



# National Science Foundation

## *Excepted Position Vacancy*

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO:** E20050065A

**OPEN:** 04/21/05

**CLOSE:** 06/10/05

**"THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS AMENDED TO EXTEND THE CLOSING DATE"**

**THIS IS A PERMANENT POSITION.**

**Individuals wishing to apply for a one or two year visiting scientist, temporary, or Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) basis see vacancy announcement number E20050067A**

**POSITION VACANT:** Chemical Engineer (Program Director), AD-893-4. Annual salary ranges from \$88,369 to \$137,713

**LOCATION:** Directorate for Engineering, Division of Bioengineering & Environmental Systems. Arlington, VA

**BARGAINING UNIT STATUS:** This position is included in the bargaining unit and will be filled in accordance with the Merit Promotion Plan described in NSF Manual 14 (PER II-100).

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** All Sources.

**RELOCATION:** Expenses will be paid.

### **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 civil service status or reinstatement eligibility will not obtain civil service status if selected. Candidates currently in the competitive 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.

The National Science Foundation is seeking candidates for two positions as Program Directors in the Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (BES), Directorate for Engineering, Arlington, VA. **The desired starting date is August 2005.**

The Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (BES) Division supports research and education in the rapidly evolving fields of bioengineering and environmental engineering. BES has two principal goals. The first goal is to enable and facilitate the deployment of new technologies in BES's fields in service to society for use in the biotechnology, medical, and environmental arenas. The second goal is to advance bioengineering and environmental engineering education, particularly through the development of innovative programs by new faculty. More information about BES and its programs can be found on their website at <http://www.eng.nsf.gov/bes>.

The **Biochemical Engineering/Biotechnology Cluster** supports research that links the expertise of engineering with the life sciences in order to provide a fundamental basis for the economical manufacturing of substances of biological origin. Projects are supported that utilize microorganisms for the transformation of organic raw materials (biomass) into useful products. Fermentation and recombinant DNA processes are important technologies to this program. Research on metabolic engineering, tissue engineering, quantitative systems biotechnology, and separation and purification processes, are major areas of activity. Other active

research areas include, but are not limited to: cell culture systems; biosensing; bioreactor design; monitoring, optimization, and control methods; and process integration and design.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The person selected for this position will:

- Implement, review, funding, post-award management, and evaluate the program and contribute to the intellectual integration with other programs supported by the Division also design and implement the proposal review and evaluation process for relevant proposals.
- Selects well qualified individuals to provide objective reviews on proposals either as individuals or as members of a panel.
- Conducts final review of proposals and evaluations, and recommends acceptance or declination. Manages and monitors on-going grants, contracts, interagency and cooperative agreements to ensure fulfillment of commitments to NSF.
- Evaluates progress of awards through review and evaluation of reports and publications submitted by awardees and/or meetings at NSF and during site visits.
- Contributes to the responsibility for establishing goals and objectives, initiating new program thrusts and phasing out old projects.
- Recommends new or revised policies and plans in scientific, fiscal, and administrative matters to improve the activities and management of the Program.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:** A Ph.D. or equivalent professional experience in engineering or related discipline, plus six or more years of successful research, research administration and/or substantial managerial experience in academe, industry, or government. Experience in biological, chemical processes is required; experience in tools and processes and biomolecular research and education is desired. In addition, applicant must have at least two years of experience in running a proposal-driven competitive grant program.

**QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:**

1. Ability to organize, implement and manage a proposal-driven grant program, allocating resources to meet a broad spectrum of program goals.
2. Skill in meeting and dealing with the scientific and engineering community and peers to effectively present and advocate program policies and plans.
3. Broad knowledge and understanding of the technology, economics and operating principles of bioengineering.
4. Research analytical and technical writing skills that evidence the ability to perform extensive inquiry of significant issues and to make recommendations and decisions based on findings.
5. Proficient in computer systems. FastLane systems, PARS, POIS, Electronic Panels, Electronic Jacket and Microsoft applications.

**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, letter(s) of recommendation, and awards may also be used in the evaluation process.

**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 may also be required.

**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 also submit a current Performance Appraisal or letter(s) of recommendation from professionals who can comment on your capabilities. 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 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 they are 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 E20040065A. 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. For technical information, contact Dr. Marshall Lih (703) 292-4608. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
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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