National Science Foundation
Rotational Vacancy

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: E20060051-Rotator **OPEN: 02/13/06** **CLOSE: 03/03/06**

POSITION WILL BE FILLED ON A ONE OR TWO YEAR VISITING SCIENTIST APPOINTMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT (IPA) ASSIGNMENT BASIS, OR FEDERAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT.

The National Science Foundation is seeking a qualified candidate to assume a position in the Ecological Biology Cluster, Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), Arlington, VA. Selected candidate will be appointed as a Biological Science Administrator (Program Director), AD-0401-4.

DEB supports fundamental research on the origins, functions, relationships, interactions, and evolutionary history of populations, species, communities, and ecosystems. Scientific emphases include systematic biology, biodiversity, ecological genetics, evolutionary ecology, community and macro-ecology, ecosystem and landscape ecology, biogeochemistry and global change biology, conservation biology, and urban and restoration ecology. More information about DEB and their programs can be found on their website at http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=DEB

This position will be filled on a one or two year Visiting Scientist Appointment, Temporary Appointment, under the terms of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) or as a Federal Temporary Appointment. Temporary and Visiting Scientist appointments will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act with a current salary range of $91,407 to $142,449 per annum depending on qualifications and experience. For temporary appointments of more than one year, the usual civil service benefits (retirement, health and life insurance) are applicable. For Visiting Scientist appointments, individuals are in a non-pay leave status from the home institution and are appointed to NSF's payroll as a Federal employee. NSF withholds Social Security and provides reimbursement for fringe benefits. For IPA assignments, the individual remains on the payroll of his/her institution and the institution continues to administer pay and benefits. NSF reimburses the institution for NSF's negotiated share of the costs. Individuals eligible for an IPA assignment include employees of State and local government agencies, institutions of higher education, Indian tribal governments, federally funded research and development centers and qualified nonprofit organizations. For more information regarding Visiting Scientist appointment and IPA assignments, visit our website at www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps**.**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent is responsible for the planning and administration of the program within the framework of legislation, agency policies, missions, objectives, and resources and serves as spokesperson for the program with the scientific community. The incumbent is responsible for the management of research and other scientific activities primarily through Federal grants and contracts to academic institutions, non-profit, and non-academic institutions (professional organizations and the private sector). Other duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Encourages and supports integrative research in emerging areas of biological sciences through communicating the opportunities to the broad scientific community and the evaluation of proposals.
- Ensures broad participation and increasing involvement of under-represented groups in program activities.
- Processes recommended grant applications and declinations, contacting successful applicants prior to the award of the grant and unsuccessful applicants as necessary.

- Follows the progress of research of grantees through site visits, progress and fiscal reports, and correspondence. Efforts are made to provide assistance to investigators whenever possible.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must possess a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in a field of biology (including areas of Systematic Biology, Biodiversity Inventories, Population and Evolutionary Processes, Ecological Biology, and Ecosystem Sciences) plus six or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience beyond the Ph.D. Ecological biology and ecosystem science research experience is especially desirable. Also desirable is knowledge of the general scientific community, skill in written communication and preparation of technical reports, an ability to communicate orally, and several years of successful independent research of the kind normally expected of the academic rank of associate professor or higher. All appointee are expected to function effectively both within specific programs, as well as in a team mode, contributing to and coordinating with organization in the Directorate, across the Foundation, and with other Federal and State government agencies and private-sector organizations.

HOW TO APPLY: **Applications maybe transmitted electronically to rotator@nsf.gov**. Individuals interested in applying for this vacancy should submit a resume or any application of your choice to the National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Attn: **E20060051-Rotator**. In addition you are encouraged to submit a narrative statement that addresses your background and/or experience related to the Program. You 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). Telephone inquiries may be referred to Executive and Visiting Personnel Branch, at (703) 292-8755. For technical information, contact Dr. Penelope Firth, Acting Division Director, at (703) 292-8480. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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.

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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.

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