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Dear Colleague:

The National Research Council of the National Academies is pleased to announce the Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Programs for 2008. We have enclosed a news release, a brochure, and a poster suitable for publicizing the programs. We would be grateful for your assistance in bringing this information to the attention of your graduate students and faculty.

Detailed program information, including instructions on how to submit online applications, a list of participating laboratories and their locations, and areas of research, can be found on our Web site at www.nationalacademies.org/rap. Prospective applicants are invited to contact the NRC directly at 202-334-2760 or rap@nas.edu if additional information or assistance is required.

Thank you for your effort on behalf of the National Research Council Associateship Programs.

Sincerely yours,



H. Ray Gamble
Director

Enclosures

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES *Research Associateship Programs*

Applications Sought for Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Awards

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 2007

The National Research Council of the National Academies announces the 2008 Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Programs to be conducted on behalf of over 120 research laboratories throughout the United States representing nearly all U.S. government agencies with research facilities. The programs provide opportunities for Ph.D., Sc.D. or M.D. scientists and engineers of unusual promise and ability to perform research on problems largely of their own choosing, yet compatible with the research interests of the sponsoring laboratory. Initiated in 1954, the Associateship Programs have contributed to the career development of more than 11,000 scientists and engineers ranging from recent Ph.D. recipients to distinguished senior scientists.

Full-time Associateships will be awarded on a competitive basis in 2008 for research in the fields of chemistry, earth and atmospheric sciences, engineering, applied sciences and computer science, life and medical sciences, mathematics, space and planetary sciences, and physics. Many of the laboratories are open to both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, and to both recent doctoral recipients and senior investigators.

Postdoctoral awards are made for one or two years, renewable for a maximum of three years; senior applicants who have held the doctorate at least five years may receive awards for shorter periods. Annual stipends for recent Ph.D. recipients for the 2008 program year range from \$41,000 to \$70,000 depending upon the sponsoring laboratory, and are appropriately higher for senior award recipients.

Financial support is provided for allowable relocation expenses and for limited professional travel during the duration of the award. The host laboratory provides facilities, support services, necessary equipment, and travel necessary for the conduct of the approved research program.

Contact with the research adviser/mentor at the proposed sponsoring laboratory, including discussion of the proposed project, is necessary prior to submitting a formal application to the NRC. Application deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 for reviews in mid-March, mid-June, mid-September and mid-January respectively. Initial awards will be announced immediately following each review with notification of alternate candidates at a later time. Detailed program information, including instructions on how to apply, is available on our Web site at: www.national-academies.org/rap
Questions should be directed to the:

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Annual application deadlines: **FEBRUARY 1, MAY 1, AUGUST 1, NOVEMBER 1**
Qualified Applicants will be reviewed without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex or national origin.

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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL *Postdoctoral Research Awards • Senior Research Awards*

Competitive awards are available for scientists and engineers to conduct independent research in federal laboratories. Awards include attractive stipends, health insurance, professional travel and relocation.



The NRC Association Programs

The National Research Council (NRC) administers competitive postdoctoral and senior research awards on behalf of 31 U.S. government research agencies with facilities at over 100 locations throughout the U.S. and abroad. Awardees have the opportunity to:

- conduct independent research in an area compatible with the interests of the sponsoring laboratory
- devote full-time effort to research and publication

Receiving an NRC

Research Associate Award

Postdoctoral awards are for 12 months with renewal up to 3 years. Senior research awards may be for shorter periods of time. Summer Faculty awards are for 8-14 weeks, renewable for up to 3 successive summers.

Stipend and Benefits

Research Associates receive annual stipends ranging from \$41,000 to \$70,000 for recent graduates and

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