

Joining *Understanding PhD Career Pathways* as a Project Affiliate

As a [project affiliate](#), your institution will join a consortium of CGS member institutions committed to sharing PhD Career Pathways Surveys data with the Council of Graduate Schools. Affiliates are essential contributors in a national effort to better understand career preferences and outcomes of PhD students and alumni. *Project affiliate* is a designation that denotes an official and defined relationship with a CGS Best Practice project that is similar to but distinct from that of a project partner. Since affiliates participate without receiving funding, they have the flexibility to define the scope of their participation within the parameters defined below, while enjoying most of the benefits of project partnership.

Benefits

- Preferred access to data and benchmarking.
- Recognition as a project affiliate on the CGS website and in project materials.
- Access to private project pages and resources on the CGS website, as well as CGS staff support for project participation.
- Invited to develop a campus sustainability plan and receive feedback from CGS staff and peers.
- Opportunity to shape the long-term direction of the CGS Career Pathways project, including invitations to project directors' meetings, webinars, and the opportunity to contribute to conversations about a possible Career Pathways benchmarking project.

Requirements

- Be a [Regular Member](#) of CGS.
- Sign a Data Sharing Agreement, which outlines your institution's commitments to:
 - Administer the [PhD Alumni Survey](#) and/or [PhD Student Survey](#) to one or more doctoral programs at least once.
 - Follow all requirements for data collection for data reported to CGS, including submission of IRB approval, assurances of survey instrument integrity, and conforming with required timing for survey administration timing and selection of survey participants (See Guidelines for Data Collection, pp. A11 - A13 and Additional Guidelines for Data Collection, pp. A16 – A21 in the [Survey Implementation Guide](#)).
 - Share the resulting data with CGS.

How to sign up

- Contact [Jeff Engler](#) to express interest in participating as an affiliate and with any questions.
 - CGS will send the Data Sharing Agreement for your review.