

SURVEY INVITATION

From Name: Nancy Wilkins-Diehr

From Email: Center for Survey Research

Subject Line: Your expertise is requested: NSF-funded survey about Web services to support your research and teaching

Dear {firstname} {lastname}:

You have been identified as someone whose insights and expertise would be extremely valuable for a survey of the national research and education community. We are requesting your input to shape the services that the Science Gateways Institute will propose to the National Science Foundation's anticipated solicitation for Scientific Software Innovation Institutes (S2I2).

Science gateways are Web- or mobile-based applications enabling access to advanced technology resources for scientific research and education (further details below). To provide services that would be useful to you and your colleagues, we must understand the needs of researchers and educators who use (or may benefit from using) science gateways and the needs of those who build or support gateways. We also want to identify how gateway technologies could be adapted to benefit areas beyond traditional science, engineering, and technology fields.

It is not possible for us to understand relevant factors and community needs without representation from diverse fields and professional perspectives, which means that your response is very important to us. Please access the survey here:

<https://survey.indiana.edu/SGI/?id={LoginID}>

If you have any questions about this survey or how the results will be used, please feel free to contact Julie Wernert, Information Manager, Indiana University, at jwernert@iu.edu, or (812) 856-5517. Thank you in advance for taking time to share your opinions with us.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wilkins-Diehr, Principal Investigator

Science Gateways Institute (www.sciencegateways.org)

University of California at San Diego/San Diego Super Computing Center

on behalf of

Linda Hayden, Elizabeth City State University; Katherine Lawrence, University of Michigan; Marlon Pierce, Indiana University; Daniel Stanzione, University of Texas, Austin; Michael Zentner, Purdue University

ABOUT SCIENCE GATEWAYS AND THE INSTITUTE

As context, science gateways are used today to provide access to many of the tools used in cutting-edge research including data collections, visualization tools, computational services, remote telescopes, seismic shake tables, supercomputers, sky surveys, and undersea sensors. Such gateways connect often-diverse resources in a scalable way that saves researchers and institutions both time and money. A single gateway can give thousands of users access to current, optimized versions of analysis codes at any time, and codes with a large user base can be used by thousands through a single installation rather than hundreds of local installations.

REMINDER #1

From Name: Nancy Wilkins-Diehr
From email: Center for Survey Research
Subject Line: Science Gateways Institute Survey

Dear {firstname} {lastname}:

Last week, I wrote asking for your insights about needs related to the development, maintenance, and use of advanced web portals for science, commonly known as science gateways. Your responses will allow the Science Gateways Institute to assess the broader, community-wide levels of interest and need, as well as how science gateway technologies could be leveraged to benefit other areas of study.

For a short overview of what gateways are and why an institute is needed, please view the video at: <http://sciencegateways.org/projects/opening-science-gateways-to-future-success/reports>

Your feedback is essential to the evolution of this important resource for research and education, and I am writing again in the hope that you will take a few moments today to complete the survey.

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REMINDER #2

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From email: Center for Survey Research
Subject Line: Science Gateways Institute Survey

Dear {firstname} {lastname}:

Earlier this month, I wrote asking for your insights on the needs related to the development, maintenance, and use of advanced web portals for science, commonly known as science gateways. I am writing again to ask that you take a few minutes out of what I realize is already a very busy day to give us your feedback. Your time is greatly valued, and your insights are of great interest to the Science Gateways Institute.

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FINAL REMINDER (REMINDER #3)

From Name: Nancy Wilkins-Diehr
From email: Center for Survey Research
Subject Line: Science Gateways Institute Survey closes July 25

Dear {firstname} {lastname}:

Before the Science Gateways Institute Survey concludes on Friday, I wanted to write one last time to ask for your participation. I cannot emphasize enough how important your voice is in helping us to develop this important community resource for researchers and educators.

Please take this opportunity to contribute to the future evolution of cutting-edge research and education resources and complete your survey today. I assure you that the survey is brief and will have a great impact on the future development and evolution of the Science Gateways Institute.

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