

Table 6  
Reasons for Postdoctoral Study for 1997 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	130	69.5	74	24.0	69	71.9	32	17.1	3	1.0	21	21.9
To obtain research knowledge or training in another subfield	99	52.9	47	15.3	28	29.2	37	19.8	3	1.0	7	7.3
To work with a particular scientist or research group	125	66.8	15	4.9	41	42.7	29	15.5	3	1.0	8	8.3
To obtain specialized clinical training	15	8.0	233	75.6	72	75.0	2	1.1	78	25.3	15	15.6
To obtain supervised postdoctoral hours to take the licensing exam	35	18.7	280	90.9	83	86.5	5	2.7	176	57.1	20	20.8
To switch from research to practice	1	.5	4	1.3	1	1.0	1	.5	0	.0	0	.0
To become more employable	155	82.9	208	67.5	80	83.3	46	24.6	15	4.9	13	13.5
Employment not available	65	34.8	56	18.2	20	20.8	23	12.3	14	4.5	8	8.3
Other reason	9	4.8	9	2.9	7	7.3	2	1.1	2	.6	2	2.1
Reason not specified	0	.0	2	.6	0	.0	10	5.3	14	4.5	2	2.1
Total	187	100.0	308	100.0	96	100.0	187	100.0	308	100.0	96	100.0

Source: 1997 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Research Office.

Note. Included are respondents with current or completed full-time postdoctoral appointments. Not included are 7 individuals whose fellowships emphasized neither research nor practice. 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%.