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

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Dear Colleague:

The Division of Chemistry (CHE) announces a nationwide search for senior-level researchers to serve as rotating Program Directors. Formal consideration of interested applications will begin **July 31, 2017** and will continue until selections are made. We are seeking applicants for Program Director positions in all CHE Programs, especially individuals with broad knowledge and demonstrated experience in **chemistry of life processes, organic synthesis, and chemical theory, models & computational methods**. Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in the chemical sciences or a closely-related field, and a minimum of six or more years of successful independent research after the Ph.D. In addition, research administration and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position is highly desirable.

Applicants must be familiar with a broad spectrum of the chemistry 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 interest are desired. The position requires effective oral and written communication skills. Familiarity with NSF programs and activities is highly desirable. The applicant is expected to work effectively both as an individual within the specific NSF program, and as a member of crosscutting and interactive teams. The applicant must also demonstrate a capability to work across government agencies to promote NSF activities and to leverage program funds through interagency collaborations.

The positions 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 see "Programs for Scientists, Engineers, and Educator" on the NSF website at: <https://www.nsf.gov/careers/>.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be accepted from U.S. Citizens. Recent changes in Federal Appropriations Law require 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 for IPA only. We also ask that you complete and submit the [Applicant Survey Form](#). This will help NSF to ensure that our recruiting efforts are attracting a diverse candidate pool; The Applicant Survey Form will be used for statistical purposes only.

NSF is relocating to Alexandria, VA. In late summer 2017, NSF will begin the transition from its current location in Arlington, VA, to 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314. The new location is adjacent to a Metro station (Eisenhower Avenue on the Yellow Line) and there is ample parking in the area. There are several amenities nearby, such as restaurants, hotels, and shops.

Applicants should indicate the Program to which they are applying within their cover letter and subject line of the email. Please submit a curriculum vitae to CHE-recruit@nsf.gov.

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