

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose: (1) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; or (2) information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. Date: October 15, 1998.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Library and Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access, for projects at the July 1, 1998 deadline.

2. Date: October 20, 1998.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Library and Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access, for projects at the July 1, 1998 deadline.

3. Date: October 27, 1998.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Library and Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access, for projects at the July 1, 1998 deadline.

4. Date: October 30, 1998.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Library and Archival

Preservation and Access/Reference Materials submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access, for projects at the July 1, 1998 deadline.

Nancy E. Weiss,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Title of Collection: 1999 National Survey of Recent College Graduates (OMB Control No. 3145-0077).

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction act of 1994, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or for a copy of the collection instrument and instructions contact Ms. Mary Lou Higgs, Acting Clearance Officer, via surface mail: National Science Foundation, ATTN: NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Suite 295, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone (703) 306-2063; e-mail mlhiggs@nsf.gov; or FAX (703) 306-0201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Abstract

The National Survey of Recent College Graduates (NSRCG) has been conducted biennially since 1993. In the 1998 NSRCG, cross sectional sample) a sample of persons who have graduated with a bachelor's or master's degree in science and engineering between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1998 will be contacted. The 1999 NSRCG will also follow up on a sample of earlier degree recipients from the 1993-1996 graduating classes (longitudinal sample) and collect data on their careers and education. The purpose of this longitudinal study is to provide national estimates on the science and engineering workforce and changes in employment, education and demographic characteristics. The study is one of three components of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and

characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “* * * provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on science and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” the NSRCG is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's scientists and engineers. The NSF uses this information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as Science and Engineering Indicators and Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering. A public release file of collected data, edited to protect respondent confidentiality, will be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

Westat, Inc. has served as NSF contractor conducting this survey in the previous two cycles and will conduct the study for NSF in the 1999 survey cycle. Computer assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) will begin in May, 1999 and questionnaires will be mailed to those that cannot be reached or are unwilling to cooperate on the telephone. Nonrespondents will also be sent the mail questionnaire. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the individuals response to the survey is voluntary.

2. Expected Respondents

We will contact by CATI and mail a statistical sample of approximately 13,500 graduates in the 1999 NSRCG cross sectional sample and 15,000 in the NSRCG longitudinal sample for a total sample of 28,500. We expect a response rate of 85 percent in the 1999 cross sectional sample yielding 11,475 responses and a 90 percent response rate in the 1999 longitudinal sample yielding 13,500 responses. Total number of respondents is estimated at 24,975.

3. Burden on the Public

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individuals circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 30 minutes to complete the survey. We estimate that the total annual burden will be 12,487 hours during the year.

Comments Requested

Dates: Send written comments to NSF on or before December 1, 1998.

Addresses: Submit written comments to Ms. Mary Lou Higgs, Acting Clearance Officer, through surface mail

at: National Science Foundation, ATTN: NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Suite 295, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; through e-mail to mlhiggs@nsf.gov; or via FAX (703) 306-0201.

Special Areas for Review

NSF request special review and comments in the following areas:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

Dated: September 28, 1998.

Mary Lou Higgs,

Acting NSF Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research #1185).

Date and Time: October 19, 1998, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Place: William Marsh Rice University, 6100 Main Street, Duncan Hall, Room 1035, Houston, TX 77005.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Charles H. Koebel, Program Director, Advanced Computational Research Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1962.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide recommendations and advice concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals in the Advanced Computational Research Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C.

552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function—(1134) (Panel B).

Date and Time: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 26-28, 1998—8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Room 330, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Kamal Shukla & Dr. Pien-Chien Huang, Program Directors for Molecular Biophysics, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306-1444)

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Molecular Biophysics Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Elementary, Secondary and Information Education, Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure and Research (1185).

Dates & Times:

October 28—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 3—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 6—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1150, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Charles Koebel, Program Director, Advanced Computational Infrastructure and Research Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22230, Tel: (703) 306-1962.

Purpose of meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals in the Advanced Computational Research Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for closing: The proposals being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are within exemptions (4) and (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Advisory Committee for Engineering (#1170).

Date and Time: October 28, 1998/8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. October 29, 1998/8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Place: Room 1235 (National Science Board Meeting Room), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Elbert L. Marsh, Deputy Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation, Suite 505, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 306-1301. For easier building access, individuals planning to attend should contact Maxine Byrd at 703-306-1300 or at mbyrd@nsf.gov so that your name can be added to the building access list.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to Engineering programs and activities.

Agenda: Discussion on issues, opportunities, and future directions for the Engineering Directorate; in particular, the