Approximately every ten years, the NRC conducts an assessment of research doctorate programs. The data gathered during this assessment is meant to be helpful to students, faculty and those who make educational policy.

Doctoral student candidates in five areas (chemical engineering, economics, English, neuroscience and physics) are being asked to complete the Student Questionnaire which is essential to provide a more complete picture of successful programs and, importantly, provide us with the necessary feedback to help improve programs at the graduate level. This tip sheet is designed to assist you in completing the web-based NRC Student Questionnaire. Because only five doctoral programs are being surveyed your response is very important. For more details on the NRC Assessment see: http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/students/current/nrc/

It is very important that you read this tip sheet BEFORE beginning the Student Questionnaire, as there are many pieces of information you may not have readily available and some items may need clarification!

1) You will be contacted through an invitation from the NRC via the following e-mail address nrc-assessment@bhew.nas.edu during the week of April 9, 2007 to complete the web-based questionnaire. Please do not delete e-mails from this address and be sure e-mails from this address do not get caught in your spam filter. This is very important.

2) Completed questionnaires are due no later than June 30, 2007.

3) You will be asked to provide information about your primary area of specialization (field of study), research publications, financial support, post graduation plans, characteristics of your program, and resources available to you. You may view a sample of the questionnaire at http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/students/current/nrc/ click on Student Questionnaire.

4) Because the drop-down menus with the NRC categories may be confusing, please take time to check with your department head to verify your primary area of specialization and secondary areas of specialization. To fill out this section first type in your area of specialization using the name as referred to at Purdue University, second try to find the corresponding name or a close match in the NRC drop down list.

5) Have information available on how many research publications you have authored or coauthored before and during your doctoral studies.

6) While completing the survey, you may choose ‘quit for now’ at any time and your information will be saved until your next session.

7) Once you hit the ‘submit survey as final’ button your information has been forwarded and your survey will be closed. However, the ‘submit and continue’ button on each page only submits your information for that page thus you may click the back button to change your information or you may select ‘quit for now’ and return at a later time to change your information.

8) Please save your logon information until after the final due date of June 30, 2007.

9) In the case of premature submission or additional questions please contact Charlyce Patterson cpattter@purdue.edu

Thank you for taking the time to review this tip sheet. Your participation in the NRC Student Questionnaire is important, and your cooperation is most appreciated.