



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences
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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to ask for your assistance in identifying potential candidates for the position of Division Director for the Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) at the National Science Foundation. NSF's SES Division supports basic research in multiple fields of study. The Division's core disciplinary programs include Economics, Political Science, and Sociology. The Division's interdisciplinary programs include Law and Social Science; Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics; Science of Organizations; Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace; and Smart and Connected communities. Information about the SES Division's mission and programs is provided on its Home Page <http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=SES>.

The Division of Social and Economic Sciences is part of NSF's Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE). SBE funds basic research in areas that are of core importance to the nation. SBE emphasis areas include core support of discipline-specific social science research, interdisciplinary research, and development of infrastructure for analysis of critical social and economic data. The SES Division Director will be a key member of the SBE Directorate leadership team.

This position requires a scholar who is highly-respected and an effective manager. The Division Director will provide leadership and direction for all of the division's research and education activities. The Division includes a staff of approximately 30 employees and a FY 2018 budget greater than \$86 million. Candidates with an interest in issues related to big data, causal inference, risk and resiliency, large surveys, cyber social science, replicability, or and social science's potentially transformative effects on quality of life are encouraged to apply.

I will be appreciative of any help that you can offer in identifying excellent candidates for this important NSF position. I am especially interested in identifying women, members of historically underrepresented groups, and persons with disabilities for consideration. You may view the vacancy announcement for this position at USAJOBS: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/509838100> SES-2018-0004.

Should you or your colleagues be interested in this position, please email a current CV accompanied by a cover letter that highlights the background that specifically relates to the program objectives to: execsrch@nsf.gov.

NSF's Division of Human Resource Management (HRM) is assisting me in this outreach. Hugh Sullivan, (hsulliva@nsf.gov) is the point of contact in the HRM Division. The application deadline is October 31, 2018. 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/index.jsp>.

Eligibility:

Applications will be accepted from US 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 a Citizenship Affidavit (available at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/509838100>) to their application.

The position will be filled via one of these appointment types:

1. Senior Executive Service Career appointment
2. Senior Executive Service Limited-Term (1-3 years) appointment
3. Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment

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.

Thank you in advance for helping to identify superb candidates for this very important leadership position at the National Science Foundation.

Sincerely,

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