Information about the Executive Turnover Survey Study

What is the Purpose of the Study: The Executive Turnover Study is a survey of nonprofit organizations that have experienced turnover. The purpose of the study is to explore the contexts of executive turnover in a nonprofit organization.

The Executive Turnover Survey will collect data from 230 nonprofit organizations. Questions on the survey ask about the organization’s characteristics and the situations surrounding the most recent executive transition. The survey should be completed by the organization’s current executive director.

What Organizations are Included in the Study: Nonprofit organizations that are included in the Executive Turnover were randomly selected from organizations operating in the top twenty largest metropolitan areas in the United States. Organizations serve in a variety of mission areas and have been identified as experiencing an executive turnover between the years of 2010-2014.

When is the Study being Conducted: Surveys will be distributed to organizations and foundations in the sample during Fall and Winter 2014-2015. The survey will close January 31, 2015. The survey is available for completion via online format, print format or over the phone. Preliminary results from the Study will be available in Spring 2015.

For more information: For additional information regarding the study, please contact Mandi J. Stewart, the lead researcher. If you have other questions or concerns, you may also contact Ms. Stewart’s faculty advisor, Dr. Lewis Faulk. Ms. Stewart is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Public Administration and Policy and is completing this research as part of her PhD requirements at American University. Dr. Faulk is a professor in the Department of Public Administration and Policy in the School of Public Affairs.

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