ANNOUNCEMENT NO:  E20070001    OPEN: 10/06/06    CLOSE: 10/20/06

THIS IS A PERMANENT POSITION.

POSITION VACANT:  Associate Program Manager, AD-3.  Annual salary ranges from $77,353 to $121,856.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL:  Associate Program Manager, AD-3.

LOCATION:  Office of the Director, Office of International Science and Engineering, Europe and Eurasia Program, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA.

RELOCATION:  Expenses will NOT be paid.

BARGAINING UNIT STATUS:  This position is included in the bargaining unit and will be filled in accordance with the merit staffing provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Article VIII.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION:  All Sources

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.  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.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
The associate program manager works closely with the program managers of OISE within the Europe Eurasia Program to provide an integrated and responsive effort for a research program or an area of a research program.  The associate program manager has a responsibility for the planning and administration of programs aimed at enhancing research excellence through international research collaboration and /or developing the next generation of US scientist and engineers by providing students and faculty with international research and educational experiences.  Toward that end the person selected for this position will monitor program resources so as to ensure appropriate scientific judgment, integrity and consistency in the grant/declination process without conflict of interest, and with balance among appropriate sub-fields and institutions, and involve the participation of qualified scientists.  They are to administer an effective, timely merit review process, with attention to increasing the size and quality of the reviewer pools and insuring participation of women, minorities and disabled scientists.
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in any of the scientific fields supported by NSF, engineering or science/technology policy plus four or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position.

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:

1. Broad knowledge of countries in the Europe and Eurasia region’s higher education and science and technology systems, goals, policies, and activities, particularly France’s and Germany’s. Also knowledge of U.S. major international science and technology policy issues.

2. Knowledge of research methodology, sufficient to apply state-of-the-art analysis and methods, to conduct scientific evaluations of proposal/ grant request with substantive written review and evaluation.

3. Ability to organize analyses in logical fashion, to work productively both alone and as a member of an interdisciplinary team, and to communicate ideas in a clear manner both orally and in writing. Ability to organize and present analysis findings clearly and concisely in a variety of formats, and to communicate them to both the general public and to those with specialized knowledge in the area.

4. Demonstrated high level of interpersonal skills required in building and maintaining an international network of data suppliers and experts; coordinating with staff in OISE, other NSF offices, or other agencies in conducting assignments; negotiating technical aspects of joint national or international projects; and managing contractor operations.

5. Represent OISE at national and international scientific, technical and engineering conferences, and workshops that relate to divisional activities, responsibilities and interest.

BASIS FOR RATING: Final ranking is based on an evaluation of 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.

You may submit your application via e-mail to ywoodwar@nsf.gov or submit all application material to National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Attn: Announcement Number E20070001. 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 Yvonne Woodward, on (703) 292-4386. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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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)   10 - Federal, State or local job information center
   02 - Contact with NSF Personnel Office   11 - State vocational rehabilitation agency or
   (Agency Bulletin Board or other Announcement)   Veterans Administration
   03 - NSF-initiated personal contact   12 - State employment office
   04 - Science Magazine, or other professional journal or magazine   13 - School or college counselor or other official
   (specify)   14 - Private job Information service
   05 - Affirmative Action Register   15 - Private employment service
   06 - Attendance at conference, meeting or job fair   16 - Friend or relative working at NSF
   (specify)   17 - Friend or relative not working at NSF
   07 - NSF recruitment at school or college   18 – NSF website
   08 - Colleague referral   19 – Internet or other website
   09 - NSF Bulletin   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;
   and/or spine; 11. I have a disability but it is not listed.

FOR AGENCY USE
Agency Code: ____________________________________________