



# National Science Foundation Rotational Vacancy

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO:** E200700035-Rotator    **OPEN:** 1/12/2007    **CLOSE:** 3/12/2007

**POSITION WILL BE FILLED ON A ONE OR TWO YEAR VISITING SCIENTIST APPOINTMENT, FEDERAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT (IPA) ASSIGNMENT.**

The National Science Foundation is seeking a candidate for a Program Director position in the Cognitive Neuroscience Program within the Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Directorate for Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences supports research to develop and advance scientific knowledge of human cognition, language, social behavior and culture, as well as research on the interaction between human species and the physical environment.

The **Cognitive Neuroscience Program** seeks to stimulate research that will advance basic understanding of the neural mechanisms of cognition and related processes. Projects involving multiple measurement modalities to obtain evidence about cortical locations and temporal dynamics of neural processing are encouraged. Projects related to plasticity, development, life span changes, social cognition, emotion, and learning are of interest. Projects that seek integration of fundamental knowledge across classical sub-areas of study, such as visual and auditory processing are encouraged.

This position will be filled on a one or two year Visiting Scientist Appointment, Federal Temporary Appointment or an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment. Federal Temporary and Visiting Scientist appointments will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act with a current salary range of \$93,822 to \$146,213 including locality pay for the Washington, D.C. area. For a Visiting Scientist appointment, the individual is in a non-pay leave status from his/her home institution and is appointed to NSF's payroll as a Federal employee. NSF withholds Social Security and provides reimbursement to the home institution for fringe benefits. For a Federal temporary appointment of more than one-year, the usual civil service benefits (retirement, health, and life insurance) are applicable. For an IPA assignment, the individual remains on the payroll of his/her home institution and the institution continues to administer pay and benefits. NSF will reimburse 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 a Visiting Scientist appointment or an IPA assignment, visit our website at [http://www.nsf.gov/about/career\\_ops](http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_ops).

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Program Director will be responsible for implementing the proposal review and evaluation process for the program. Conducts scientific/technical analyses of proposals received in the program. Contributes, consistent with NSF directives, to the establishment or modification of the system of selection of ad hoc reviewers to meet NSF objectives and program needs. Selects individuals to provide objective reviews of proposals either as experts or as members of a panel. Conducts programmatic reviews, determines funds availability, and evaluates similar or related projects, including internal and external liaison. Negotiates technical and financial revisions of proposals as required. Conducts final review of proposals and evaluations and recommends awards or declinations based on knowledge or resources availability and program goals and peer reviewer comments. Evaluates projects and activities that are proposed or funded by conducting site visits and

reviewing interim and final reports. Negotiates interagency agreements with other Federal agencies for transfer of funds to assist in the support of research and education.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:** Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent experience directly related behavioral and cognitive sciences; plus six years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the program.

**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: E20070035-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. For technical information, contact Dr. Douglas Whalen, Program Director, at (703) 292- 7321 or [dwhalen@nsf.gov](mailto:dwhalen@nsf.gov). Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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

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