



# National Science Foundation *Excepted Position Vacancy*

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO:** E20010222

**OPEN:** 07/30/2001

**CLOSE:** UNTIL FILLED

**THIS POSITION IS TEMPORARY, NOT-TO-EXCEED ONE YEAR. APPOINTMENT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR.**

**POSITION VACANT:** Biologist (Science Assistant) AD-401-1. Salary ranges from \$24,192-\$57,656 per annum.

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL:** Biologist (Science Assistant), AD-401-1.

**LOCATION:** Directorate for Biological Sciences, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Neuroscience Program, Arlington, VA.

**BARGAINING UNIT STATUS:** This position is included in the bargaining unit and will be filled in accordance with the merit staffing provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article VIII.

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** All Sources.

## **THIS POSITION IS OUTSIDE THE COMPETITIVE CIVIL SERVICE**

Appointment to this position will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act. Candidates who do not have civil service status or reinstatement eligibility will not obtain civil service status if selected. Candidates currently in the competitive civil service will be required to waive competitive civil service rights if selected. Usual civil service benefits (retirement, health benefits, life insurance) are applicable for temporary appointments of more than one year. Disabled veterans with 30% service-connected disabilities as well as other applicants with severe disabilities will be considered without regard to the closing date if applications are received prior to final selection.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide scientific assistance to the Program Officers in all phases of the proposal review process.
- Contributes to ad hoc reviewer update and selection, by (a) reading professional journals and reviews in the field and working with Program Officers to expand the reviewer base and (b) doing library research for the Program.
- Assists Program Officers in tracking subareas within Programs, by helping tabulate and analyze data from final reports, by assisting in drafting Trends and Opportunities papers and related documents, by providing technical guidance for Support Staff in entering and collecting computer data on subareas of the program and acting as backup liaison to other agencies and foundations.
- Edits panel summaries for recommended actions when necessary to provide feedback to principal investigators.
- Assists Program Officers in answering questions (written, telephoned or in person) concerning operations of the program, and as appropriate, handles technical questions.

### **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

Applicants must have a Baccalaureate degree in Biology or equivalent experience in Biology. Some administrative, managerial or professional experience related to the position is desirable.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Appointment to this position is contingent upon successful completion of the appropriate background investigation.

**HOW TO APPLY:** You may apply for this position with the Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), the older Application for Federal Employment (SF-171), a resume, or other application format of your choice – as long as it contains the necessary information (summarized below). You must submit a current Performance Appraisal or letters of recommendation from professionals who can comment on your capabilities.

You must specify the job announcement number, and title and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying. You should also include the following information: •Specify your country of citizenship. •Your Social Security Number. •Information about your education, including your major, and type and year of degree(s). •Information about all your work experience related to this job, including job titles, duties and accomplishments, employer's name and phone number, number of hours worked per week, starting and ending dates (month and year), and salary. If you held various positions with the same employer, describe each separately. •The brochure Applying for a Federal Job provides information on the Federal job application process; it is available by calling the number listed below. **If your application does not provide all the information requested in the vacancy announcement, you may lose consideration for this job.**

The National Science Foundation provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the point of contact listed on this vacancy announcement.

Submit all application material National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Attn: Announcement Number E20010222. In addition to the required application materials, you are asked to complete and submit the attached Applicant Survey form. Submission of this form is voluntary and will not affect your application for employment. The information will be used for statistical purposes only. For additional information or a copy of the vacancy announcement call Sybil Rodriguez, on (703) 292-4375. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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APPLICANT SURVEY

OMB No. 3145-0096  
Expiration: August 2002

Vacancy Ann. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Status (temporary/permanent): \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title/Series/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Your completion of this form will be appreciated. Submission of this Information is voluntary and it will have no effect on the processing of your application. The data collected will be used only for statistical purposes to ensure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 3145-0096. NSF estimates that each respondent should take about 3 minutes to complete this survey, including time to read the instructions. You may have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden. If so, please send them to NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Division of Administrative Services, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. 22230.

**PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION**

GENERAL - This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 31, 1974, for individuals completing Federal records and forms that solicit personal information.

AUTHORITY - Section 7201 of title 5 of the U.S. Code and Section 2000e-16 of title 42 of the U.S. Code.

**PURPOSE AND ROUTINE USES**

The information is used for research and for a Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) to help insure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Address questions concerning this form and its uses to the Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230.

1. Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How did you learn about the particular position for which you are applying? (Circle appropriate number.)

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| 01 - Newspaper (specify)  | 10 - Federal, State or local job information center                       |
| 02 - Contact with NSF Personnel Office<br>(Agency Bulletin Board or other Announcement) | 11 - State vocational rehabilitation agency or<br>Veterans Administration |
| 03 - NSF-initiated personal contact   | 12 - State employment office  |
| 04 - Science Magazine, or other professional journal or magazine<br>(specify)           | 13 - School or college counselor or other official                        |
| 05 - Affirmative Action Register  | 14 - Private job Information service                                      |
| 06 - Attendance at conference, meeting or job fair<br>(specify)                         | 15 - Private employment service   |
| 07 - NSF recruitment at school or college   | 16 - Friend or relative working at NSF                                    |
| 08 - Colleague referral   | 17 - Friend or relative not working at NSF                                |
| 09 - NSF Bulletin   | 18 - NSF website  |
|   | 19 - Internet or other website  |
|   | 20 - Other (specify)  |

4. Please select the racial/ethnic category with which you most closely identify yourself. (Circle the appropriate letter)

- A. **American Indian or Alaskan Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
- B. **Asian or Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.
- C. **Black, not of Hispanic origin.** A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. This does not include persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish cultures or origins.
- D. **Hispanic.** A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- E. **White, not of Hispanic origin.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East. This does not include persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish cultures or origin.

5. Sex (Circle the appropriate letter.) F - Female M - Male

6. Please provide Information on your disability status by circling the appropriate category below:

1. I do not have a disability; 2. Hearing impairment; 3. Vision impairment; 4. Missing extremities; 5. Partial paralysis; 6. Complete paralysis; 7. Convulsive disorder; 8. Mental retardation; 9. Mental or emotional illness; 10. Severe distortion of limbs and/or spine; 11. I have a disability but it is not listed.

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**FOR AGENCY USE**

Agency Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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