

## Definitions of PSRI respondent groups

### Students

Any degree-seeking, undergraduate enrolled in a course for academic credit during the semester/term in which the PSRI is administered. Students must be at least eighteen years of age. This sample will include part-time and full-time status students, residential and nonresidential students. The survey is generally administered to students after they have completed at least one semester at the institution.

### Student Affairs Professionals

Any employee of a campus unit (department/office) who is responsible for providing direct student services, but who is not responsible for delivering course instruction or conducting research as their primary role. **Student employees should be excluded from this sample.** Many of the staff will likely work within units that report to the vice president of student affairs/dean of students (or the equivalent institutional officer). The units from which Student Affairs Professionals will likely be drawn include (but are not limited to):

- Student advising/counseling
- Student activities/leadership
- Multicultural program offices
- Student center of union staff
- Career services
- Judicial affairs
- Athletics
- Financial aid
- Residence life or housing program
- International offices
- Study abroad program offices
- Campus safety and security or police
- Student health centers
- Orientation
- Admissions
- Academic support or disabilities services

### Academic Administrators

Any employee of a campus unit (department/office) who is responsible for providing administrative and programmatic support, but who is not responsible for delivering course instruction or conducting research activities as their primary role. Many of the staff will likely work within the units that report to the provost/dean of the faculty (or the equivalent institutional officer). **Units responsible for business functions or auxiliary services of the institution (finance and budget, physical plant, dining or food service, auditing, campus planning, general counsel, human resources, government relations) should be excluded from this sample.** The units from which Academic Administrators will likely be drawn include (but are not limited to):

- Librarians

- Computer or instructional technology
- Provost office staff
- President/chancellor staff
- Academic deans office staff
- Academic departments administrative staff
- Development and donor relations
- Alumni affairs

### **Faculty Members**

Any full-time or part-time faculty member who has responsibility for delivering direct instruction to undergraduate students. Instructional staff members that do not have faculty status should also be included (adjuncts, lecturers, etc.) unless their primary role has included them in another category. **Postdoctoral researchers, graduate student teaching assistants, and faculty teaching in graduate or professional schools without undergraduate teaching responsibilities should be excluded.**