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Dear Colleague Letter -Division of Social Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Employment Opportunity

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The Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS) announces a nationwide search for an anthropologist to serve as Program Director in Cultural Anthropology. Formal consideration of applications will begin **May 23, 2012** and will continue until a selection is made.

We are interested in an expert, to start late summer 2012, with broad expertise and experience in cultural anthropology. While candidates from all specializations will be considered, research experience in socio-ecological systems, medical anthropology, and modeling would be particularly useful to the Program at this time. Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in anthropology. While initial duties will focus on the cultural anthropology program, it is expected that the successful applicant will also assist in appropriate interdisciplinary contexts. Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience and at least six years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position. For further information about the cultural anthropology program, please see:

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5388&org=BCS&from=home

Applicants must be familiar with a broad spectrum of the behavioral and social sciences research community, as well as with the issues being addressed in the field. The position requires effective oral and written communication skills, and familiarity with NSF programs and activities is desirable. The incumbent is expected to work effectively both individually within the specific NSF program and as a member of crosscutting and interactive teams. The incumbent must also demonstrate a capability to work across government agencies to promote NSF activities and to leverage program funds through interagency collaborations.

The position may be filled with one of the following appointment alternatives:

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 IPA assignments are generally made for a one-year period and may be extended by mutual agreement for up to an additional three-year period. The individual remains an employee of the home institution and NSF provides the negotiated funding toward the assignee's salary and benefits. Under the provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA), non-citizens may be considered as long as the individual is employed at an IPA-eligible institution.

Visiting Scientist Appointment: Appointment to this position will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act. Visiting Scientists are on non-paid leave status from their home institution and placed on the NSF payroll. NSF withholds Social Security taxes and pays the home institution's contributions to maintain retirement and fringe benefits (i.e., health benefits and life insurance), either directly to the home institution or to the carrier. Appointments are usually made for a one-year period and may be extended for an additional year by mutual agreement.

Temporary Excepted Service Appointment: Appointment to this position will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act. Candidates who do not have civil service 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, and life insurance) are applicable for appointments of more than one year. Temporary appointments may not exceed three years.

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/rotators/index.jsp.

Applications will be accepted from **U.S. Citizens**. Due to a recent change in Federal Appropriations Law, only Non-Citizens who are permanent U.S. residents and actively seeking citizenship can be considered. Therefore, you are required to provide documentation that confirms you are actively seeking citizenship at the time you submit your application. Non-citizens who do not provide documentation will not be considered.

How to Apply: Please submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae to Dr. Amber Story at astory@nsf.gov. Please use the Subject Line: Cultural Anthropology Program Officer.

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