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## **Dear Colleague Letter: Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) Employment Opportunity**

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The Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) is pleased to announce a nationwide search to fill a unique Program Director position that will be integrally involved in both the Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers Program (I/UCRC) and the Innovation Corps (I-Corps) Program. The individual selected will be expected to split their time between these two critical NSF programs. Program Directors at the National Science Foundation (NSF) are in charge of specific research areas and program activities. They solicit, receive and review research and education proposals, make funding recommendations, administer awards, conduct site visits and execute program activities. They are also responsible for interaction with other Federal agencies, forming and guiding interagency collaborations, and service to Foundation-wide activities.

Formal consideration of interested applications will begin May 17, 2013 and will continue until a selection is made.

NSF Program Directors bear the primary responsibility for carrying out the Foundation's overall mission to support innovative and merit-evaluated activities in fundamental research and education that contribute to the nation's technological strength, security and welfare. The positions require 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.

Persons wishing to apply for this position are referred to the Divisional web pages, <http://www.nsf.gov/eng/iip/iucrc/index.jsp>, for a description of the I/UCRC program; and to [http://www.nsf.gov/news/special\\_reports/i-corps/](http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/i-corps/), for a description of the I-Corps program. These persons are also encouraged to contact the current Program Director, who is identified on the program web page, for more information.

Qualifications of a successful candidate include a Ph.D. or equivalent professional experience in a relevant discipline, plus six or more years of successful research, research administration and/or substantial managerial experience in science, engineering, biology and/or any other relevant scientific field. Candidates should also have an established and recognized record of research and education in a field appropriate to the position and managerial experience in academe, industry or overnment. The position requires effective oral and written communication skills, and familiarity with NSF programs and activities is highly desirable. The incumbent is expected to function effectively both as an individual within the specific NSF program and as a member of crosscutting and interactive teams. The incumbent must also demonstrate a capability to work within NSF and across government agencies to promote NSF activities and to leverage program funds through interagency collaborations. The National Science Foundation especially encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, and underrepresented minorities, as well as individuals from Minority Serving Institutions.

The position will be filled under an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignment. Under an IPA assignment, an assignee's home institution receives a grant to cover their salary and benefits, and will remain an employee of his/her home institution while performing duties at NSF. Persons 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 years.

For additional information on NSF's rotational programs, please visit:

[http://www.nsf.gov/about/career\\_opps/rotators/ipa.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps/rotators/ipa.jsp)

Applicants should indicate in their cover letter that they are applying to the I/UCRC program as well as the I-Corps program. Please submit your application to:

I/UCRC and I-Corps Program Director Search Committee

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Although paper applications will be accepted at the above address, it is preferred that they are received electronically with "**I/UCRC and I-Corps Program Director**" as the subject. Please send electronic submissions to [rdasgupt@nsf.gov](mailto:rdasgupt@nsf.gov).

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