

Consent form

This survey investigates **the different functional roles or scholarly niches of ecologists in the performance and dissemination of academic research.**

This survey is intended only for **ecological researchers.**

This survey has 2 parts:

- Part 1: Questions on sociodemographic factors (2-3 minutes)
- Part 2: Questions on the roles you play within science (5-6 minutes)

Personally identifiable information will be kept confidential.

You may be identifiable in our data from the combination of your demographic information and your other survey responses. To reduce the risk of re-identification, we may collapse categories.

The study "**Understanding the functional roles and scholarly niches of ecological researchers**" (CU IRB protocol no. 21-0370) is conducted by researchers from the University of Colorado Boulder and the Santa Fe Institute. This study is supported by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

Your participation is voluntary and you may stop at any time. If you choose to stop, you may request deletion of the data you have entered so far.

No compensation is offered for participation.

Questions or comments: please contact Dr. Kate Wootton or Prof. Aaron Clauset at facultystudy@colorado.edu . The University of Colorado Institutional Review Board ("IRB") may be contacted at 303-735-3702 or irbadmin@colorado.edu if the research team is unable to answer your question

If you wish to continue, please check all the boxes below that apply to you:

- I publish peer-reviewed ecological research
- I have read and understood the consent criteria and give my permission to participate in this study

Uncheck the box below to opt out of allowing us to link your survey responses to your publicly available publication records

- Yes, link my data