



What is the purpose of this research? The purpose is to study student-athletes' perceptions and experiences of the campus climate. This knowledge will help researchers and administrators better understand how climate influences academic and athletic success. Having a better understanding of the climate in intercollegiate athletics will provide additional knowledge about the factors that enhance or inhibit APR, graduation rates, and retention of student-athletes.

Which other schools are participating? All institutional members of the NCAA have been invited to participate. An aggregate report will be provided. Your institution will not be identified.

How much time will this involve? The designated institutional contact will have the opportunity to work with the research team at Penn State to strategize recruitment and distribution of the survey. **The survey should take student-athletes about 20 minutes to complete.**

Will I get a copy of the final report? An aggregate report will be made available electronically.

How do I get more information about this? Return the enclosed *Intent to Participate* form. The research team will email a packet of information to the designated contact. All future communication will be with your designated contact via email.

Can I designate a contact person and still be involved? Absolutely. Please tell your designee to let the research team know you wish to be copied in the correspondence.

Has this project received IRB approval? This research has been approved by Penn State's Institutional Review Board. A copy of the approval letter and proposal is available online at www.ed.psu.edu/educ/student-athlete/.

Can I see some sample questions? For more information, including sample questions, please visit the project's website at www.ed.psu.edu/educ/student-athlete/.

Dates for Your Calendar

- **November 1:** The Letter of Agreement and Institutional Profile must be returned to the research team at Penn State. After these are submitted, the designated institutional contact will receive a template email including a URL to the online survey as well as reminder template emails.
- **A few weeks before winter break begins:** Inform coaches, student-athletes, and others about the survey.
- **January 15-March 15, 2010:** Encourage participation in the survey and email the first modified template to all student-athletes at your institution. Send out the provided reminder emails. The link to the survey will remain open from January 15 until March 15 in order for student-athletes to complete it.
- **May 2010:** The designated contact will receive an update of the data analysis and an anticipated time when the final report will be completed.

