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Dear Colleague:

We recently launched a national search for the National Science Foundation's Head of the Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE). OISE oversees NSF's international research and education portfolio, and works closely with our disciplinary research directorates to develop an agency-wide strategy to cultivate international collaboration.

The Office Head is a member of the NSF senior management team, and communicates and interacts with all of the staff, programs, and activities of the Foundation. The incumbent advises the Director, Deputy Director, and other senior managers on issues related to international scientific collaboration. The Office Head leads a diverse group of over 30 program managers, analysts, and support staff at NSF headquarters, as well as nine staff at three overseas offices in Paris, Tokyo, and Beijing.

We seek your help in disseminating this opportunity and encouraging qualified people to apply for this crucial post. Ideal candidates must demonstrate outstanding leadership; a deep appreciation for the role that international collaboration can play in U.S. science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research and education; a grasp of the issues and challenges involved in communicating that role to stakeholders; and the ability to serve effectively as a key member of the NSF management team. We are especially interested in identifying women, members of minority groups, and persons with disabilities for this vital post. Individuals from any sector — academic, industry, or government — are welcome to apply.

Please see <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/384110200> for a full position description, and instructions on submitting an application. Applications must be submitted by December 1, 2014.

Your assistance in this very important task is appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'France A. Córdova'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

France A. Córdova
Director

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The National Science Foundation Office of International Science and Engineering

The **National Science Foundation (NSF)** is an independent agency of the United States Government. Its vision is to enable the Nation's future through its strategic goals of transforming the frontiers of science and engineering, stimulating innovation and addressing societal needs through research and education, and excelling as a federal science agency. The Foundation seeks to realize these goals using five core values: scientific excellence, organizational excellence, learning, inclusiveness, and accountability for public benefit. NSF invests in research and education that will advance the frontiers of knowledge and establish the Nation as a leader in transformational science; cultivate a world-class, broadly inclusive science and engineering workforce and scientifically literate citizenry; build the Nation's research capacity with critical investments in advanced instruments, tools and facilities; and cultivate a capable and responsive organization that promotes excellence in science and engineering research and education.

The **Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE)** is part of the NSF Office of the Director. OISE is the hub for international collaboration across the Foundation. The office manages its own international research portfolio, with programs that expand international research and education opportunities for U.S. scientists and engineers. OISE also works with the NSF research directorates to develop and promote an integrated, agency-wide strategy to cultivate international partnership. To accomplish these wide-ranging objectives, OISE maintains three overseas offices in Paris, Tokyo, and Beijing. The overseas offices represent the Foundation to their host governments and institutions, report on scientific research in the region, and facilitate research collaborations with U.S. scientists, engineers, and educators.

The **Head, Office of International Science and Engineering (OH/OISE)**, serves as a key member of the NSF senior policy and management team. The Office Head, who reports to the Deputy Director, provides leadership and direction to programs and initiatives within OISE. The Office Head is responsible for planning and implementing programs, priorities and policy within the framework of statutory authority and National Science Board authority. The incumbent must have outstanding leadership abilities, a deep sense of scholarship, clear vision regarding opportunities and issues in international scientific collaboration, and a commitment to attaining agency goals.