

Amended FAQ

The University System of Georgia is sharing this opportunity for your institution to participate in a national survey concerning food and housing security on college campuses. This is strictly voluntary for your institution, but we encourage your institutional participation so State of Georgia is strongly represented in this national study. The survey was announced at the [Embark Georgia](#) 2017 Leadership conference by the founder of the Wisconsin HOPE Lab Sara Goldrick-Rab. Below is a description of the survey and attached are FAQ's for your review.

The Wisconsin HOPE Lab, the nation's first laboratory for translational research aimed at improving equitable outcomes in postsecondary education, aims to survey students to assess their levels of food and housing security.

The survey will be conducted at colleges nationwide. The resulting report will inform colleges, and the communities where those colleges are located, about the prevalence of student food and housing insecurity. We hope that this information will help bring additional resources to struggling students and provide information about which students are most likely to need food and housing support in order to complete their diplomas. In addition, information from this project will help advance innovative policy solutions.

Colleges that participate in the study will also get a report of summary data on their own institution. Per institution students who participate in the survey will be eligible for an incentive for participating. Each institution is asked to provide \$1,000 for the incentive (see FAQ for more detail).

The study will also result in a national report that will inform colleges serving low income students, and the communities where those colleges are located, about the extent of student food and housing insecurity. This information will also help bring additional resources to struggling students who are most likely to need food and housing help in order to complete their diplomas.

The Wisconsin HOPE Lab has worked to make participation in this study easy for colleges. They have staff ready to provide assistance to colleges, answer questions, and resolve technical problems.

Please visit their web page today to learn more about the study and to submit your Acknowledgment of Participation form: <http://wihopelab.com/projects/survey/index.html>



Assess Food and Housing Insecurity Among Your Students

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of this study?

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2. What is the Wisconsin HOPE Lab?

The Wisconsin HOPE Lab is the nation's first laboratory for translational research aimed at improving equitable outcomes in postsecondary education.

We are at the forefront of efforts to raise awareness and increase knowledge of undergraduates struggling with food and housing insecurity. Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab, now a Professor of Higher Education Policy and Sociology at Temple University, founded the Lab and continues to lead our efforts as a consultant. For more information, please see wihopelab.com.

3. How is this study funded?

The Wisconsin HOPE Lab is providing funding for this study.

4. When will the study take place?

Colleges will need to register by Thursday, June 1, 2017. The survey will be fielded in the first 4-6 weeks of fall semester. Analysis and writing will begin in November 2017. The HOPE Lab will release and publicize the main report in early spring 2018 and deliver short reports to colleges in late spring 2018.

5. What are participating colleges in this study expected to do?

Colleges interested in participating in the study should complete the Acknowledgement of Participation, which explains institutions' responsibilities:

- a) Send recruitment emails to enrolled students for participation in the study. Partner colleges are expected to send these emails to students within the first few weeks of classes during the fall of 2017. It is recommended that colleges send an email once weekly for the first three weeks of the beginning of the fall semester.
- b) Provide \$1,000 in student incentives. This money is to be used as ten \$100 prizes in a random drawing for students who wish to participate in the survey. Students who wish

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- c) to be entered into the incentive drawing will be asked to provide a contact email address (student's answers are not tied to email addresses). Winners at each institution will be selected randomly by the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, who will then share the contact email addresses of student winners with the colleges. Colleges will then contact students and disburse incentives.
- d) Complete a brief survey about the administration of the survey. This survey will give researchers context for understanding the survey sample student responses.
- e) As part of the application materials to participate in this study, we are asking each college IRB office to sign a form indicating that they waive their right to review the study. The UW-Madison IRB will provide human subjects approval for this study.

6. What will colleges receive for participating?

Each college will receive a summary report for its students' survey responses. These reports will be delivered in late spring 2018.

7. Will there be help available during survey administration?

The Wisconsin HOPE Lab will provide technical assistance to participating colleges throughout recruitment, registration, and survey administration. Technical assistance will be available via a project website and individual assistance with the Wisconsin HOPE Lab staff.

8. Do we need to submit this survey to our IRB?

As noted above UW-Madison's IRB has approved this study. Given time constraints, we are asking colleges to sign off that their IRB office does not need to review the study.

9. Do we need to collect any data for this study?

No. The Wisconsin HOPE Lab will collect the survey data via the online platform.

10. How is student confidentiality being protected?

Students will complete the survey on a secure, online survey platform. Survey data will be securely transferred to the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, where it will be stored on secure servers managed by UW Madison information technology specialists. Only HOPE Lab researchers involved in this study will have access to survey data. Main reports and school reports will only contain summary measures of student responses.

11. Why do colleges need to contribute money for this project?

The investment of \$1,000 by each participating college is to boost student participation in order to ensure the most accurate estimates of food and housing insecurity. All funds go to the students.

12. How will the incentive incentives work?

In order to be entered into the incentive drawing, students will be asked to provide an email address at the end of their surveys. Students are *not* required to provide an email in order to complete the survey, although only those who provide an email address can be eligible for the incentive drawing. After the survey period ends, researchers at the Wisconsin HOPE Lab will use a random drawing to select ten incentive winners at each college. Participating institutions will be notified of the winning students. Colleges will then disburse the award funds. Colleges will not be provided with any survey data for those winning students.

13. If we have questions, who can we contact?

Please feel free to contact the project coordinator, Anthony Hernandez, at the Wisconsin HOPE Lab by email at hernandez26@wisc.edu