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Dear Colleague:

The National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies is pleased to announce the Research Associateship Programs for 2010. We have enclosed a news release, a brochure, and a poster suitable for publicizing the programs. We would be grateful for your assistance in bringing this information to the attention of your graduate students and faculty.

Detailed program information, including instructions on how to submit online applications, a list of participating laboratories and their locations, and areas of research, can be found on our Web site at www.national-academies.org/rap. Prospective applicants must initiate dialogue with Advisers at the lab(s) before application deadline. Applicants are invited to contact the NRC directly at 202-334-2760 or rap@nas.edu if additional information or assistance is required.

Thank you for your effort on behalf of the National Research Council Associateship Programs.

Sincerely yours,

H. Ray Gamble
Director

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Research Associateship Programs

Applications Sought for Graduate, Postdoctoral and Senior Research Awards

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The National Research Council of the National Academies announces the 2010 Research Associateship Programs to be conducted on behalf of U.S. federal research laboratories and affiliated institutions at over 100 locations throughout the United States. The programs provide opportunities for Graduate, Ph.D., Sc.D. or M.D. scientists and engineers of unusual promise and ability to perform research on problems largely of their own choosing, yet compatible with the research interests of the sponsoring laboratory. Initiated in 1954, the Associateship Programs have contributed to the career development of more than 11,000 scientists and engineers.

Full-time Associateships will be awarded on a competitive basis in 2010 for research in the fields of chemistry; earth, atmospheric and space sciences; engineering, applied sciences and computer science; life and medical sciences; mathematics; and physics. These opportunities are open to graduate students, recent doctoral recipients and senior investigators. Many of the laboratories are open to foreign nationals as well as U.S. citizens.

Graduate and postdoctoral awards are made for one or two years, renewable for a maximum of three years; senior applicants who have held the doctorate at least five years may receive awards for shorter periods. Annual stipends for the 2010 program year range from $42,000 to $75,000 depending upon the sponsoring laboratory, and are appropriately higher for senior award recipients.

Financial support is provided for allowable relocation expenses and for limited professional travel during the duration of the award. The sponsoring laboratory provides facilities, support services, necessary equipment, and travel necessary for the conduct of the approved research program.

Contact with the research adviser/mentor at the proposed sponsoring laboratory, including discussion of the proposed project, is necessary prior to submitting a formal application to the NRC. Application deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 for reviews in mid-March, mid-June, mid-September and mid-January respectively. Initial awards will be announced immediately following each review with notification of alternate candidates at a later time. Detailed program information, including instructions on how to apply online, is available on our Web site at: www.national-academies.org/rap

Questions should be directed to the:

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Annual application deadlines: FEBRUARY 1, MAY 1, AUGUST 1, NOVEMBER 1

Qualified Applicants will be reviewed without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex or national origin.