

Questionnaire

You will be asked a series of questions regarding your motivations and goals as an academic. Please read and determine your level of agreement with each statement. Then, check one of the seven boxes next to the corresponding item. If you do not know or a particular sentence does not apply to you, check the N/A box.

Some questions will ask about your field, and others will ask about your research topics. Please consider “field” to be the main theme of your research (for example, “higher education”), and “research topic” as a specific subject within the main theme (e.g., “doctoral education” and “access to higher education” would be research topics in the “higher education” theme). “Field community” is also a term that you will encounter while you complete the survey. “Field community” is defined as the research/scholarly community(ies) with which you identify. Keep these definitions in mind when you respond to the questions.

There are no right or wrong answers. Please read each statement and check the box that best applies to you. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Completely disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Completely agree	N/A
I am not discouraged by the lack of funding on a certain topic.								
I aim to be recognized by my peers.								
I would rather conduct revolutionary research with little chance of success than replicate research with a high probability of success.								
I enjoy conducting collaborative research with my peers.								
I am driven by innovative research.								
My research choices are highly influenced by my former PhD mentor’s ideas.								
I often decide my research agenda in collaboration with my field community.								
I enjoy multidisciplinary research more than single-disciplinary research.								
I adjust my research agenda based on my institution’s demands.								
My publications are enhanced by collaboration with other authors.								
Being a highly regarded expert is one of my career goals.								
I consider the opinions of my nonacademic peers when I choose my research topics.								
Part of my work is largely due to my former PhD mentor’s ideas.								
Limited funding does not constrain my choice of topic.								
I would be interested in pursuing research in other fields.								
Societal challenges drive my research choices.								
I am constantly striving to publish new papers.								
I am often invited to collaborate with my peers.								
My research agenda is aligned with my institution’s research strategies.								

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I want my research to contribute reliable evidence to the literature that other researchers can build upon.								
I aim to critically examine and expose the limitations of existing research.								
I want my research to be relevant and useful for other researchers.								
I want my research to represent the truth as accurately as possible.								
I believe it's often unproductive to reevaluate accepted findings.								
I see it as my responsibility to help correct inaccuracies in the scientific record.								
I want others to rely on my research because of its methodological rigor.								
I want my research to contribute to resolving long-standing research questions.								
I believe that building on existing literature can constrain originality in research.								
I want my research to challenge and potentially falsify existing findings.								
I prefer developing new ideas over engaging with existing research.								
No study is perfect.								
I want my research to be updated or corrected by the scientific community.								
Once research has passed peer review, I generally assume it's reliable.								
I want my research to be distinct from the existing body of research.								
I want to communicate my research truthfully to others.								
I believe it's acceptable to sometimes prioritize speed over thoroughness in research.								
I aim to identify errors in published research through careful reanalysis.								
I want my research to remain valuable to the field in the future.								
I prioritize original contributions over correcting the published work of other researchers.								
I want my research to serve as reliable evidence.								