



National Science Foundation

Excepted Position Vacancy

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: E20020157

OPEN: 08/30/02

CLOSE: 09/16/02

THIS IS A PERMANENT POSITION.

Individuals wishing to apply to the Temporary position see vacancy announcement number E20020158.

POSITION VACANT: Science Education Administrator (Program Director), AD-1701-4. Annual Salary ranges from \$78,265 to \$121,967.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: Science Education Administrator, AD-1701-4

LOCATION: Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR), Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education (ESIE), 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 VII.

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 competitive or reinstatement eligibility will not acquire competitive 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 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 the final selection.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent of this position serves as Program Director for community and youth-based efforts supported by the Informal Science Education (ISE) program in the Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education (ESIE). You will also have responsibility for projects that support after school research experiences under the Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) program. The objectives of the innovative projects supported under these efforts is to increase public understanding of science and technology; to increase student interest in continued study and pursuit of careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines; and to strengthen collaborations and partnerships among informal science educators and K-12 school systems.

- Develops and disseminates periodic program guidelines, including recommending changes to program policies to senior management to ensure continued program success and to provide the basis for future budget allocations.
- Establishes procedures for the review of applications and proposals (including evaluation instrument design) and recruitment/management of ad hoc panels.
- Assists with the preparation of programmatic, administrative and budget documents related to ISE and ITEST programs and makes recommendations for expenditure of program funds to best achieve program goals.

- Oversees utilization of staff, space and fiscal resources and develops measures of program achievement by utilizing reporting instruments and data processing strategies.
- Plans periodic program evaluation through Committees of Visitors and external contracts as appropriate and monitors awardee progress towards project objectives through periodic reports, site visits, and other appropriate communications modes.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must have a Ph.D., Ed.D., or equivalent experience in mathematics and/or science education, (especially as offered in informal settings); plus six or more years of successful education, research, administration and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position.

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

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

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:

1. Mastery of science, mathematics, engineering and technology education or related field that demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of its scientific principles and theories.
2. Research, analytical and technical writing skills which evidence the ability to perform extensive inquiry into a wide variety of significant issues and make recommendations and decisions based on findings.
3. Ability to organize, implement, and manage a proposal-driven grant program, allocating resources to meet a large spectrum of program goals.
4. Ability to present ideas clearly and effectively both orally and in writing.
5. Skill interacting with members of the mathematics, scientific, and education communities in order to present and advocate program policies and plans.

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). 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 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). 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 E20020157. 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 is used for statistical purposes only. **ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.** For additional information call Myra Loyd, on (703) 292-4363. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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APPLICANT SURVEY

OMB No. 3145-0096
Expiration: 7/31/2005

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.)

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

4. Select the ethnic category with which you most closely identify:

- A. **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- B. **Not Hispanic or Latino.**

5. Select one or more racial category with which you most closely identify:

- A. **American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- B. **Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- C. **Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- D. **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- E. **White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

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

7. 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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