



# National Science Foundation

## *IPA Vacancy*

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO:** E20060065A-IPA    **OPEN:** 03/20/2006    **CLOSE:** 05/18/2006

**POSITIONS WILL BE FILLED ON A ONE OR TWO YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT (IPA) ASSIGNMENT BASIS.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN AMENDED TO EXTEND THE CLOSING DATE TO 05/18/2006**

The National Science Foundation is seeking a qualified candidate for a position in the Perception, Action, and Cognition program in the Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE), Arlington, VA. **The desired starting date for this appointment is summer 2006.**

BCS supports research to develop and advance scientific knowledge focusing on human cognition, language, social behavior and culture, as well as research on the interactions between human societies and the physical environment. More information about BCS and their programs can be found on their website at <http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=BCS>

**The Perception, Action, and Cognition** program supports research on perception, action, and cognition including the development of these capacities. Emphasis is on research strongly grounded in theory. Research topics include vision, audition, haptics, attention, memory, reasoning, written and spoken discourse, motor control, and developmental issues in all topic areas. The program encompasses a wide range of theoretical perspectives, such as symbolic computation, connectionism, ecological, nonlinear dynamics, and complex systems, and a variety of methodologies including both experimental studies and modeling. Research involving acquired or developmental deficits is appropriate if the results speak to basic issues of perception, action, and cognition.

For IPA assignments, the individual remains an employee on the payroll of his or her home 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 IPA assignments, visit our website at [www.nsf.gov/about/career\\_opps](http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps).

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:** Applicants must possess a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in a discipline related to social and behavioral sciences and have an active research program in a related area. In addition, six or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the program and knowledge and understanding of scientific principles and theories that underlie the study of psychology of perception, action, and cognition are required.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** As Program Director directs in the implementation, review, funding, post-award management, and evaluation of the program and contributes to the intellectual integration with other programs supported by the Division. Designs and implements 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 DESIRED:** In addition to the qualifications outlined above, further qualifications desired include:

- Knowledge and understanding of scientific principles and theories that underlie the study of psychology of perception, action, and cognition.
- Research, analytical and technical writing skills, which evidence the ability to perform extensive inquiries into a wide variety of significant issues and to make recommendations and decisions based on findings.
- Ability to organize, implement and manage large, multi-disciplinary, broadly based, proposal driven grant programs allocating resources to meet a broad spectrum of program goals.
- Ability to meet and deal with members of the scientific community, other funding agencies and peers to effectively present and advocate program policies and plans.
- Ability to work with individuals within the Cluster; both technical and support staff.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications may be transmitted electronically to [rotator@nsf.gov](mailto:rotator@nsf.gov). Individuals may also 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: E20060065A-IPA. In addition, you are encouraged to submit a narrative statement that addresses your background and/or experience related to the Program you are applying for. 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). Telephone inquiries may be referred to the Executive and Visiting Personnel Branch, at (703) 292-8755. For technical information, contact Dr. Peg (Marguerite) Barratt, Division Director, at (703) 292-8740 or [mbarratt@nsf.gov](mailto:mbarratt@nsf.gov). 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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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.)

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01 - Newspaper (specify) _____                                                          | 10 - Federal, State or local job information center                       |
| 02 - Contact with NSF Personnel Office<br>(Agency Bulletin Board or other Announcement) | 11 - State vocational rehabilitation agency or<br>Veterans Administration |
| 03 - NSF-initiated personal contact                                                     | 12 - State employment office                                              |
| 04 - Science Magazine, or other professional journal or magazine<br>(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<br>(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. 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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**FOR AGENCY USE**

Agency Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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