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## Dear Colleague Letter: The Division of Chemical, Biological, Environmental and Transport Systems seeks applicants for Program Director of the Disability and Rehabilitation Engineering (DARE) program

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Dear Colleagues:

The Division of Chemical, Biological, Environmental, and Transport Systems (CBET), within the Directorate for Engineering (ENG), at the National Science Foundation, announces a nationwide search for engineering professionals to fill a Program Director position with the Disability and Rehabilitation Engineering (DARE) program.

Formal consideration of applications will begin on **September 4, 2019** and will continue until a selection is made.

Program Directors have an unparalleled opportunity and responsibility to ensure NSF-funded research is at the forefront of advancing fundamental knowledge. In support of that, Program Directors are responsible for extensive interaction with academic research communities and industry, as well as interaction with other Federal agencies that may lead to development of interagency collaborations. Within this context, Program Directors solicit, receive and review research and education proposals, make funding recommendations, administer awards, and undertake interaction with research communities in these fields. They are also responsible for service to Foundation-wide activities and initiatives that together accomplish NSF's strategic goals to: 1) Transform the Frontiers of Science and Engineering, 2) Stimulate Innovation and Address Societal Needs through Research and Education, and 3) Excel as a Federal Science Agency. The position requires 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.

The Division of Chemical, Biological, Environmental and Transport Systems seeks applicants for the **Disability and Rehabilitation Engineering (DARE)** program. For more information

about the Disability and Rehabilitation Engineering (DARE) program please visit [https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=505557](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505557).

Program Director positions recruited under this announcement may be filled under the following appointment option:

**Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignment:** 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.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in engineering, plus after award of the Ph.D., six or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position.

In addition, broad knowledge of the relevant disciplinary areas of the Division of Chemical, Biological, Environmental and Transport Systems and knowledge of the general scientific community are desirable. Experience working within a team environment and some administrative skills (budget, people) are needed. Appointees are expected to function effectively both within their specific program and as a member of crosscutting and interactive teams. Skills in multidisciplinary research are highly desirable

For additional information on NSF's rotational programs, please see "Programs for Scientists, Engineers, and Educators" on the NSF website at <https://www.nsf.gov/careers/rotator/>.

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. This also applies to individuals considered for Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignments to NSF. Non-citizens who do not provide the affidavit at the time of application will not be considered eligible.

Should you or your colleagues be interested in this position, please email a single PDF document that includes (1) a cover letter outlining qualifications for the position and (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) Citizen affidavit, as applicable, to [asimonia@nsf.gov](mailto:asimonia@nsf.gov) or:

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