For Your Information

Departments Coordinate Job Offer Deadlines

Over sixty Ph.D.-granting mathematics departments in the U.S. have adopted an agreement to coordinate deadlines for responding to postdoctoral job offers.

The agreement attempts to address the problem that sometimes faces candidates for postdoctoral positions when they are asked to respond to a job offer by a certain date and this date is before the date of announcement of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowships. In order to avoid this problem, the NSF has agreed to announce the names of fellowship recipients earlier, on Friday, January 29, 1999. The departments have agreed not to require responses to job offers before Monday, February 8, 1999.

For further information about the agreement, see the "For Your Information" section of the January 1999 issue of the *Notices*. As of December 4, sixty-seven departments had signed the agreement. An earlier plan to list in the *Notices* the departments adhering to the agreement was dropped because the list was continuing to change, and instead an up-to-date list may be found on the AMS Web site at `http://www.ams.org/employment/postdoc-offers.html`.

—Allyn Jackson

NSF to Sponsor Conference on Doctoral Programs

The National Science Foundation, in conjunction with the University of Missouri, will sponsor a National Conference on Issues Related to Doctoral Programs in Mathematics Education to be held in the fall of 1999. Faculty at institutions offering doctoral programs are invited to contribute information about their programs.

To provide background information for the conference, a survey of faculty at institutions that offer doctoral degrees in mathematics education or an emphasis on mathematics education at any level—elementary, secondary, or collegiate—will be conducted. For those who would like to participate in this survey, a questionnaire will be posted after January 1 at `www.showmecenter.missouri.edu/doctoralprograms/`.

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