Grant Title: MINORITY POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

PA Number: NSF 06-586

Area of Research: Postdoctoral research fellowship to increase participation of underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Release Date and expiration: July 2006 release; March 1, 2007 expiration.

Application Deadline: Postdoctoral Fellowship Proposals: November 6, 2006 (25 awards); Research Starter Grants Submissions: October 1, 2006 – March 1, 2007 (6 awards); Graduate Student Travel Awards: 3 months in advance of travel dates (5 awards).

Amount: Fellowships: $60,000 per year; Starter Grants and Travel Awards: Dependent upon proposal and availability of funds.

Length of Support: Fellowship: 24 months; Starter Grants and Travel Awards: Up to 12 months.

Eligible applicants: U.S. citizens, nationals or legally admitted permanent resident aliens of the U.S. and must affiliate with institutions (e.g. colleges and universities, most government and national laboratories and facilities, and privately-sponsored nonprofit institutes and museums, and, under special conditions, for-profit organizations). U.S. academic institutions may apply for research starter grants on behalf of fellowship awardees.

Agency/Department: NSF; Social, Behavioral, & Economic Sciences

Summary: This funding opportunity offers postdoctoral research fellowships in selected areas to provide opportunities for recent doctoral scientists to obtain additional training, to gain research experience under the sponsorship of established scientists, and to broaden their scientific horizons beyond their research experiences during their undergraduate or graduate training. Postdoctoral fellowships are further designed to assist new scientists to direct their research efforts across traditional disciplinary lines and to avail themselves of unique research resources, sites, and facilities, including foreign locations. These activities are supported in an effort to increase the participation of underrepresented groups in selected areas of science. These fellowships support training and research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields in a host institution only in the areas of biology and social, behavioral, and economic sciences. Supporting activities are travel grants to graduate students to visit prospective sponsors and starter research grants for Fellows.