Welcome to the ADVANCE Academic Work Environment Survey

Thank you for your time. We would especially like to thank those of you who completed the first survey in 2004. We are most grateful for everyone's input.

The 2007 survey is an important part of the NSF ADVANCE program to develop supportive work initiatives for all faculty on the URI campus. It is a follow-up to an initial survey distributed in 2004. Taking this follow-up survey allows us to gauge the strengths and weaknesses that exist in departmental work environments for faculty at URI. Importantly, it enables us to track and report to you how URI has and continues to evolve since the first survey.

Although the topics are similar to the first survey, this 2007 version is shorter and easier to complete. We welcome all faculty to take part in this new survey, regardless of whether you completed the 2004 survey.

The results of this survey will:

- Provide valuable and unique information and insights about the work environment at URI
- Provide the opportunity for faculty to voice their concerns or their support
- Lend support for change initiatives where they are needed
- Provide necessary program evaluation information to NSF
- Enable the ADVANCE Project to evaluate its impact at the University
- Provide a tool to help departments promote equity, improve retention, and increase overall worker satisfaction
- Contribute to a national ADVANCE effort to understand faculty work environments

Information About This Research and Your Participation

- Your participation will enable us to provide accurate information about faculty attitudes and perceptions about work life at URI. Not only will your participation provide research contributions to understanding institutions of higher education, but the findings will be used to suggest improvements at the University of Rhode Island.
- There is minimal risk in participating in this study. Participation in this research is voluntary; you may withdraw at any time without consequence.
- All information in the surveys will be strictly confidential. Data will be summarized and carefully reported in groups or clusters so that no single individual can be identified.
- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the protection of human participants at URI has reviewed and approved this research. Your return of the questionnaire indicates your consent to participate in the study.
- If you have questions, you may reach Barbara Silver at 874-9422 or silver@uri.edu, or the IRB Chair at 874-4328.

Instructions

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. We know how busy you are and have tried to make the process as simple and efficient as possible. We are very interested in receiving responses from all URI faculty, especially those who participated in our first Academic Work Environment Survey distributed during 2004-2005.

Please indicate the appropriate response for each question and, where applicable, include additional comments in the spaces provided. The survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

If you have questions while completing the survey, please contact a member of the ADVANCE staff at 874-9422 or advance1@etal.uri.edu.

I. Professional Employment
Note: Throughout this survey, "faculty" refers to all tenured and tenure track, primary research and clinical track faculty.
1. Year of highest degree:
2. Year of first appointment at URI:
3. Year began tenure track at URI (if applicable):
4. Year received a tenured position at URI (if applicable):
5. Are you non-Tenure Track Faculty (i.e. research or clinical track, lecturer, etc.)?
6. Please specify your current department in the box below:
7. How would you classify your primary URI appointment? Indicate by selecting the appropriate response below. (Please check only one.)
Assistant Professor jn Associate Research Professor jn Per Course Instructor
Associate Professor jn Senior Research Professor jn Administrative Position
Full Professor Lecturer Other (i.e. chair) Please specify:
Assistant Research Professor ja Adjunct Faculty

1. Is it possible to stop or extend the tenure clock in your department? Yes No Don't Know 2. Please indicate if you have ever stopped the tenure clock at URI for any of the following reasons. No. I have not stopped the tenure clock. Yes, part of start-up package Yes, professional opportunity Yes, childbirth/other dependent care duties Yes, health reasons Yes, other reason (please specify) 3. Did you ever choose not to stop the tenure clock even though you were entitled to? Yes m No N/A If yes, please explain: 4. If you had chosen to stop the tenure clock in your department at URI for any reason how supportive would your department have been in facilitating this choice? If applicable please indicate the appropriate response below. jn Neutral jn N/A Somewhat Somewhat Supportive Unsupportive Unsupportive Supportive

II. Tenure Clock Decisions

III. Resources

1. Please rate how satisfied you are with the level of resources that have been available to you over the last 3 years (i.e. course release time, lab equipment, travel funding, discretionary funds, etc.). If you have been at URI less than 3 years, please refer to the time that you have been at URI:

	Very Unsatisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Accessibility to needed resources in your department or college	ja	j sn	jm	j to	j m
Resources received from your department/college relative to how many resources you need to do your work	j υ	j n	j n	jn	ĴΩ
Level of resources that have been available to you	jn	jn	jn	jn	ja

2.	Have you	ı ever h	nad an	outside	offer	while at	URI?

jn	Yes
jm	No

jm	Yes
jn	No
jn	
J	If yes, please explain:

IV. Teaching and/or Student Contact During the last 3 years: 1. What is the average number of undergraduate courses you have taught per semester? 2. What is the average number of graduate courses you have taught per semester? 3. What is the average number of students you have taught per semester? 4. How many revisions of existing courses have you prepared? 5. How many new courses have you prepared? 6. How many hours do you spend teaching in an average week? 7. How many contact/office hours do you provide in an average week? 8. How many undergraduates do you advise in an average semester? 9. How many graduate students do you advise in an average semester?

VI. Recognition	
During the last 3 years, list the number of awards you have received from the University of Rhode Island a from organizations outside of the University of Rhode Island in each of the following areas:	and
1. From URI Teaching Research Service Other	
2. Outside URI Teaching Research Service Other	
3. Please rate how satisfied you are with how much you have been recognized over the last 3 years (if you have been at URI less than 3 years, rate your satisfaction for the time you have been at URI).	
yery Unsatisfied jn Somewhat Unsatisfied jn Neutral jn Somewhat Satisfied jn Very Satistified	

VII. Career Satisfaction

1. During the last 3 years, select the response that best expresses your level of career satisfaction within each of the areas below.

	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat I Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Opportunity to collaborate with other faculty	jn	jn	ja	jn	jn
Amount of social interaction with members of my unit	jn	jn	jn	j n	jn
Level of funding for my research or creative efforts	jn	jn	jn	ja	jn
Current salary in comparison to the salaries of my URI colleagues	jn	jn	jn	j n	jn
Sense of being valued as a teacher by my students	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Sense of being valued as a mentor/advisor by my students	jn	jn	jn	j n	jn
Sense of being valued as a teacher by my colleagues	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Sense of being valued for my research, scholarship, and potential by my colleagues	jn	jn	jn	j m	jn
Level of intellectual stimulation in day-to-day contacts with faculty	jn	jn	j n	ja	ja
Sense of contributing to theoretical developments in my field	jn	jn	jn	j n	jn
Balance between personal and professional life	jn	jn	jn	ja	jn
Overall job satisfaction	jn	jn	jn	jn	j n

VIII. Demographics

1. To better understand longitudinal issues, we are tracking responses individually by an 8-digit identifier. Your identity will not be associated in any way with your survey – the tracking number will be kept separate from your survey. Please fill in the following:

1st 2 digits of SSN	
Last 2 digits of year of birth	
Last 2 digits of SSN	
Day of birth	

2. Age:

3 .	Sex:
jn	Female
m	Male

4. US Citizen:	
†n Yes	
jn No	
5. Dependents	
Number of children for whom you provide care	
Number of elderly dependents for whom you provide care	
Number of other dependents for whom you provide care	
6. Racial/Ethnic Identity (Please check	all that apply)
African American/Black	E Latino/a or Hispanic American
Asian American/Pacific Islander	Native American/American Indian
European American or White	€ Multiracial
	Other (please specify):
IX. Productivity	
1. In thinking briefly about your produc	ctivity, during the last 3 years, please
provide approximate estimates of the f	
The number of grants you received	
The total dollar amount of the grants you received	
The number of publications (peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, etc.)	
The number of books/monographs/plays/major contribution	S
you wrote/made	
2. Using the criteria above, how would	you rate your overall productivity
compared to researchers in your area	and at your rank nationwide?
	ut the Same Slightly More Much More
Productive Productive	Productive Productive
	ou think your department/college views
your level of productivity, compared to	the average in your
department/college?	
jn Much Less jn Slightly Less jn Abo Productive Productive	ut the Same jn Slightly More jn Much More Productive Productive

X. Mentoring

1. A mentor is someone who serves as a role model and/or gives you advice and counsel on career and/or professional work/life issues. In regard to your experiences of being mentored at URI, to what extent do you disagree or agree with each of the following statements? Please check the appropriate response.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
I believe that good mentoring is important to the success of most faculty members.	j n	ja	ja	ja	ja
My college places a high priority on quality mentoring.	jn	jn	j n	jn	jn
My department/unit, in particular, places a high priority on quality mentoring.	j to	ja	ja	ja	jn
My discipline or field values mentoring.	jn	jn	j n	jn	jn
I am familiar with the mentoring policy in my college.	j to	j ro	j to	jm	jm
My department/unit has a process to ensure that mentoring relationships are going well.	j m	j n	j n	jn	j Ω
My department/unit acknowledges mentoring activities through an award, course release time, or some other tangible recognition of service.	j to	jn	jn	j'n	ja
I am satisfied with the level/quality of mentoring I am currently receiving.	j n	j n	ĴΩ	jn	j Ω
Mentoring about teaching is important.	j'n	j m	j m	j n	jm
Mentoring about the promotion process is important.	j m	j n	j n	jn	j n
Mentoring about publications is important.	jm	j m	jm	jn	jm
Mentoring about finding resources is important.	j m	j m	j n	ĴΩ	jn
Mentoring about work-life issues is important.	jm	j m	ja	ja	ja

URI? Please list the number of people.
Within your department/college Outside you department/college
3. How many other mentors do you have, either informal or formal, who were not assigned to you by your department/college? Please list the number of people.
Within your department/college Outside you department/college

XI. Department Climate

1. In the past 3 years, what changes have you observed in your department/college?

	Much Worse	Slightly Worse	About the Same	Slightly Better	Much Better
Professional collaborations between faculty	jn	jn	j n	ja	jn
Mentoring of faculty	jn	j m	j m	j n	jn
Access to resources for scholarly activities	jn	jn	jn	jro	jn
Collegiality, social or community-building types of events	j n	j ∩	j n	j n	j n
Overall work climate	jm	jm	j n	ja	j ta

2. In your opinion, to what extent have the following ADVANCE activities influenced change at URI?

	Not at All	Only Slightly	Somewhat	Moderately	Very Much
Faculty development (e.g. Incentive Fund, workshops, lunches)	jo	jα	j o	ja	jn
Work-life initiatives (e.g. policy changes, work-life website)	ĴΩ	j n	j n	j m	j n
Recruitment (e.g. Faculty Fellows program, best search practices)	jn	jα	j n	jα	j n
Information and awareness (e.g. presentations, ADVANCE website, data collection)	j m	j n	j n	j n	j n

3. Please comment on any additional changes not mentioned above.



XII. Overall Work Environment

1. How would you describe the nature of your work environment on the following criteria? Select the appropriate response for each characteristic below.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Friendly	j m	j m	ja	j n	ja
Racist	j n	j n	j n	Jn	j n
Diverse	j m	j m	j ro	j n	j a
Respectful	j n	j m	j n	jn	j n
Collegial	j m	j m	j ro	j n	ja
Sexist	j n	j m	j n	jn	j n
Collaborative	j m	j m	j ro	j n	j a
Cooperative	j n	j m	j n	jn	j n
Homophobic	j ta	j m	ja	jn	j a
Supportive	j n	j m	j n	j'n	j n

XIII. Work Environment and Level of Influence

1. For each item select the response that best corresponds to how much influence you feel you have over the following matters in your department/college.

	No Influence	Minor Influence	Some Influence	Substantial Influence	Tremendous Influence
Curriculum decisions	ja	jn	jm	j m	ja
Size of salary increases I receive	jn	jn	jn	jn	j n
Obtaining money for travel to professional meetings	ja	jn	jn	jn	ja
Selecting new graduate students or residents/fellows	j n	jn	jn	jn	jn
Determining who gets tenure	ja	ja	jn	jn	jn
Selecting the next chair/director	jn	jn	jn	jn	j n
Affecting the overall work culture or climate	j n	j m	jα	j m	ja

XIV. Work Environment and Gender

1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements concerning gender issues as they relate to the atmosphere in your department/college by selecting the appropriate responses.

	Strongly Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Neutral	Tend to Agree	Strongly Agree
Some faculty display a condescending attitude toward women.	jn	j n	jn	jn	ja
Sexist remarks are heard in our department/college.	jn	j m	j n	јn	j n
There is equal access for both men and women to lab/research space.	jn	ja	jn	ja	ja
The environment promotes adequate collegial opportunities for women.	jn	j n	jn	ĴΩ	jn
Men are more likely than women to receive helpful career advice from colleagues.	jn	ja	jn	ja	ja
In meetings, others pay as much attention to women's comments as to men's.	j'n	j n	jn	j Ω	jn
Women are appropriately represented in senior positions.	jm	j m	ja	j n	j n
Sex discrimination is a big problem in my department/college.	jn	j m	j n	jn	jn

XV. Work Environment and Discrimination

1. Please provide checks in the chart below for any job-related discrimination practices you may have experienced toward you at URI in the last 3 years. Please check all that apply.

	Race or Ethnicity	Gender	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Religious Affiliation	Other	None Experienced
Hiring	ē	€	e	€	e	€	€
Promotion	É	ē	ē	É	ē	ē	É
Salary	ē	€	€	€	€	€	É
Space, equipment, or other resource allocations	ê	€	ê	ê	ê	É	É
Access to administrative staff	E	€	É	€	€	ē	€
Graduate student or resident/fellow assignments	ê	6	ê	ê	ê	€	ê
Committee assignments	€	€	€	€	€	€	Ē
Professional collaborations	ê	Ē	ê	Ê	ê	ê	É
Other	€	€	€	€	€	€	Ē
(please specify)							

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€	Race or Ethnicity	€	Gender	é	Sexual Orientation	€	Physical Disability	ē	Religious Affiliation	€	Other	€	No observed

2. Overall, in the last 3 years, please provide a check for any instances of job-

related discrimination against others at URI that you're aware of in the

XVI. Work Environment and Department Leader

1. How would you rate your department leader (chair or director) in each of the following areas? (Please note that all responses are kept strictly confidential, results are combined, and no one individual response will be reported.)

	Inferior	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Superior
Maintains high academic standards	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Is open to constructive criticism	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Is an effective administrator	ja	jn	jn	jn	jn
Shows interest in faculty	jn	jn	jn	jn	j n
Encourages and empowers faculty and staff	ja	jn	jn	jn	jn
Treats faculty fairly	j n	jn	jn	jn	j n
Helps me obtain resources I need	ja	jn	jn	jn	jn
Gives me useful feedback about my performance	j n	jn	jn	jn	j n
Articulates clear criteria for promotion	ja	jn	jn	jn	jn
Honors agreements	j n	jn	jn	jn	j n
Handles disputes within the department effectively	j α	jm	jm	j n	ja
Shows commitment to racial/ethnic diversity	jn	jn	jn	jn	j n
Creates a cooperative and supportive environment	j m	j m	j m	jn	jm

instances occurred

XVII. Work Environment and Relationships

1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements concerning relationships with colleagues as they relate to the atmosphere in your department/college during the last 3 years.

	Strongly Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Neutral	Tend to Agree	Strongly Agree
My colleagues value my research interests.	jm	jm	j m	ja	<u>j</u> m
I feel pressured to change my research agenda in order to fit in.	j n	j n	jn	j n	j n
I feel/felt pressured to change my research agenda to make tenure.	j n	ja	jn	jα	ja
I am comfortable asking questions about performance expectations.	j n	jn	j n	j n	j n
I am/was reluctant to bring up issues that concern me for fear it might affect my promotions.	j n	ja	jn	jn	jα
My colleagues expect me to represent "the point of view" of my gender.	j n	jn	jn	ĴΩ	j n
My colleagues solicit my opinion about important matters in the department.	j n	ja	jn	jα	ja
My colleagues have lower expectations of me than of other faculty.	j m	jn	j n	jn	j n
I constantly feel under scrutiny by my colleagues.	j m	j m	j to	j to	ja
I have had to work harder than I believe my colleagues do in order to be perceived as a legitimate scholar.	j n	j m	j n	j n	j n
There are many unwritten rules concerning how one is expected to interact with colleagues.	j n	j n	jn	jn	ja
Others seem to find it easier to fit in than I do.	jn	jn	j n	jn	jn

XVIII. Spouse or Partner Issues

Please note that for the purposes of this survey, the word "partner" is used to represent married and unmarried couples.

1. Considering the changing workforce, how unimportant or important is it for URI to offer employment assistance for partners?

Yery Unimportant jn Somewhat jn Neutral jn Somewhat jn Very Important jn Unimportant

2. In general, how satisfied are you with URI's help in locating appropriate opportunities for partners?

yery Unsatisfied jo Somewhat Jo Neutral jo Somewhat Jo Very Satisfied Satisfied

3. Have you ever considered leaving URI to improve career opportunities for a partner?

Never jn Rarely jn Sometimes jn Often Very Often

4. Do you have a spouse or partner?

jn No

XVIII. Spouse or Partner Issues cont' Note: If you answered "No" to the previous question ("Do you have a spouse or partner?"), please skip ahead to XIX. Career and Personal Life. What, if any, is your partner's chosen career or field? 2. What is your partner's current employment status? part Time Not Currently Employed Full Time 3. What is your partner's preferred employment? Not interested in employment at Full Time Part Time this time 4. If your partner is employed by URI, what type of appointment does she or he have? Please check all that may apply. Technical Faculty Member N/A Primary Research Appointment Librarian or Curator Other Appointment (please specify) \in Post-Doctoral or Fellowship Office or Support Staff 0 Health Field Admin. or Professional Staff 5. How satisfied are/were you with URI's help in locating appropriate opportunities for your partner? yery Satisfied Somewhat Very Neutral Somewhat in N/A Unsatisfied Satisfied Unsatisfied We welcome your explanation in the box below.

XIX. Career and Personal Life

1. Select the response that best describes your experiences regarding balancing work and personal life in the last 3 years.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
How often have you not had enough time for your family or other important people in your life because of your job at URI?	j'n	j n	j n	j m	j n
How often has your work at URI helped you to do a good job at home?	j n	j n	j n	j n	j n
How often have you had MORE energy to do things with your family or other important people in your life because of your job at URI?	jta	j o	j a	jn	j o
How often has your job at URI kept you from concentrating on important things in your family or personal life?	j'n	j m	j m	j n	j n
How often has your family or personal life drained you of the energy you needed to do your job at URI?	j'n	ja	j to	jn	ja
How often has your family or personal life kept you from doing as good a job at URI as you could?	j n	j n	j n	j n	j n
How often have you found enough time for your job at URI as well as your family and/or personal life?	j'n	j a	j ta	jn	j a
Overall, how much do your job and your life off the job interfere with each other?	j n	j n	j n	j m	j n

2. Select the response that best describes your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
How much do you agree or disagree that it is much better for everyone involved if the man earns the money and the woman takes care of the home and children?	jα	j a	ja	j Ω	ja
How much do you agree or disagree that a mother who works outside the home can have just as good a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work?	j m	j'n	j'n	j m	j n

3. Regardless of gender or relationship status, did/will you consider delaying having children because of your appointment at URI?

i	never	in Rarely	Sometimes	n Often	ro Very Often	in N/A
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4. Regardless of gender or relationship status, did/would you consider not having children at all because of your appointment at URI?

jn Never j	n Rarely jr	Sometimes	Often	jn Very Often j	n/A
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5. Please select the appropriate response for the following questions about dependent care.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
To what extent do you currently provide special attention or care for a relative or in-law 65 years old or older – helping with things that are difficult or impossible for them to do themselves?	ja	ja	j'n	jn	jn
To what extent do you currently provide special assistance or care for a disabled, emotionally disturbed or seriously ill other family member in your home?	jn	jn	j'n	j'n	jn
To what extent do you anticipate having some responsibility for the care of a relative or in-law 65 years old or older or a disabled, emotionally disturbed, or seriously ill other family member during the next 5 years?	ja	ja	jη	jn	ja

XX. Exposure to Diversity Issues

1. How often have you been exposed to issues related to gender equity in the workplace in the past 3 years?

Never jn Rarely jn Sometimes jn Often jn Very Often

2. How often have you been exposed to issues related to racial/ethnic equity in the workplace in the last 3 years?

in Never in Rarely in Sometimes in Often in Very Often

3. In the space below, please describe those experiences:



Additional Comments
1. We are interested in feedback on this survey. Your insights will make valuable contributions toward increased understanding. Please include any additional comments you may want to share with us below.
Thank You
Thank you for completing the survey!