

4. Job Corps' Commitment to Diversity

Job Corps currently serves a diverse student population and remains committed to serving disadvantaged youth from all backgrounds. In making final closure decisions under any of the three criteria, we will consider whether a center's closure would result in a significant reduction in student diversity within the overall Job Corps system.

III. Job Corps Centers Selected for Closure

Based on the performance-based criteria, and after applying the additional considerations described above, the Department proposes to close the Ouachita Job Corps Center in Royal, Arkansas. As noted above, the two new criteria did not factor into this decision.

In applying the performance-based criteria, the Department first calculated the five-year OMS performance level, the five-year OBS, and the five-year FCI and then calculated the Overall Rating for Primary Selection Factors, as described above, using data from PY 2010–2014. The Ouachita Job Corps Center in received the lowest Overall Rating for Primary Selection Factors and, therefore, the lowest ranking.

After ranking the centers based on the primary criteria, the Department then applied the additional considerations. The Department determined that these considerations did not preclude closure of the Ouachita Job Corps Center. The Department is requesting public comments on the selection of the Ouachita Job Corps Center for closure.

The Department will implement the closure process pursuant to the center closure requirements outlined in the WIOA at section 159(j) and as stipulated in the DOL/USDA Interagency Agreement.

IV. The Process for Closing Job Corps Centers, as Outlined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Department's process for closing Job Corps centers will follow the requirements of section 159(j) of the WIOA, which include the following:

- The proposed decision to close a particular center is announced in advance to the general public through publication in the **Federal Register** or other appropriate means;
- A reasonable comment period, not to exceed 30 days, is established for interested individuals to submit written comments to the Secretary; and
- The Member of Congress who represents the district in which such center is located is notified within a

reasonable period of time in advance of any final decision to close the center.

This Notice serves as the public announcement of the decision to close the Ouachita Job Corps Center. The Department is providing a 30-day period for interested individuals to submit written comments on the proposed decision to close these centers.

Portia Wu,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences; 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 Committee for Geosciences (1755).

DATE AND TIME:

April 13, 2016, 8:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

April 14, 2016, 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, Stafford I, Room 1235, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

CONTACT PERSON: Melissa Lane, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703–292–8500.

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight on support for geoscience research and education including atmospheric, geospace, earth, ocean and polar sciences.

Agenda

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Directorate and NSF activities and plans
Division Subcommittee Meetings
Meeting with President-designate of the
National Academy of Sciences
Meeting with the NSF Director and CIO

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Division Subcommittee Meetings
Meeting with Head of the NSF Office of
International Science and Engineering
Action Items/Planning for Fall Meeting

Dated: March 3, 2016.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Graduate Research Fellowship Program Pilot Data Collection for Monitoring Longitudinal Career Outcomes of Fellowship Recipients; Proposed Information Collection Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request establishment and clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than three years.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments before May 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling (703) 292–7556.

Instructions: Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and collection name identified above for this information collection. Commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email. Comments, including any personal information provided become a matter of public record. They will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling (703) 292–7556. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection:

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Type of request: Intent to seek approval for ICR.

Abstract

The National Science Foundation (NSF) seeks to develop and pilot an instrument to follow several cohorts of Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Fellows to track program and career outcomes over time. The intent is for the pilot instrument to become part of a permanent monitoring system to track all Fellows over time.

As part of NSF's commitment to graduate student education in the U.S., the GRFP seeks to promote and maintain advanced training in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) field by annually awarding about 2,000 fellowships to graduate students in research-based programs. The program goals are: (1) To select, recognize, and financially support, early in their careers, individuals with the demonstrated potential to be high achieving scientists and engineers, and (2) to broaden participation in science and engineering of underrepresented groups, including women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans. NSF especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, persons with disabilities, and veterans to apply. NSF also encourages undergraduate seniors to apply. GRFP is a critical program in NSF's overall strategy to develop the globally-engaged workforce necessary to ensure the Nation's leadership in advancing science and engineering research and innovation.

The program has had two large-scale evaluations, first in 2002 and again in 2012. The second evaluation coincided with a major program expansion by NSF, whereby the annual number of fellowship awards was increased from roughly 1,000 to the current 2,000. As the program has expanded, so has the need for a monitoring system to track program outcomes and Fellow career trajectories following completion of the fellowship.

NSF contracts with NORC at the University of Chicago to develop and pilot a data collection instrument to support GRFP monitoring. The objective of the monitoring activity will be to accomplish the following:

- NSF will be able at any time to provide cumulative as well as annualized data on outcomes for the Fellows (e.g., career outcomes of minority Fellows in 2017, as compared to 2015, etc.) and compare those results

to national samples. The longitudinal collections will allow NSF to analyze how Fellows' careers develop over time and if there are differences in the career outcomes related to Fellow demographics and field of study.

- NSF will be able to analyze trends on a large number of career outcomes for key subpopulations of Fellows including women, underrepresented minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans, and monitor them within fields of graduate study, in order to inform policy and program changes.

The data collection instrument will be designed to gather information on the following broad sets of variables:

- Career activities, progress, and job characteristics following graduate school;

- STEM-related professional productivity (e.g., publications, presentations, patents, etc.);

- Broader impacts of the Fellows (ways in which the Fellows or their work may benefit society).

The pilot data will be collected primarily through a Web-based survey. The data will be supplemented with administrative data collected by the GRFP on the demographic and educational backgrounds of the Fellows. The pilot data will be collected in two rounds after questionnaire testing, with survey rounds conducted in both 2016 and 2017. The 2016 round will include all Fellows from award years 2003, 2006, and 2009 and the 2017 round will include all Fellows from award years 2004, 2007, and 2010. These two rounds will collect data from Fellows with different award years (i.e., no Fellow will be asked to participate in both rounds) to obtain comparable baseline data on their career outcomes, and to refine the instrument administration procedures and survey content to maximize the reliability and validity of the questionnaire items.

Although the project will adopt questions that have been tested and used in previous National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) instruments, the GRFP instrument is being considered a new instrument because it will include some new questions and the questions from different NCSES questionnaires will be combined and re-sequenced. Therefore, there is a need to test the questionnaire via cognitive interviews before conducting a larger data collection with all Fellows.

I. Review Focus

NSF is interested in comments on the practical utility of the survey in view of the project goals and the study

approach, the burden on respondents and potential ways to minimize it.

Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the ICR; they will also become a matter of public record.

II. Current Actions

Affected Public: Individuals.

Frequency: Questionnaire testing followed by two rounds of pilot data collection.

Total Respondents:

Questionnaire Testing Phase: The plan is to conduct two iterations ("rounds") of cognitive interviews, with up to 25 respondents in the first round and 15 in the second round. In the first round the instrument will be tested to determine if revisions are necessary and, if so, to develop revisions to be tested in the second round. The respondents are expected to be graduate degree candidates or recipients.

Pilot Round 1: Surveys will be administered to approximately 2,434 GRFP Fellows (there are approximately 3,042 Fellows who were awarded the GRFP in 2003, 2006, or 2009, and we expect approximately 80% of these Fellows to respond).

Pilot Round 2: Surveys will be administered to approximately 3,152 GRFP Fellows (there are approximately 3,940 Fellows who were awarded the GRFP in 2004, 2007, or 2010, and we expect approximately 80% of these Fellows to respond). Note that because different award years are included in each round of the survey, there is no overlap in participants between rounds 1 and 2.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

Questionnaire Testing Phase: The Foundation estimates that, on average, 120 minutes per respondent will be required to participate in the cognitive interview. The annual respondent burden for participating in the cognitive interviews is estimated at 80 hours, based on 40 respondents.

Pilot Round 1: The Foundation estimates that, on average, the survey will take approximately 45–60 minutes to complete. The annual respondent burden for Pilot Round 1 is estimated at between 1,826 and 2,434 hours, based on 2,434 respondents.

Pilot Round 2: The Foundation estimates that, on average, the survey will take approximately 45–60 minutes to complete. The annual respondent burden for Pilot Round 2 is estimated at between 2,364 and 3,152 hours, based on 3,152 respondents.

Dated: March 4, 2016.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; 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 Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (#66).

Date/Time: April 7, 2016: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; April 8, 2016: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 375, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Eduardo Misawa, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 505, Arlington, Virginia 22230; Telephone: 703/292-8300.

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

Agenda

Thursday, April 7, 2016; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

- Registration and refreshments
- Meeting opening, FACA briefing and approval of February meeting minutes
- Update on MPS FY17 Budget Request
- MPS recent activities
- Update on partnerships
- Meeting with the NSF Director and COO
- Adjourn

Friday, April 8, 2016; 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

- Meeting opening
- Update on selected education and training programs
- Updates on NSF-wide advisory committees
- Adjourn

Dated: March 3, 2016.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-77289; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2016-31]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Establishing Fees for the NYSE Arca Order Imbalances Data Feed

March 3, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on February 22, 2016, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “NYSE Arca”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to establish fees for the NYSE Arca Order Imbalances data feed (“Order Imbalances Data Feed”). The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to establish the fees for the Order Imbalances Data Feed in the NYSE Arca Equities Proprietary Market Data Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”).⁴ The Exchange proposes to establish the following fees for the Order Imbalances Data Feed:

1. *Access Fee.* For the receipt of access to the Order Imbalances Data Feed, the Exchange proposes to charge \$500 per month. Although the Exchange charges professional and non-professional user fees for other proprietary market data products, the Exchange does not intend to charge such fees for the Order Imbalances Data Feed.

2. *Non-Display Fees.* The Exchange proposes to establish non-display fees for the Order Imbalances Data Feed using the same non-display use fee structure established for the Exchange’s other market data products.⁵ Non-display use would mean accessing, processing, or consuming the Order Imbalances Data Feed delivered via direct and/or Redistributor⁶ data feeds for a purpose other than in support of a data recipient’s display or further internal or external redistribution (“Non-Display Use”). Non-Display Use would include any trading use, such as high frequency or algorithmic trading, and would also include any trading in any asset class, automated order or quote generation and/or order pegging, price referencing for algorithmic trading or smart order routing, operations control programs, investment analysis, order verification, surveillance programs, risk management, compliance, and portfolio management.

Under the proposal, for Non-Display Use of the Order Imbalances Data Feed, there would be three categories of, and fees applicable to, data recipients. One, two or three categories of Non-Display Use may apply to a data recipient.

- Under the proposal, the Category 1 Fee would be \$500 per month and

⁴ The proposed rule change establishing the Order Imbalances Data Feed was immediately effective on January 13, 2016. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76968 (January 22, 2016), 81 FR 4689 (January 27, 2016) (SR-NYSEArca-2016-10).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 73011 (September 5, 2014), 79 FR 54315 (September 11, 2014) (SR-NYSEArca-2014-93) and 73619 (November 18, 2014), 79 FR 69902 (November 24, 2014) (SR-NYSEArca-2014-132).

⁶ “Redistributor” means a vendor or any person that provides a real-time NYSE Arca data product to a data recipient or to any system that a data recipient uses, irrespective of the means of transmission or access.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.