



NASA Office of STEM Engagement's Opportunity for Minority-Serving Institution STEM and Education Staff

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Dear Colleagues:

The NASA Office of STEM Engagement (OSTEM) is seeking one to two mid-career staff whose skills support NASA's strategy for STEM Engagement to:

- create unique opportunities for a diverse set of students to contribute to NASA's work in exploration and discovery;
- build a diverse future STEM workforce by engaging students in authentic learning experiences with NASA people, content, and facilities; and
- attract diverse groups of students to STEM through learning opportunities that spark interest and provide connections to NASA's mission and work.

NASA's STEM Engagement community works in close collaboration with NASA's STEM workforce to provide exceptional experiences for students, and with NASA's public engagement workforce to leverage opportunities for reaching students.

NASA is committed to finding innovative ways to deliver our content and engage students in STEM learning. In that regard, OSTEM announces a nationwide search for staff employed at Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) to join NASA's OSTEM team on a two-year temporary assignment beginning January 2021.

The Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program (IPA) provides for the temporary assignment of personnel between the Federal Government and state and local governments, colleges and universities, Indian tribal governments, federally funded research and development centers, and other eligible organizations.

The selected IPAs will serve with the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) team during the pilot phase of this new initiative.

General Requirements

- U.S. or naturalized citizen;
- Full-time STEM/Education faculty or administrative/managerial staff (i.e., student activities director, program/project manager, etc.) at a two- or four-year accredited U.S. (MSI designated) institution;
- Letter of support from an authorizing official representative of the institution.



Potential Activities

NASA is interested in building a cohort of fellows to help us attract a more diverse population of students to OSTEM's programs. Activities may include:

- Developing strategies to infuse diversity and inclusion within OSTEM and NASA's Mission Directorates.
- Establishing priorities to enhance the participation of MSIs' partnerships and collaborations leading to increased involvement in NASA programs.
- Managing significant elements or phases of an assigned research partnership with one or multiple NASA Mission Directorates under the auspices of the MUREP program manager.
- Establishing a scalable and systemic OSTEM activity to broaden participation of underserved and underrepresented communities and institutions.

These activities may be tailored to the background and expertise of the candidate(s). Fellows may be placed at NASA Headquarters and/or Centers across the Agency. NASA's telework policy may also be an option for this opportunity.

Faculty and/or staff who meet the general requirements, particularly members of underrepresented or underserved groups and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to consider this opportunity. If you are interested, please register by 5:00 pm EST on August 17, 2020 - click the following link or copy and paste it on the address line of a web browser:

<https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId={7E4DFD50-15F6-C3FF-5232-DDFF66633943}&path=&method=init>

Should you wish to nominate suitable candidates, please send the name(s) and email address(es) to: NASA.MSI.Fellowship.Rotation@nasaprs.com by July 31, 2020. You may also use this email address, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Kincaid".

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