

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Directorate for Biological Sciences
Office of the Assistant Director**

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Dear Colleague:

The Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) announces a nationwide search to fill the position of Director, Division of Integrative Organismal Biology (IOB).

The Division Director is part of the BIO leadership team and leads the division in managing a broad portfolio of investments in research aimed at understanding the living organism (plant, animal, and microbe) as a unit of biological organization, with particular emphasis on their development, form, function, and evolution.

The Division Director must provide strong advocacy for program activities within the context of BIO long range plans and NSF's strategic plan and managing resources effectively to nurture new and emerging science opportunities as well as ongoing efforts. The Division Director is expected to provide leadership and work proactively across NSF and in partnership with other Federal and State agencies, private foundations and the academic community.

IOB is responsible for programs with a total annual budget of approximately \$94 million. The Division is structured in 4 clusters—the BEHAVIORAL SYSTEMS CLUSTER thematic area focuses on the development, function, mechanisms, and evolution of behavior, biological rhythms, and interactions between organisms including animals, plants, and microbes; the DEVELOPMENTAL SYSTEMS CLUSTER thematic area focuses on the nature, control, and evolution of those processes that comprise the life cycle of organisms; the ENVIRONMENTAL AND STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS CLUSTER thematic area focuses on the functional evolution of organisms in their physiochemical and biotic environments; and the FUNCTIONAL AND REGULATORY SYSTEMS CLUSTER thematic area focuses on fundamental physiological mechanisms in plants and animals and how they have evolved, with emphasis on organisms as integrated systems.

IOB is involved in many NSF-wide cross-disciplinary activities as well as interagency activities.

Division Directors in the BIO Directorate come to their positions with an established record of scientific research and demonstrated leadership experience. In addition to having a strong record of research, education, and administrative accomplishments, Division Directors must work well with people, be effective communicators and act as mentors to continuously develop the diversity of talents and skills of their colleagues at

all levels. Appointment may be for two or three years on a temporary basis.

You may access the position announcement at http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps/ (under Executive) that includes information about appointment options and application procedures. Appointment may be on a temporary basis in the Federal Senior Executive Service or by temporary assignment from an education or research institution under provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA). The specific arrangement will be determined on an individual basis.

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Sincerely,

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