

Table 2**Affirmative responses to postdoc items by schools, by broad field: Most recent response 2010–16**

(Percent)

Responses and questions	Number of postdocs in biological and health sciences					Number of postdocs in engineering			
	None	1–10	11–50	51–200	More than 200	None	1–10	11–50	More than 50
Number of responses	185	135	89	95	63	359	87	75	46
Requires a PhD or an equivalent doctoral degree?	71.4	97.8	96.6	99.0	100.0	85.0	96.6	98.7	95.7
Requires that the doctorate was recently awarded?	39.5	61.5	55.1	50.5	49.2	45.7	55.2	52.0	71.7
Is a temporary position?	68.1	85.2	89.9	86.3	92.1	76.9	85.1	96.0	84.8
Is intended to provide training in research?	68.1	97.0	97.8	99.0	100.0	83.8	95.4	97.3	95.7
Is intended to advance professional skills?	69.7	97.0	96.6	96.8	96.8	84.4	95.4	93.3	93.5
Requires a full-time commitment to research?	47.6	75.6	85.4	80.0	85.7	66.0	72.4	85.3	69.6
Requires that the postdoc work under the direction of a senior scholar?	63.2	89.6	92.1	90.5	96.8	78.3	86.2	90.7	93.5
Is for a defined period of time (i.e., has a term limit)?	68.7	83.0	89.9	86.3	90.5	75.8	85.1	94.7	89.1
Requires publication of research in scholarly journals?	37.3	64.4	57.3	45.3	47.6	50.1	52.9	45.3	43.5
Requires mentorship for professional development?	52.4	78.5	74.2	74.7	77.8	68.0	71.3	76.0	56.5
Is intended to prepare the postdoc for an independent career in research?	57.3	88.9	94.4	96.8	100.0	76.0	90.8	93.3	93.5
Does your institution have a formal definition of a postdoc position that is used by all units at your school?	23.2	41.5	65.2	71.6	90.5	41.0	51.7	72.0	78.3

Source(s):

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