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Per our discussion.
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WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES PRESIDENTIAL AWARD PROGRAM FOR SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING FACULTY

A new Presidential award program to recognize and support the scholarly activities of some of the nation's most outstanding young scientists and engineers was announced today by _____.

The program will provide awardees with \$100,000 each year for five years, and will be the Federal government's most prestigious award for young U.S. science and engineering faculty. Individuals selected will be known as Presidential Faculty Fellows (PFF).

"By establishing this new program, the President hopes to recognize and encourage outstanding young science and engineering faculty members who have exceptional career potential in research and teaching, and for leadership in those academic pursuits," said _____ . "In addition to their prestige, these awards differ from other Federal research grants in size and in their recognition of the vital interdependence of teaching and research in achieving excellence in science and engineering."

The PFF program will be managed by the National Science Foundation. The first awards will be made in FY 1992. Recipients can use their funding for any research or teaching purpose. Up to 30 PFF awards are planned each year, to be equally divided between engineering and science disciplines. Only the president of a

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college or university offering a baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degree in a field supported by NSF may submit nominations, with a limit of two nominees per year per institution. Candidates must be faculty members who are within four years of their first faculty appointment.

Selection of nominees for the new program will be based on the nomination letter, other letters of recommendation, and a statement by the nominee of his or her research and teaching plans. NSF will prepare and issue a Request for Nominations, administer the evaluation process, and fund the awards. The White House will make the final award decisions.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Presidential Faculty Fellows Program
Guidelines for Submission of Nominations**

At the request of the President of the United States, the National Science Foundation announces a new Presidential Faculty Fellows Program (PFF) whereby the President will recognize and support the scholarly activities of some of the Nation's most outstanding young science and engineering faculty members. The National Science Foundation seeks nominations of tenure-track faculty members who have demonstrated an exceptionally high level of research and teaching competence and who have the highest potential for leadership in academic pursuits.

Awards will be announced by the President in Spring 1992, and will carry a grant from the National Science Foundation of \$100,000 per year for five years, subject to the availability of funds. Thirty (30) PFF awards are planned of which fifteen (15) will be in engineering and fifteen (15) in science.

The Foundation is also inaugurating this year the National Science Foundation Young Investigators Program (NYI). Together, these two initiatives replace the Presidential Young Investigators Program which operated from 1984 to 1991. The two activities, which target similar groups, will operate independently, with separate nominations required. PFF awards will be made first, and successful nominees who have also been nominated for the NYI competition will have their nominations administratively withdrawn from the latter.

Current or former Presidential Young Investigators, who meet all the stated eligibility criteria, are eligible for PFF awards. In successful cases, such PYI awardees will have their PYI awards terminated if active, and their PFF awards will be limited in duration to the number of years unused on their PYI awards. In no case, however, will the tenure of a PFF award be less than two years. Similarly, current Faculty Awards for Women (FAW) awardees who receive PFF awards will have their FAW awards terminated, but will be eligible for the full five years of their PFF awards.

Limit on Nominations

Two nominations may be made by each eligible institution per year.

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Institutional Eligibility

All institutions in the United States that offer a baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degree in a field supported by the Foundation are eligible to participate in this program.

Faculty Eligibility

To be eligible nominees must:

- o Be U.S. citizens, or permanent resident aliens as of November 1, 1991;
- o Have a Ph.D. degree, or equivalent, awarded between January 1, 1984 and November 1, 1991;
- o Have begun their first tenure-track or equivalent position at any four-year or graduate-level college or university after January 1, 1988;

Discipline Eligibility

Nominees may work in any discipline of science or engineering normally supported by the Foundation, including research in engineering or science education.

The Foundation normally will not support clinical research such as biomedical research with disease-related goals, including work on the etiology, diagnosis, abnormality, or malfunction in human beings or animals. Animal models of such conditions, or development or testing of drugs or other procedures for their treatment are also generally not eligible for support.

Evaluation and Selection

Presidential Faculty Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of ability, including leadership and leadership potential in research and teaching, as evidenced by all information available. The evaluation criteria for the nominee include:

Research Competence and Leadership in science or engineering, including the potential for continuing high performance, as evidenced by definitive research accomplishments, refereed publications, technical books published, patent and software credits, significant technical papers presented at national or international meetings, honors, distinguished service, recognition by the community for contributions to the public understanding of research by lay-persons, and other noteworthy research contributions.

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Teaching Competence and Leadership in science or engineering, including the potential for continuing high performance, as evidenced by implementation of new curricula, design of new courses, significant educational books, refereed publications, papers presented at national or international meetings, honors, distinguished service, recognition by the community for contributions to public understanding of science or engineering, and other noteworthy education contributions.

Impact of Nominee on Nominating Institution as evidenced by factors such as significant facilitation of cross-discipline research efforts, recognized contributions to educational reforms, and other noteworthy service to the institution and in the community on behalf of the institution.

Nominating Official

Nominations for PFF awards must be submitted by the President or Chief Academic Officer or equivalent of the nominating institution.

Nominating Procedure

A PFF Submission consists of three complete sets of the nomination package and one set of an additional sheets package, both as specified below, and four reference letters sent individually to NSF. Each set of the nomination package should be stapled, and the additional sheets package should be clipped together but NOT stapled. Type styles should be no smaller than 12 characters per inch. Page limits must be strictly observed.

Nomination Package

Cover Sheet (Form provided)

Nominator's Statement -- A letter to the Director of the National Science Foundation setting forth the basis for the nomination. The letter should address the three principal evaluation criteria described above. (Limit: 3 pages)

Nominee's Teaching and Research Qualifications (Limit: 1 page)

Nominee's Research Description (Limit: 2 pages)

Biographical Sketch -- A brief sketch showing the nominee's name and current position; educational background including dates, sources, and fields of earned degrees; and professional accomplishments, including professional employment history in reverse chronological order, honors, awards, and references to all publications during the past three years. Representative earlier publications may be included when pertinent to the nomination. (Limit: 3 pages)

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Institutions are expected to make a significant contribution to the support of awardees by guaranteeing their full academic-year salary. None of the funds provided by NSF under PFF awards may be used for the academic-year salary of the awardee. Indirect costs are limited to 10% of the funds provided by NSF.

The 1992 Presidential Faculty Fellows will be announced by the President in Spring 1992. They are expected to begin their activities under this program no later than October 1, 1992. PFF awardees must remain in tenure-track positions at eligible institutions at all times during the tenure of their awards.

Inquiries

Inquiries regarding this program may be addressed to the Presidential Faculty Fellows Program, National Science Foundation, Washington, DC 20550, or telephoned to (202) 357-7536. Descriptions and telephone numbers for NSF's programs can be found in the annual Guide to Programs, single copies of which can be obtained by writing or telephoning Forms and Publications, National Science Foundation, Washington, DC 20550, (202) 357-7861.

Forms to be included with Guidelines:

Form 1225A

Cover Sheet

Registration Form

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Additional Sheets Package

- 1 additional copy of the Cover Sheet
- 1 copy of NSF Form 1225A (Form provided)
- 2 copies of the Registration Form (Form provided)

All of the above materials should be submitted as a single unit in a large envelope addressed to:

Presidential Faculty Fellows Program
National Science Foundation
1800 G Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20550

Reference Letters

Four (4) reference letters are required. Letters should be from persons who are familiar with the research and teaching capabilities of the nominee, and may not be from individuals at the nominating institution. They should be in the form of letters to the National Science Foundation, and each should specifically address at least one of the evaluation criteria. Reference letters should be sent directly to the National Science Foundation at the address given immediately above.

It is expected that the review of nominations will begin shortly after the deadline date. It is imperative, therefore, that this date be strictly observed. The Foundation cannot assure that letters of reference received after the deadline date below will be included with this review.

Deadline for Submission of Nominations

All nomination materials must be received at NSF by 5:00 p.m., November 1, 1991.

Support and Commitments

Except as otherwise provided in this announcement, the terms and conditions of this award are those stated in the publication, NSF 90-77 -- Grants for Research and Education in Science and Engineering.

Recipients of PFF awards will be able to use their funding for any research or teaching purpose.