Calling All Borrowers Who Received Student Loan Forgiveness Through the PSLF Program: Please Complete a Short Survey that Will Inform Research on Loan Forgiveness

NASW invites borrowers to participate in an innovative and important new survey (password: PSLF) that seeks to measure the impact of Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) on borrowers’ well-being, including financially-related stress, life satisfaction, mental distress, perceived overall stress, and job satisfaction.

Survey Information: This 10-minute survey (password: PSLF) is a part of a three-year project aiming to link various dimensions of subjective well-being with the experience, and expectation, of loan forgiveness through PSLF. This research will help contribute to debate and discourse related to the PSLF program and to student loan debt cancellation more widely. It’s critically important that the experiences of social workers are represented in this research because we typically have high amounts of student debt and oftentimes low starting salaries. Surveys must be submitted by January 31, 2023.

Eligibility: The survey, and any follow-up engagement, is open to all borrowers participating in the PSLF program, including those applying for forgiveness and those who have already had their student debt forgiven.

Incentives for Participating: Participation in the project is totally voluntary, and participants may end their engagement at any time. Individuals who complete their surveys will be entered into a lottery drawing for up to $50 in gift cards, which will be drawn annually in May.

About the researchers: This research is being led by Dr. Daniel Collier, Assistant Professor of Higher and Adult Education in the Department of Leadership at the University of Memphis. Professor Collier is also a fellow with the Student Loan Law Initiative (SLLI), a partnership between the University of California and the Student Borrower Protection Center, as well as a research fellow for Davidson College’s The College Crisis Initiative (C2I).

Survey Link and More Information: Borrowers can sign up to participate at this link (password: PSLF), where you can also find more information about the research project. You can also read a twitter thread summarizing the survey and research from Dr. Collier here.