

# Study Title: OR Researcher Pipeline Survey – NEW RESEARCHER

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Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.

## **What is the research about?**

The research is being carried out with the OR Society Research Panel and aims to determine the state of the UK academic community in Operational Research. With this information, the society will be better able to target initiatives where they are needed. It may also be useful in discussions with funding bodies to provide more concrete evidence about the academic community.

## **Why have I been asked to participate?**

As you are at an early stage in your career, you are the members of the community with the most to gain from this work. We would like to know your aspirations and whether there is anything that we can do to make an academic career in OR in the UK more attractive and/or obtainable.

## **Are there any benefits in my taking part?**

The benefits to new researchers in the short term will be to help us deliver more appropriate events/training for you. In the longer term, we anticipate there being significant benefits to the UK community of OR academics in terms of developing a better relationship with the funding bodies. Results will also allow the OR Society to focus initiatives better, building a stronger academic community. All participants will be sent copies of reports written using the data.

## **Will my participation be confidential?**

The data that you submit will be stored securely by the OR Society on a password-protected server. The survey is anonymous. Basic statistical analyses will be carried out and summary results will be published by the OR Society.

## **What happens if I change my mind?**

As this is an anonymous survey we are unable to remove your data following submission.

### **What will happen to the results of the research?**

Data from the survey will be analysed and written up for publication by the OR Society. Participants will be sent copies of reports. Raw data will be stored for up to 5 years and aggregate data will be stored for up to 20 years.

### **Where can I get more information?**

More information can be obtained by contacting the OR Society's Research and Publications Officer ([charlene.timewell@theorsociety.com](mailto:charlene.timewell@theorsociety.com)), or e-mailing Dr Christine Currie ([Christine.currie@soton.ac.uk](mailto:Christine.currie@soton.ac.uk)) or Prof Julia Bennell ([j.a.bennell@soton.ac.uk](mailto:j.a.bennell@soton.ac.uk)).

### **What happens if something goes wrong?**

In the unlikely case of concern or complaint, please contact the Research Integrity and Governance Manager (023 8059 5058, [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk)).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We really appreciate your contribution and will be in touch as soon as we can with results of the analysis.