



National Science Foundation

Competitive Position Vacancy

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: C20010146

OPEN: 04/05/2001

CLOSE: 04/26/2001

POSITION VACANT: Secretary (Office Automation), GS-318-8/9. Annual salary ranges from \$33,187 to \$47,648.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: Secretary (Office Automation), GS-318-9.

LOCATION: Office of the Director, Office of Polar Programs, Arlington, Virginia.

BARGAINING UNIT STATUS: This position is excluded from Bargaining Unit and will be filled in accordance with the merit staffing provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article VII.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All Sources. This position is open to status and non-status candidates, as well as candidates eligible for appointment under special non-competitive appointing authorities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent serves as Secretary in the Office of Polar Programs. The incumbent provides direct support to the Executive Officer and also to the Office Director and other members of the OPP senior management team as needed. Receives, schedules, contacts and refers domestic and international visitors and callers, including members of the NSF Staff, U.S. military, other federal agencies, the scientific community, contract personnel and the general public. Responds to administrative problems brought to supervisor's attention by members of the staff or management officials outside the organization or outside the agency. Prepares and reviews all incoming and outgoing materials such as correspondence, reports, program announcements, memoranda, and other written communication. Composes and edits letters and reports, reviews correspondence for accuracy and completeness, develops standard form letters and responds to inquiries, and reviews outgoing correspondence for proper attachments. Maintains files of correspondence and events. Provides general office automation services such as maintaining electronic files, solving operation or user problems, and utilizing advanced software functions. Schedules appointments, coordinates meetings and/or schedules conferences. As required, attends meetings, takes notes, prepares minutes, and takes follow-up action. Creates, maintains, and updates a variety of internal lists and directories in order to transmit or respond to requests, provide information, or procure materials of interest. Obtains and/or monitors the use of services, supplies, office space and equipment for office use. Makes arrangements for domestic and international travel of the front office staff, including initiating all actions necessary for confirmation of travel and hotel reservations. Provides required travel documents, coordinates meetings and appointments, provides detailed itinerary, and procures data needed for the visit. Completes all post-travel details. Provides secretarial guidance to support staff within the three sections, including interpretation of agency and office guidelines, explanation of procedures for routing and filing, documentation of official travel, and preparation of material and correspondence for approval. Assists Administrative Officer in training new/lower graded support staff and back-up for other OPP sections.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: The Qualification Standards Handbook for General Schedule Positions will apply. U.S. CITIZENSHIP IS REQUIRED. Applicants must possess one year of specialized experience at the GS-7 level for GS-8, and at the GS-8 level for GS-9. **Specialized experience:** is secretarial or administrative experience, which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. **Time-in-grade Requirement:** Completion of one year of service in a position no more than one grade lower (or equivalent) than the grade for which you are applying must be met.

In order to ensure full consideration, it is recommended that you submit a supplemental statement that specifically addresses how your background and experience relate to each Quality Ranking Factor listed below.

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:

1. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks, priorities and commitments, including coordinating meetings and conferences, controlling suspense actions, making travel arrangements, maintaining time and attendance records, and office files.
2. Demonstrated ability to compose and edit letters and reports.
3. Knowledge of correspondence and other procedures for communicating with individuals including the ability to apply principles of grammar, spelling, punctuation and composition.
4. Skill in using computer software packages in a Windows environment sufficient to prepare spreadsheets and graphs, letters, memoranda, reports, speeches, transparencies, and forms.
5. Ability to communicate both orally and in writing with individuals at all levels.

BASIS FOR RATING: Final ranking is based on an evaluation of your experience, education and training as they relate to the knowledge, skills and abilities specified in the Quality Ranking Factors. Current performance appraisal and awards may also be used in the evaluation process.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: Appointment to this position is contingent upon successful completion of the appropriate background investigation. Satisfactory completion of a one-year probationary period may also be required.

Status candidates who wish to be considered under both merit promotion and delegated competitive examining procedures must submit two complete applications. If only one application is received, it will be considered under the merit promotion program.

Applicants who are eligible for appointment under special non-competitive appointing authorities must clearly specify your specific eligibility and provide proof with your application. Otherwise, the application will be considered under competitive procedures.

Applicants applying for special selection priority under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program must submit proof of eligibility (i.e., RIF separation notice, Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50) stating you were separated by RIF, OR a letter from your agency documenting your special selection priority status); copy of your current performance appraisal; and documentation of promotion potential in the position from which separated. To be determined well qualified to receive special selection priority for this position, you must meet all qualification and eligibility requirements, all selective factors, and be rated at the above average level or higher in each quality-ranking factor.

Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after three years or more of continuous active service may apply. Veteran candidates should attach a copy of your DD-214; and, if applicable, Application for 10-Point Veteran's Preference, along with documentation specified on the form. (This is not necessary for status candidates for consideration under merit promotion procedures).

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 - so long as it contains the necessary information (summarized below). Status candidates must also submit a *Notification of Personnel Action* (SF-50), showing competitive status, and a current Performance Appraisal. In order to ensure full consideration, it is recommended that you submit a supplemental statement which specifically addresses how your background and experience relate to each Selective and Quality Ranking Factor listed on this announcement.

You must specify the job announcement number, and title and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying. You should also provide the following information: • Your country of citizenship. • Your social security number. • Information about your education, including (1) high school graduation date and (2) college/university information - your major, and type and year of degree(s). If no degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours. • 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 annual salary. If you held various positions with the same employer, describe each separately. • If you have Federal civilian experience, indicate the highest grade held, the job series, and dates held. • 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 to National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Attn: Announcement Number C20010146 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. **ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.** For additional information call Fred Person, on (703) 292-4369. 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 (Agency Bulletin Board or other Announcement) | 11 - State vocational rehabilitation agency or Veterans Administration |
| 03 - NSF-initiated personal contact | 12 - State employment office |
| 04 - Science Magazine, or other professional journal or magazine (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 (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.

FOR AGENCY USE

Agency Code: _____

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