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Dear Colleague Letter - Division of Atmospheric and Geosciences, Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) Employment Opportunity - Program Director (Rotator) for the Education and Cross-Disciplinary Activities Program (Open Until Filled)

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Dear Colleague:

The Division of Atmospheric and Geosciences (AGS) announces a nationwide search for a Program Director for the Education and Cross-Disciplinary Activities (ECD) Program. Formal consideration of applications will begin immediately and continue until a selection is made.

NSF Program Directors bear the primary responsibility for carrying out the agency's overall mission to support innovative and merit-reviewed activities in basic research and education that contribute to the nation's technical strength, security, and welfare. To fulfill this responsibility requires not only knowledge in the appropriate disciplines, but also a commitment to high standards, a considerable breadth of interest and receptivity to new ideas, a strong sense of fairness, good judgment, and a high degree of personal integrity.

This specific position requires an individual with experience overseeing a portfolio of education activities. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in an AGS relevant field plus after award of the Ph.D., six or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position; **OR** a Master's degree in an AGS relevant field plus after award of the degree, eight or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position.

The ECD Program promotes innovative educational activities in the atmospheric and geosciences, including efforts to increase the diversity of participants and involve leading researchers in education. Program activities include graduate and postdoctoral education outside of the framework of NSF research grants; undergraduate education, including the NSF-wide Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program; and education outside of the classroom. The ECD Program Director is responsible for the assessment of AGS education activities and represents the Division on cross-divisional, cross-foundational, and interagency initiatives as needed. The ECD Program Director will also have responsibilities supporting the activities of specific AGS programs. Further information about the Division of Atmospheric and Geosciences and its programs can be found [here](#).

HOW TO APPLY

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the AGS Division Director, Dr. Michael C. Morgan (703) 292-8520 or mcmorgan@nsf.gov). To apply for the position, please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Michael C. Morgan (mcmorgan@nsf.gov) with the subject line - Application for ECD Program Director Position.

Applications are first reviewed by a committee composed of 3-4 program directors from programs across the NSF Directorate for Geosciences. Hiring recommendations will be made by the committee to the selecting official, the Director of the Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences Division.

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 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 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. Recent changes in Federal Appropriations Law requires Non-Citizens to meet certain eligibility criteria to be considered. Therefore, Non-Citizens must certify eligibility by signing and attaching this [Citizenship Affidavit](#) to their application. Non-citizens who do not provide the affidavit at the time of application will be considered as an IPA only.

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