Grant Title: INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Funding Opportunity Number: NSF 06-582.

Agency/Department: National Science Foundation.

Area of Research: Fellowships to enhance international collaborative research opportunities in any field of science and engineering research and education.

Release and Expiration: 2006 release; NA expiration.

Application Deadline: Second Tuesday in September annually.

Amount: $57,000 to $200,000, depending on location of host site, cost of research project, duration and number of dependents. 30-35 fellowships awarded per year.

Length of Support: 9-24 months.

Eligible Applicants: Applications are submitted directly by the individual researcher. The individual researcher must be a US citizens or permanent residents as of the application deadline, have been awarded a Ph.D. within two years of the application deadline or expect to receive the doctoral degree by the start of the project, and propose collaboration with foreign host (cannot be an American national) to conduct scientific and engineering research at appropriate institutions of higher education, industrial research institutions/laboratories, government research institutes/laboratories/centers, nonprofit research organizations, and foreign centers of excellence located outside of the United States.

Summary: The objective of the International Research Fellowship Program (IRFP) is to introduce scientists and engineers in the early stages of their careers to international collaborative research opportunities, thereby furthering their research capacity and global perspective and forging long-term relationships with scientists, technologists and engineers abroad. These awards are available in any field of science and engineering research and education supported by NSF. Priority will be given to those applicants who have not yet secured a tenure-track position and have no previous international experience. IRFP aims to provide an international experience to those individuals who have never had one previously.