

FAQS ABOUT BECOMING AN NSF ROTATOR

What are my main responsibilities as a program director?

Program directors oversee the National Science Foundation's "gold standard" merit review process and may help define new funding opportunities. Key responsibilities include interacting with potential principal investigators, forming and facilitating merit review panels, and recommending funding decisions. Program directors have the opportunity to be involved with a broad spectrum of national scientific programs and initiatives that ultimately increase intellectual awareness and enhance professional growth.

How long does a term last?

Rotator assignments usually run 1 to 2 years. However, some rotators assigned under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) authority may remain for up to 4 years.

Can NSF provide my spouse with a guaranteed job at NSF?

Spouses can apply for open positions at NSF, but NSF cannot guarantee placement for them. NSF maintains membership with the Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (<http://www.midatlanticherc.org>), which helps dual career couples seeking employment in higher education.

What type of assistance does NSF provide to rotators to help locate housing when they relocate to Arlington, VA?

NSF cannot offer direct service in locating housing for its rotators. NSF does provide housing information and local county information on its Web site at http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps/local.jsp.

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