



# National Science Foundation

## *Rotational Vacancy*

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO:** E20060066-Rotators

**OPEN:** 03/15/06 **CLOSES:** 04/05/06

**POSITIONS 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 candidate for a position as Program Director for the Science and Society Program in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), Directorate for Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arlington, VA. ***The desired starting date for these appointments is July 9, 2006 although some flexibility is possible.***

The Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) supports research to develop and advance scientific knowledge focusing on economic, legal, political, and social systems, organizations and institutions. In addition, SES supports research on the intellectual and social contexts that govern the development and use of science and technology. SES programs consider proposals that fall squarely within disciplines, but they also encourage and support interdisciplinary projects, which are evaluated through joint review among Programs in SES, as well as joint review with programs in other Divisions, and NSF-wide multi-disciplinary panels, as appropriate. More information about SES and their programs can be found on their website at <http://www.inside.nsf.gov/sbe/>

**The Science and Society Program** consists of two components: History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science, Engineering and Technology; and Ethics and Values in Science, Engineering, and Technology and Studies in Policy, Science, Engineering and Technology. The vacancy is for a Program Director whose primary expertise is in one or more of the disciplines that focuses on the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science, Engineering and Technology. This person will have primary responsibility for the component of the program that funds research on historical and philosophical studies that examine the intellectual, theoretical, social-cultural, and material dimensions of science, technology, and engineering. This component of the Science and Society Program supports proposals that are reflective, analytical, and interpretive studies of the scientific and engineering enterprise today and as it has existed in the past. The Program also supports research that draws upon the social and behavioral sciences, including science and technology studies, to examine the influence of society on engineering, science and technology, as well as the influence of science, engineering and technology on society. The Program supports research that employs the tools and theories of the social sciences to examine how science, engineering, and technology function in different societies, and how culture, society, and science, technology, and engineering shape each other. Both Program components may contribute to research of this sort and the Science and Society Program Directors are expected to cooperate closely with each other.

This position will be filled on a one or two year Visiting Scientist 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 depending on qualifications and experience. 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 FICA and provides reimbursement for fringe benefits. For Federal temporary appointments of more than one year, the usual civil service benefits (retirement, health and life insurance) are applicable. 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 Visiting Scientist appointments or IPA assignments, visit our website at [http://www.nsf.gov/about/career\\_opps](http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps)

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The incumbent works collaboratively with the career Program Director 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 REQUIRED:** Qualification requirements include a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in history, philosophy, or social studies of science, engineering, or technology. In addition, six years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the program is required.

**QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED:** In addition to the qualifications outlined above, further qualifications desired include:

- Broad based knowledge of the theories, methods, and literature in history, philosophy and social studies of science, technology, and engineering.
- 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 SES Division; including other Program Directors and technical and support staff.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications may be transmitted electronically to [rotator@nsf.gov](mailto:rotator@nsf.gov). You 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: E20060066-Rotator. In addition, you are encouraged to submit a narrative statement that addresses your background and/or experience related to this position. 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. Technical inquiries may be referred to Dr. Richard Lempert, Division Director, at (703) 292-8760 or email [rlempert@nsf.gov](mailto:rlempert@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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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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