

Announcement To DOE National Laboratories

BER Distinguished Scientist Fellowships

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER) of the Office Science, U.S. Department of Energy announces its interest in receiving nominations for BER Distinguished Scientist Fellowship. These fellowships are intended to help develop and sustain scientific excellence in Biological and Environmental Research at the National Laboratories through the support of senior scientists. One or more awards will be made for each of the four BER Divisions: Life Sciences, Climate Change Research, Environmental Remediation Sciences, and Medical Sciences.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of nominations is 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, April 29, 2005 to be evaluated by independent peer-review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2006.

ADDRESSES: Nominations, referencing the announcement for BER Distinguished Scientist Fellowships, should be sent by email to Dr. Anjuli Bamzai (anjuli.bamzai@science.doe.gov) with a copy to Ms. Leslie Runion (leslie.runion@science.doe.gov). Use "BER Distinguished Scientist Fellowships Nomination" as the subject of the email. Please include only one nomination per email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Anjuli Bamzai, telephone: (301) 903-0294, E-mail: anjuli.bamzai@science.doe.gov, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, U.S. Department of Energy, SC-74/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-1290.

ELIGIBILITY: Nominees must be full time employees of a DOE National Laboratory. Nominees must have worked for a minimum of 10 years within the DOE National Laboratory system. Nominees must have shown sustained scientific excellence in research that is generally supported by and relevant to BER's Life Sciences, Climate Change Research, or Environmental Remediation Sciences Divisions.

NOMINATION PROCESS: Nominations must be made by National Laboratory leadership and endorsed by the Laboratory Director. Nominations may be initiated by prospective nominees, by colleagues, by supervisors, or by laboratory management. Candidate nominations will be evaluated by an independent peer-review panel of distinguished scientists from outside the National Laboratory system. BER senior staff will make final selections from the candidates recommended by the peer review panel.

SELECTION PROCESS: The following criteria will be used to select BER Distinguished Scientist Fellowships.

- Evidence of sustained scientific excellence

- Significant scientific achievements
- Honors and awards
- Quality of peer-reviewed publications in high impact journals and number of publications.
- Research relevance to programmatic goals in BER's Life Sciences, Climate Change Research, or Environmental Remediation Sciences Divisions.
- Recommendations (4 to 6) from individuals at non-affiliated institutions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- Awards will be made for five years for \$250,000 per year (total costs).
- The five-year term of the award is contingent upon the awardee's continued employment at the National Laboratory at which they received the award. Fellowship support will be for five years or the duration of employment at that Laboratory (whichever is less).
- Awards will be made beginning in FY 2006.
- One or more awards will be made for each of the four BER Divisions: Life Sciences, Climate Change Research, Environmental Remediation Sciences, and Medical Sciences
- Laboratories may nominate a maximum (total) of two individuals for BER Distinguished Scientist Fellowships.
- Nominations should consist of no more than 5 pages exclusive of external letters of support and curriculum vitae.