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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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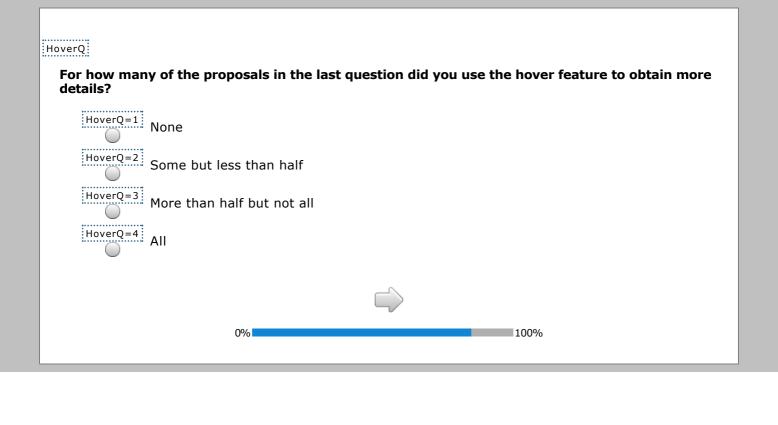
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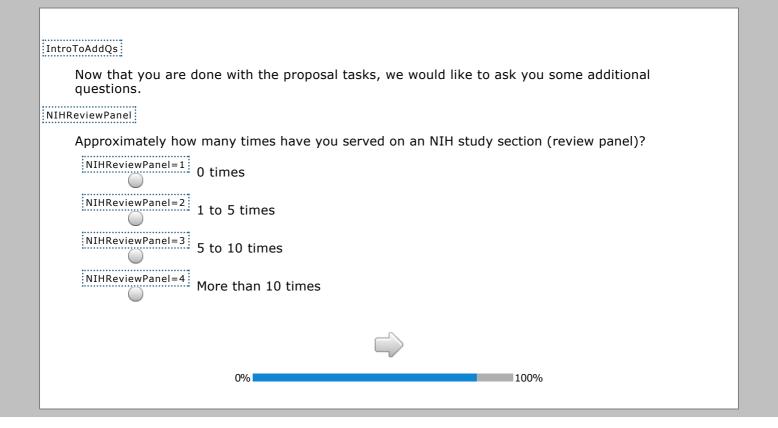
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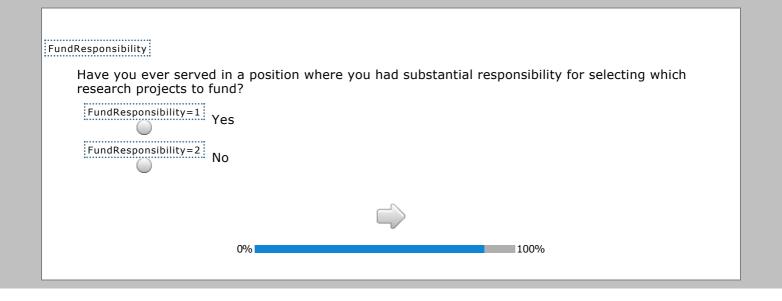
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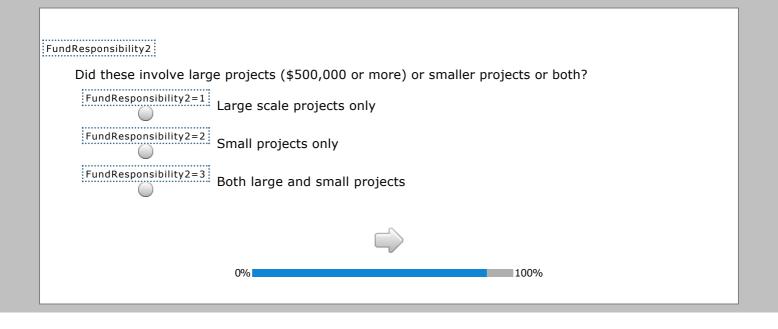


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As you know, all research investments require upfront financial costs in exchange for innovations that will provide benefits sometime in the future. This next series of hypothetical questions is designed to help us understand your preferences regarding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

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

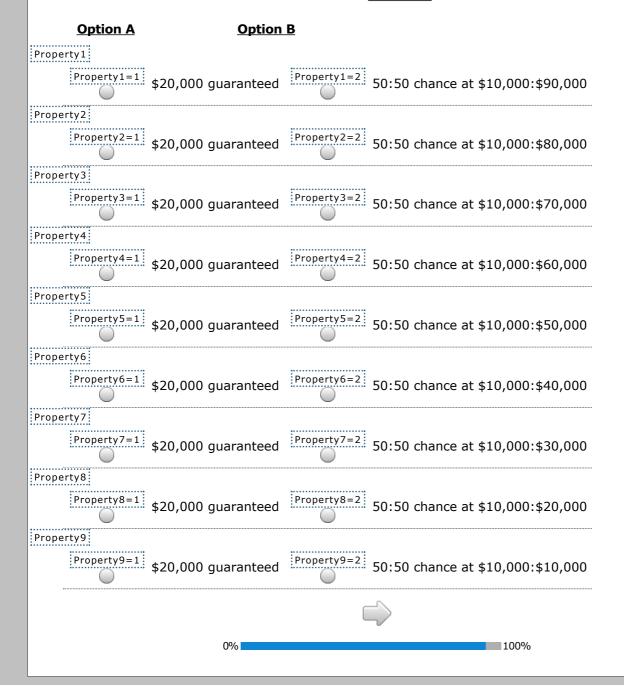


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PropertyIntro

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**.



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
No 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?
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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: 0%

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Thank you for completing our survey.

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