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**Dear Colleague Letter: Division of Earth Sciences, for Associate/Program Director  
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Employment Opportunity--Dear Colleague Letter  
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Dear Colleague:

The Division of Earth Sciences (EAR), Hydrologic Sciences Section announces a nationwide search to fill **Program Director** position for the Program of:

Hydrologic Sciences (**HS**)

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Program Director helps administer specific research areas. They are NSF program director who helps solicit, receive, and review research and education proposals, make funding recommendations, and administer awards. They are also responsible for interaction with other Federal Agencies forming and guiding interagency collaborations and for service to Foundation-wide activities.

NSF program director bear the primary responsibility for carrying out the Foundation's overall mission to support innovative and merit-evaluated activities in fundamental research and education that contribute to the nation's technological strength, security and welfare. The positions require a commitment to high standards of intellectualism and ethical conduct, a considerable breadth of interest, receptivity to new ideas, a strong sense of fairness, good judgment, and a high degree of personal integrity.

Formal consideration of interested applicants will begin immediately and will continue until a selection is made. Persons wishing to apply for this position are referred to the Section Head (listed below) and to the Divisional webpage <http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=ear>, for a description of the Programs. Interested persons are also encouraged to contact the Program Director below, who are also listed on the program web pages, for more information.

Hydrologic Sciences - Dr. Thomas Torgersen, [ttorgers@nsf.gov](mailto:ttorgers@nsf.gov)

Qualifications of a successful candidate include a PhD degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline, an established record of research and education in a field appropriate to the position, and managerial experience in academe, industry or government, plus at least four years (Associate Program Director) / six years (Program Director) of successful research and research administration. The position requires effective oral and written communication skills, and familiarity with NSF programs and activities is highly desirable. The incumbent is expected to function effectively, both as an individual within the specific NSF program, and as a member of crosscutting and interactive team. The incumbent must also demonstrate a capability to work across government agencies to promote NSF activities and to leverage program funds through interagency collaborations.

Program Director position recruited under this announcement may be filled with one of the following appointment options:

**Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment (IPA) Act:** Individuals eligible for an IPA assignment with a Federal agency include employees of State and local government agencies or institutions of higher education, Indian tribal governments, and other eligible organizations in instances where such assignments would be of mutual benefit to the organizations involved. Initial assignments under IPA provisions may be made for a period up to two years, with a possible extension for up to an additional two-year period. The individual remains an employee of the home institution and NSF provides the negotiated funding toward the assignee's salary and benefits. Initial IPA assignments are made for a one-year period and may be extended by mutual agreement.

For additional information on NSF's rotational programs, please see "Programs for Scientists, Engineers, and Educators" on the NSF website at: [http://www.nsf.gov/about/career\\_opps/](http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps/).

Individuals interested in applying for these positions should send a current CV and statement of interest with the Program they are interested in to:

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