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Letter Regarding the National Science Foundation’s Rotator Program

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Betty Cleckley
    Dr. Judy Kuipers
    Mr. James McAuliffe

FROM: Luke Ebersole

SUBJECT: National Science Foundation's Rotator Program

I believe you will be interested in the attached letter which Dr. Reese received from the National Science Foundation. This information will also be provided to persons responsible for physical, biological, and behavioral science programs.

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Attachment
cc: Chancellor Jack Reese
Dr. Jack E. Reese  
Chancellor  
University of Tennessee at  
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Knoxville, Tennessee 37916

Dear Dr. Reese:

I want to win your interest and active support in our efforts to increase the representation of minorities, women and the handicapped in the National Science Foundation's Rotator Program. This program has certain features which offer positive benefits to all involved, the Foundation, the individual participant and the educational institution.

Under this program NSF augments its permanent staff of scientists and other professional employees with qualified individuals from the faculties of colleges and universities across the country who serve in non-career positions for periods of one or two years. In obtaining such personnel we secure a continuing source of current knowledge of academic affairs, new ideas and diverse talents. Those selected gain a rich developmental experience and additional insight into Federal support of scientific research, the improvement of science education and the dissemination of science information.

We are most reluctant to add to the staffing problems of colleges and universities. A primary mission of the Foundation is to strengthen science education in the United States. The Rotator Program, however, makes sound human resource investment sense. A one or two year association with the Foundation in administering on-going national programs will prove most valuable to educational institutions on return of the rotators to their regular assignments.

Now - what can you do to help? Please bring the NSF Rotator Program to the attention of minorities, women and the handicapped who in your judgment best qualify for the multiple purposes of the program. Particularly welcome are scientists with a Ph.D. plus 6 years of successful scientific research experience. A broad general knowledge
of the applicable field of science and some administrative experience are also desirable. Applicants selected will be offered an excepted appointment under the NSF Act of 1950, as amended. Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience. Health, life insurance, and leave benefits are available depending upon the length of assignment.

Interested individuals should send their vitae and statements of interest to me at 1800 G Street, NW, Room 536, Washington, D.C. 20550 (202-632-9178). I will then personally take the necessary steps to insure that qualified candidates receive full and careful consideration in the competition for the limited number of rotator positions (approximately 30 per year).

In closing, it should be mentioned that this matter as discussed has the full indorsement of the Foundation's Director and his top management staff.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in a program which I am sure will prove to be mutually rewarding.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Harrington, Jr.
Director, Office of
Equal Employment Opportunity