National Science Foundation
Excepted Position Vacancy

ANNOUNCEMENT NO:   E20070004    OPEN: 10/10/06    CLOSE: 10/24/06

THIS IS A PERMANENT POSITION. MORE THAN ONE POSITION MAY BE FILLED FROM THIS VACANCY.

POSITION VACANT: Physical Scientist (Assistant Program Manager for Planning and Analysis), AD-1301-02. Annual salary ranges from $54,272 to $100,554.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: Physical Scientist (Assistant Program Manager for Planning and Analysis), AD-1301-02.

LOCATION: Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Office of the Assistant Director, 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: Current NSF Staff Only

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 incumbent serves as Assistant Program Manager for Planning and Analysis, part of the core MPS Office of the Assistant Director (OAD) senior staff, and is responsible for coordination of program planning and evaluation, providing a central focal point for the formulation of the Directorate's goals, objectives and priorities and integrating the scientific and technical priorities into effective strategies, programs and budgets. The incumbent serves as an advisor to the OAD Office in preparing relevant analyses of the MPS scientific program to serve as a basis for major decisions in priority setting, directorate and program planning and internal management, and for translating budgetary decisions into effective scientific program implementation. He/she is cognizant of current and proposed scientific initiatives involving the MPS directorate and provides advice to the Assistant Director and Executive Officer about the implications of such initiatives on the Directorate's programs and budgets.
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in a Physical Sciences or Mathematics related field; OR a master’s degree in a Physical Sciences or Mathematics related field, 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 develop, plan, implement and evaluate science and engineering research and education activities.

2. Knowledge of a broad range of scientific, technology and education issues and ability to apply that knowledge to the scientific and technology policy process of the NSF and the U.S. Government.

3. Ability to apply analytic reasoning to complex issues and problems, identifying the key priorities, solutions and options, and making programmatic recommendations.

4. Ability to work effectively with high-level scientific and budget staff in the NSF, other Federal agencies, and industry, academia, professional societies and other organizations.

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.
Submit all application material to National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Attn: Announcement Number E20070004. You may submit your application via email to lcodario@nsf.gov

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. For additional information call Lisa Codario, on (703) 292-4351. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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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
Agency Code: ________________

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