This is an announcement for an Excepted Position Vacancy at the National Science Foundation. The position is a permanent position with an annual salary range of $54,272 to $100,554. The deadline to apply is May 23, 2006.

The position available is a Social Scientist (Investigative Scientist), AD-101-2. This position is not within the bargaining unit and will be filled in accordance with the Merit Promotion Plan described in NSF Manual 14 (PER II-100).

The position is located in the Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA. Expenses will not be paid for relocation, and 20% travel per month is possible.

This position is outside the competitive civil service. 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. 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 final selection.

The duties and responsibilities of this position involve serving as an Investigative Scientist in the Office of Investigations. The Office of Investigations conducts and supervises all investigations of allegations related to NSF programs and operations. It handles all civil and criminal allegations as well as all allegations of non-financial research misconduct. The individual selected will assist the Associate Inspector General for Investigations by investigating allegations of misconduct in scientific and engineering research and education involving NSF programs, conducting interviews and collecting information inside and outside of the Foundation, and preparing findings and recommendations; investigating charges of improper actions by NSF staff; participating in multi-disciplinary review efforts and OIG outreach programs; and preparing written reports and oral presentations of the results of studies for dissemination within and outside of NSF.
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must have a PhD. in a Social Science field, preferably Linguistics OR a Masters degree in a Social Science field, preferably Linguistics, plus two or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position OR equivalent experience.

Quality Ranking Factors

1) Ability to gather, review, and assess information to support or refute an allegation of research misconduct or other wrongdoing.

2) Knowledge of the National Science Foundation’s grant making process.

3) Knowledge of computer software designed to detect plagiarism.

4) Ability to prepare written documents that include conclusions and recommendations for appropriate disposition based on the results of your research, investigation or review.

5) Ability to resolve ethical issues in science, engineering and education.

6) Knowledge of the Federal definition of Research Misconduct and how it is applied at Federal agencies.

7) Ability to make oral and written presentations or briefings to members of the scientific community and to a work supervisor.

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.

Applications may be submitted via e-mail to mailto:mloyd@nsf.gov send all application material to National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Attn: Announcement Number E20060091. 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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OMB No. 3145-0096
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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
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