

Table 6  
Reasons for Postdoctoral Study for 2001 Doctorate Recipients  
with Full-time Postdoctoral Appointments, by Major Emphasis of Study

	All reasons						Major reason					
	Research training		Services delivery		Research & practice		Research training		Services delivery		Research & practice	
	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%
To complement research knowledge & skills in same subfield as doctorate	119	76.8	96	28.7	88	69.8	38	24.5	12	3.6	14	11.1
To obtain research knowledge or training in another subfield	71	45.8	30	9.0	30	23.8	30	19.4	2	.6	7	5.6
To work with a particular scientist or research group	99	63.9	16	4.8	48	38.1	27	17.4	0	.0	9	7.1
To obtain specialized clinical training	11	7.1	248	74.0	88	69.8	0	.0	106	31.6	30	23.8
To obtain supervised postdoctoral hours to take the licensing exam	39	25.2	285	85.1	103	81.7	8	5.2	168	50.1	41	32.5
To switch from research to practice	1	.6	3	.9	1	.8	0	.0	0	.0	1	.8
To become more employable	117	75.5	230	68.7	87	69.0	28	18.1	15	4.5	13	10.3
Employment not available	28	18.1	38	11.3	6	4.8	12	7.7	10	3.0	0	.0
Other reason	10	6.5	16	4.8	12	9.5	5	3.2	3	.9	6	4.8
Reason not specified	3	1.9	14	4.2	3	2.4	7	4.5	19	5.7	5	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: 2001 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Research Office.

Note. Included are respondents with current or completed full-time postdoctoral appointments. Not included are 10 individuals whose fellowships emphasized neither research nor practice and 7 who did not specify their emphasis of postdoctoral training. Respondents were asked to indicate all reasons for accepting a postdoctoral fellowship, and many indicated multiple reasons. Therefore, percentages in the "All reasons" columns exceed 100.0%.