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Welcome to our National Science Foundation sponsored survey and thank you for agreeing to participate. You were included in our survey based, in part, on your recent experience as a principal investigator on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant. Our study is designed to examine how researchers think about which grant proposals should receive funding. A report summarizing our findings will be provided to the National Institute of Health, the National Science Foundation, and other major institutions that fund scientific research. Participants interested in receiving project reports will be given the opportunity to sign up at the end of the survey. No individually identifying information will be kept with this survey dataset or included in any reports or publications.

For roughly the next thirty minutes, we want you to assume the role of the director of a special NIH program who has to decide on how to allocate scarce funding across a range of potential research projects. To be clear, this is different from the role that you have likely played as a member of an NIH study section. While we want you to draw on that experience, we do not want you to feel constrained by it. One of the main things we seek to learn is how researchers would pick projects if current rules were not in place. You will be provided with evaluation scores from a complete study section meeting (albeit one a bit more stylized than the usual NIH review process). We will then ask you to decide which project(s) you would want to see funded based on that input.

Project descriptions are based on real NIH grant applications. Reviewer evaluation scores have been modified by the research team to help facilitate our statistical analysis of how biomedical researchers, such as yourself, trade off various attributes of projects when deciding what to fund. We will begin by asking you to assemble a portfolio of projects from a selected list. After this task, you will be asked some additional questions to help us better understand your professional background and decision-making processes.

Please read all instructions carefully and take your time in answering the questions.



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Average Score	3.93	3.10	3.50	3.10	3.00	4.63	3.50
Standard Deviation	3.18	2.22	1.53	2.25	0.00	2.67	1.53
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PortfolioAdd1

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Standard Deviation	2.15	2.00	2.27	1.55	2.73	2.14	2.21
Portfolio Selection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Portfolio Drop 1

If funding were slashed so that you had to drop one project from your portfolio, which would you drop?

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Project you would drop from portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Portfolio Add 1

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PortfolioA2

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PortfolioAAAdd2

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Standard Deviation	2.27	2.01	2.33	2.24	2.11	1.82	2.42
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Portfolio4

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2		6	15	6		9	15
3		6		6	30	6	
4	2					2	
5		6	15	6		3	15
6	5			1		2	
7	1	1				1	
8	5	1				2	
9 (Worst)	2	1		2		5	
Average Score	3.93	3.10	3.50	3.10	3.00	4.63	3.50
Standard Deviation	3.18	2.22	1.53	2.25	0.00	2.67	1.53
Portfolio Selection	{%CHECKSELECT("Portfolio4_S1",1);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("Portfolio4_S1",2);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("Portfolio4_S1",3);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("Portfolio4_S1",4);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("Portfolio4_S1",5);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("Portfolio4_S1",6);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("Portfolio4_S1",7);%}

PortfolioADrop4

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	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
Project you would drop from portfolio	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop4_S1",1);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop4_S1",2);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop4_S1",3);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop4_S1",4);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop4_S1",5);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop4_S1",6);%}

PortfolioAdd4

If funding were expanded so that you had to add one more project to your portfolio, which would you add?

	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
Project you would add to portfolio	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd4_S1",1);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd4_S1",2);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd4_S1",3);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd4_S1",4);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd4_S1",5);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd4_S1",6);%}



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Portfolio1

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5	9	3		3		6	12
6	1				1		1
7				2		3	1
8	2	2			2	4	1
9 (Worst)	1	1			2	2	1
Average Score	3.80	2.83	2.10	2.60	2.43	4.47	4.07
Standard Deviation	2.20	2.21	0.96	1.71	1.83	2.61	2.08
Portfolio Selection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PortfolioDrop4

If funding were slashed so that you had to drop one project from your portfolio, which would you drop?

Project you would drop from portfolio	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PortfolioAdd1

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Project you would add to portfolio	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
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PortfolioA1

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6	1	3	3	2			
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8	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
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Standard Deviation	2.15	2.00	2.27	1.55	2.73	2.14	2.21
Portfolio Selection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PortfolioADrop5

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	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
Project you would drop from portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PortfolioAAAdd5

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	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
Project you would add to portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Portfolio1
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Average Score	3.53	2.97	4.50	3.60	3.40	3.00	3.70
Standard Deviation	2.27	2.01	2.33	2.24	2.11	1.82	2.42
Portfolio Selection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PortfolioDrop1

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Project you would drop from portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PortfolioAdd1

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PortfolioA

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3	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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Standard Deviation	2.15	2.00	2.27	1.55	2.73	2.14	2.21
Portfolio Selection	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioA6_S1",1),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioB_S1",2),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioC_S1",3),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioD_S1",4),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioE_S1",5),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioF_S1",6),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioG_S1",7),%}

PortfolioADrop6
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PortfolioAdd6
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4	2	2	1	4	2	1	2
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7			2			4	2
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Average Score	2.87	3.47	3.57	3.97	3.67	4.13	3.33
Standard Deviation	2.30	2.19	2.25	2.27	2.34	2.06	1.88
Portfolio Selection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Portfolio Add:

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Project you would add to portfolio	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
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5	12	3	6	3	6	3	3
6	1	3	3	2	3	3	3
7	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
8	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
9 (Worst)	1	1	1	1	5	1	1
Average Score	4.17	2.70	4.13	2.53	4.47	2.80	2.83
Standard Deviation	2.15	2.00	2.27	1.55	2.73	2.14	2.21
Portfolio Selection	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioA?_S1",1),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioB?_S1",2),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioC?_S1",3),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioD?_S1",4),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioE?_S1",5),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioF?_S1",6),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioG?_S1",7),%}

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Project you would add to portfolio	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAAAdd?_S1",1),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAAAdd?_S1",2),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAAAdd?_S1",3),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAAAdd?_S1",4),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAAAdd?_S1",5),%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAAAdd?_S1",6),%}



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4	2	3	3	1			2
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6	1				1		1
7				2		3	1
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Average Score	3.80	2.83	2.10	2.60	2.43	4.47	4.07
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Portfolio Selection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PortfolioA

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PortfolioAdd

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PortfolioDrop1

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PortfolioAdd1

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Project you would add to portfolio	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
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Portfolio Selection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project you would drop from portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PortfolioDrop1

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Project you would drop from portfolio	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop9_S1",1);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop9_S1",2);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop9_S1",3);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop9_S1",4);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop9_S1",5);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop9_S1",6);%}

PortfolioAdd1

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	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd9_S1",1);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd9_S1",2);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd9_S1",3);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd9_S1",4);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd9_S1",5);%}	{%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd9_S1",6);%}



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Portfolios

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3	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4	2	2	1	4	6	1	2
5	3	6	6	6	6	12	6
6		2	1	1	2		2
7			2			4	2
8	1		1	2	4	1	
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PortfolioADrop02

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Project you would drop from portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop0_S1",1)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop0_S1",2)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop0_S1",3)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop0_S1",4)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop0_S1",5)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioADrop0_S1",6)%]

PortfolioAdd011

If funding were expanded so that you had to add one more project to your portfolio, which would you add?

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Project you would add to portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",1)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",2)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",3)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",4)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",5)%]	<input type="checkbox"/> [%CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",6)%]



Question 2

Please repeat the exercise from the previous question for a **new** set of research projects, which received a **different** set of scores from your science advisory panel.



Portfolio

Question 2

Your NIH program budget to fund this portfolio of proposals is \$8 million dollars and the cost of each proposal is \$2 million dollars.

Check the boxes of the projects you would like to fund located below each proposal. As you enter proposals, the costs of each one will be subtracted from your NIH program budget and your remaining funds will be displayed. Due to your budget, you may not be able to fund all desired projects. You can keep proposals in and out by selecting and unselecting boxes until you are satisfied with your choices.

The tables below show the proposal titles and the number of reviewers (out of your panel of 30) who gave the proposals each score, 1 (best) through 9 (worst), along with the average score and standard deviation of the scores for each proposal. Hover over each proposal in the first table to view its abstract and see a graph of reviewer scores.

Proposal	Title
Proposal A	Genetic Analyses of Heparan Sulfate Function in Cell-Cell Interactions.
Proposal B	Role of pre-mRNA alternative splicing programs in heart and muscle development.
Proposal C	The Role of MicroRNAs in Vertebrate Development.
Proposal D	Cell cycle regulation by protein phosphatase 2A.
Proposal E	Characterizing mechanisms of transcriptional activation using live cell imaging.
Proposal F	Regulation of prostate epithelial basal cell plasticity.
Proposal G	Functional and Pharmacological Implications of miR147 Heterodimerization.
Proposal H	Genetics of secretion in yeast.
Proposal I	Pathways that integrate cell growth with the cell cycle.
Proposal J	Structural Studies of the Autophagic Ubiquitin-Like Proteins.

Remaining Budget: \$6 million

Number of Reviewers per Score and Proposal Score Statistics

Score	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F	Proposal G
1 (Best)	5	9	9	9	9	3	5
2	3	9	12	9	12	6	6
3	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4	2	3	3	3	2	2	2
5	9	3	3	3	3	6	12
6	1				1		1
7				2		3	1
8	2	2			2	4	1
9 (Worst)	1	1				2	1
Average Score	3.80	2.83	2.10	2.60	2.43	4.47	4.07
Standard Deviation	2.20	2.21	0.96	1.71	1.83	2.61	2.08
Portfolio Selection	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("Portfolio0_S1",1)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("Portfolio0_S1",2)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("Portfolio0_S1",3)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("Portfolio0_S1",4)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("Portfolio0_S1",5)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("Portfolio0_S1",6)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("Portfolio0_S1",7)%

PortfolioDrop

If funding were slashed so that you had to drop one project from your portfolio, which would you drop?

	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
Project you would drop from portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop0_S1",1)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop0_S1",2)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop0_S1",3)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop0_S1",4)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop0_S1",5)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioDrop0_S1",6)%

PortfolioAdd

If funding were expanded so that you had to add one more project to your portfolio, which would you add?

	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C	Proposal D	Proposal E	Proposal F
Project you would add to portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",1)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",2)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",3)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",4)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",5)%	<input type="checkbox"/> %CHECKSELECT("PortfolioAdd0_S1",6)%



HoverQ

For how many of the proposals in the last question did you use the hover feature to obtain more details?

HoverQ=1 None

HoverQ=2 Some but less than half

HoverQ=3 More than half but not all

HoverQ=4 All



0%  100%

IntroToAddQs

Now that you are done with the proposal tasks, we would like to ask you some additional questions.

NIHReviewPanel

Approximately how many times have you served on an NIH study section (review panel)?

NIHReviewPanel=1



0 times

NIHReviewPanel=2



1 to 5 times

NIHReviewPanel=3



5 to 10 times

NIHReviewPanel=4



More than 10 times



FundResponsibility

Have you ever served in a position where you had substantial responsibility for selecting which research projects to fund?

FundResponsibility=1 Yes



FundResponsibility=2 No



FundResponsibility2

Did these involve large projects (\$500,000 or more) or smaller projects or both?

FundResponsibility2=1



Large scale projects only

FundResponsibility2=2



Small projects only

FundResponsibility2=3



Both large and small projects



Time1

As you know, all research investments require upfront financial costs in exchange for innovations that will provide benefits sometime in the future. This next series of hypothetical questions is designed to help us understand your preferences regarding these intertemporal tradeoffs.

Please indicate whether you prefer option A or option B for the following choices. Please select one option in **each row**.

Option A

Option B

Time1=1 \$1000 now Time1=2 \$900 in one year

Time2

Time2=1 \$1000 now Time2=2 \$1000 in one year

Time3

Time3=1 \$1000 now Time3=2 \$1100 in one year

Time4

Time4=1 \$1000 now Time4=2 \$1200 in one year

Time5

Time5=1 \$1000 now Time5=2 \$1300 in one year

Time6

Time6=1 \$1000 now Time6=2 \$1400 in one year

Time7

Time7=1 \$1000 now Time7=2 \$1500 in one year

Time8

Time8=1 \$1000 now Time8=2 \$1600 in one year

Time9

Time9=1 \$1000 now Time9=2 \$1700 in one year

Time10

Time10=1 \$1000 now Time10=2 \$1800 in one year

Time11

Time11=1 \$1000 now Time11=2 \$1900 in one year

Time12

Time12=1 \$1000 now Time12=2 \$2000 in one year



0%  100%

PropertyIntro

As you know, all research investments have uncertain returns, since projects are still in early stages when they are being funded. This next series of hypothetical questions is designed to help us understand your risk preferences.

Suppose you have inherited investment property and you are given a choice between two different types of investments. One will provide a one-time guaranteed payout and the other will pay a one-time uncertain one. Please make a selection in **each row**.

Option A

Option B

Property1:

Property1=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property1=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$90,000

Property2:

Property2=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property2=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$80,000

Property3:

Property3=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property3=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$70,000

Property4:

Property4=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property4=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$60,000

Property5:

Property5=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property5=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$50,000

Property6:

Property6=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property6=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$40,000

Property7:

Property7=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property7=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$30,000

Property8:

Property8=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property8=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$20,000

Property9:

Property9=1

\$20,000 guaranteed

Property9=2

50:50 chance at \$10,000:\$10,000



YearBorn

In what year were you born?

Gender

What is your sex?

Gender=1 Female

Gender=2 Male

Gender=3 Prefer not to answer

PhD

Do you have a Ph.D.?

PhD=1 Yes

PhD=2 No

MD

Do you have a M.D.?

MD=1 Yes

MD=2 No

PrivateSector

How many years of experience, if any, do you have working in the private for-profit sector? Enter 0 if none.

PIProposals

About how many research proposals on which you were the principal investigator have you submitted to the NIH?

PIProposals=1 Less than 5

PIProposals=2 5 to 10

PIProposals=3 More than 10

NIHFundingInfo

Is there anything concerning how NIH should fund projects that you think we might find useful or interesting?



0%  100%

PrePrintInterest

Thank you for taking our survey. As was mentioned in the introduction, we are offering to provide preprints of the results to respondents who express interest. If you would like to receive updates about the results of this survey, please submit your email address below. Otherwise, leave this page blank and click the arrow below to complete and exit the survey.

Email Address:



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Thank you for completing our survey.

