

**Section Head, Section for Arctic Sciences  
Office of Polar Program  
National Science Foundation (NSF)  
Alexandria, VA**

NSF's Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) seeks candidates for the position of Section Head, Arctic Sciences Section, a senior member of the Office of Polar Programs (OPP) management team responsible to the Office Director for the overall planning, management, and commitment of budgeted program funds for the Section. The incumbent provides leadership to the Section, which supports discipline-based programs encompassing glaciology, atmospheric, biological, ocean and earth sciences and social sciences, as well as interdisciplinary Arctic Systems Science and long-term observations through the Arctic Observing Network Program. The incumbent guides the Section in formulating and implementing its research and research related education and outreach objectives and manages its administrative, fiscal and personnel aspects. The incumbent also oversees the provision of logistics and facilities for certain Arctic research and education activities. The incumbent works closely with the OPP Front Office Integration Team on matters concerning environment, safety, health, communications, budget, and policy in implementing research objectives requiring an Arctic presence, and with the Section Head for Antarctic Sciences in supporting research activities occurring at both poles.

With a staff of approximately 60, consisting of three sections that is supported by a Front Office Integration Team, OPP administers an annual budget of about \$450 million. The Office supports research in all areas of fundamental science and engineering in Polar Regions through research grants and awards to universities and other research organizations and through the provision for logistics support and infrastructure in the remote Polar Regions. Additional information about the Office's activities may be found [here](#).

Appointment to this Senior Executive Service position may be on a career or on a one to three-year limited-term basis, with a salary range of \$174,225 to \$194,516. Alternatively, the incumbent may be assigned under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) provisions. The job opportunity announcement (GEO-EXEC-2021-0009) with position requirements and application procedures may be viewed at:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/591397000>

Applications must be received by April 2, 2021.

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