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Dear Colleague Letter: Division for Chemistry (CHE), Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS) Employment Opportunity (Open Until Filled)

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The Division of Chemistry (CHE) announces a nationwide search for senior-level researchers to serve as Program Officers. Formal consideration of applications will begin October 1, 2013 and will continue until selections are made. We are interested in chemists with a variety of specialties that span the Division's multidisciplinary scope. For the CHE mission statement and additional information about our programs, please see <http://www.nsf.gov/chemistry/>.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in chemistry or a closely-related field, plus six or more years of successful research, research administration and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position.

Applicants must be familiar with a broad spectrum of the chemistry research community, as well as with the issues being addressed in the field. Applicants with accomplishments in the integration of research and education and with multidisciplinary experience and interests are desired. The position requires effective oral and written communication skills. Familiarity with NSF programs and activities is highly desirable. Successful candidates are expected to work effectively both as an individual within the specific NSF program and as a member of crosscutting and interactive teams. They must also demonstrate a capability to work across government agencies to promote NSF activities and to leverage program funds through interagency collaborations. Nominations from the community are encouraged and should be sent to the Division Director: Jacquelyn Gervay Hague at jgervayh@nsf.gov.

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 assignments under IPA provisions may be made for a period of 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.

Visiting Scientist Engineer & Educator (VSEE) 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 visit:

http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps/rotators/.

Applications will be accepted from US Citizens. Due to a recent change in Federal appropriations law, only **Non-Citizens** who are permanent US residents and actively seeking citizenship can be considered for Federal appointments (i.e., Visiting Scientists, Engineers and Educators (VSEE) program, Temporary Excepted Service). 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 be considered only for the IPA program.

How to Apply: Applicants should indicate which program they are applying to within their cover letter and the subject line of the email. Please submit curriculum vitae to CHE-recruit@nsf.gov. Applications are first reviewed by the recruitment working group (typically composed of 3-5 Program Officers) and recommendations are made to CHE's Division Director and Deputy Division Director. A few candidates are selected for telephone and/or NSF on-site interviews. Applicants will receive an acknowledgement of their applications and a status update by email when selections occur. For more information about these openings, you may send an inquiry to CHE-recruit@nsf.gov or contact the Deputy Division Director, Tanja Pietras by telephone (703) 292-2170 or via e-mail: tpietras@nsf.gov.

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