used to select applicants for the PHN Scholar award.

7. How clear were the criteria the review committee used to evaluate applicants?

- Not clear
 Somewhat clear
 Very clear

8. How fair was the selection process?

- Not fair
 Somewhat fair
 Very fair

What was unfair about the process?

9. What could be done to improve the selection process?

10. Were you selected as a PHN Scholar?

- No
 Yes

Note: if you applied multiple times and were selected as a scholar at least once, please select "yes".

After the PHN Application Process

If you were not selected as a scholar, we would like to hear more about your experiences with your project since learning you were not selected as a PHN Scholar.

11. How helpful was the feedback you received on your PHN Scholar proposal?

- Not helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Very helpful

12. Thinking about your experience applying for the PHN scholar award and receiving feedback on your proposal, how helpful would you say this process was for each of the following?

	Not helpful	Somewhat helpful	Very helpful
a. Moving forward with your project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Developing your writing skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Learning how to apply for a grant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Refining your research questions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Improving your skills in research design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Connecting you with potential collaborators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Connecting you with potential mentors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Are there any other benefits you received from going through this application process? If so, please describe them here.

14. Did you experience any negative impacts on your development as a researcher as a result of this application process? If so, please describe them here.

15. If you have any other thoughts about the PHN Scholar program application/selection process, please share them here.

Thank you. We really appreciate your completion of the survey, and value your input into helping to ensure the PHN Scholars Program's continuing success.

Being a Funded PHN Scholar

Now we would like to ask you some questions about your experience being a PHN Scholar.

16. Would you be in favor of having the PHN Scholarship Committee serve in any of the following roles for PHN scholars:

	No	Yes	Not sure
a. Be involved in the study implementation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Act as a liaison between scholars and others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Identify and address barriers for scholars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Facilitate multicenter enrollment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Liaise with mentors/PIs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Other (please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please specify other role:

17. How would you rate the mentorship you received in regards to each of the following?

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Not applicable
a. For conducting your study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. For data analysis and dissemination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. For planning the next steps of your research career	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. From your center PI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. From your project mentor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. From another mentor, please specify below	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please describe role of the other mentor mentioned above:

18. What do you think could be done to improve the mentoring process in the future?

19. If the amount of funding were higher, how much would this have improved your ability to conduct your study?

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- Not at all
 - Somewhat
 - Greatly

20. Were any of the following processes barriers to completing your study in one year (not including no-cost extension)?

- | | No | Yes |
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| a. Obtaining data use agreements | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Obtaining center IRB approval | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Obtaining multi-center IRB approvals | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Delays in participating in center's data submission | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Other, please specify below | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please describe the other barrier you indicated above:

21. What do you think would have been the ideal award period for the PHN Scholar program?

(Number of years)

22. The PHN Scholar award is different from many other awards in that it is embedded within a research network. In your experience, how does this sort of award compare to other types, in terms of helping early stage investigators establish their research careers? Is it:

- Less beneficial
- Makes no difference
- More beneficial
- Not sure

23. How beneficial did you find attending the PHN meetings?

- Not beneficial
- Somewhat beneficial
- Very beneficial

23a. What benefits did you receive from attending?

24. How beneficial were the audience questions after your presentations at the PHN meetings?

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- Not beneficial
 - Somewhat beneficial
 - Very beneficial

PHN Scholar Career Development

Finally, we would like to determine how the PHN Scholar program has influenced your career development.

25. Overall, how beneficial would you say the PHN scholar program has been for your career development?

- Not beneficial
- Somewhat beneficial
- Very beneficial

26. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the PHN Scholar award has:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
a. Improved your research skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Prepared you to be a PI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Established your career trajectory	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Increased your publication potential	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Expanded your collaborative network outside your institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Increased your involvement in the PHN network (committee membership, authorship, study participation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Increased your involvement in multicenter research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. Did you find new mentors as a result of being in the PHN scholar program?

- No
 Yes, I have new mentor(s) at my center
 Yes, I have new mentor(s) at other centers
 Yes, I have new mentors both at my center and other centers

28. Have you been, or are you now participating in any PHN writing committees?

- No
 Yes

29. Did the PHN scholar program meet the expectations you had?

- No
 Yes

29a. What was missing that you had hoped to get out of this experience?

30. Did you have the opportunity to work with PHN public use datasets as a result of being a PHN scholar?

- No
 Yes

31. What changes should be made, if any, to the award program to ensure it is successful in helping advance the scholars' research careers and participation in the PHN network?

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