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This summer issue of THE BIOLOGICAL PHYSICIST brings you PRE and PRL Highlights, along with a special announcement from the National Science Foundation. NSF is holding a new open competition for Physics Frontiers Centers. Since proposals in the area of Biological Physics are eligible under the terms of the solicitation, this announcement should be of great interest to many DBP members. Turn to page 10 for details.

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**SPECIAL NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENT**



The Physics Division at the NSF will be holding an open competition for the Physics Frontiers Centers program in Fiscal Year 2008.

The solicitation has been posted on the NSF web page at the URL:  
[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf07567](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07567).

It can also be found by searching the NSF web site for NSF 07-567. Pre-proposals are due on August 29, 2007. Full proposals are accepted by invitation only, based on the recommendations of the pre-proposal review panel, and are due January 30, 2008.

## **DBP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **DBP Committee Rosters**

## **Program Committee:**

Chair: **James Glazier** (1-year term, expires March 2008)

Co-Chair: **Dean Astumian** (1-year term, expires March 2008)

Workshop Chair: **Stephen Quake** (1-year term, expires March 2008)

Secretary-Treasurer: **Shirley Chan** (4-year term, expires March 2008)

## **Members:**

**Chao Tang** (2-year term, expires March 2008)

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Chair: **Marilyn Gunner** (1-year term, expires March 2008)

## **Members:**

**Michael Deem** (APS-Appointee, 1-year term, expires March 2008)

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**Gerhard Hummer** (2-year term, expires March 2008)

**Robert Austin** (2-year term, expires March 2009)

**Brian Salzberg** (2-year term, expires March 2009)

## **JOB AD**

# **FACULTY POSITION IN BIOLOGICAL PHYSICS**

To continue the growth of its Biological Physics initiative, the Department of Physics at Carnegie Mellon University (<http://info.phys.cmu.edu>) invites applications from candidates for a tenure-track junior faculty position. We seek outstanding candidates in soft condensed matter that use physics-based experimental techniques to study phenomena of biological significance between the molecular and the cellular length scale. We are searching broadly. Areas of particular but not exclusive interest include membrane-related biological processes such as lipid membrane structure and dynamics; protein association with membranes; membrane electrostatics; transport phenomena and membrane reorganization. Carnegie Mellon and the Physics Department value strong interdisciplinary interactions, so preference will be given to candidates and research areas likely to interact synergistically with some of the many other groups in biology, biophysics, biotechnology, computational biology and biomedicine at Carnegie Mellon, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Interviews will begin in Sept. 2007, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Interested individuals should send a resume, research and teaching plans, as well as lists of publications, invited talks and references to:

**Biological Physics Search Committee, Department of Physics,  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.**

Electronic submission in PDF format to [BiolPhys@phys.cmu.edu](mailto:BiolPhys@phys.cmu.edu) is encouraged.

*Carnegie Mellon University encourages applications from underrepresented groups and is committed to equal employment and affirmative action.*



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### 2008 POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN THE LIFE SCIENCES

The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) supports basic research in the life sciences with emphasis on novel, innovative, and interdisciplinary approaches that involve scientific exchange across national boundaries. The dynamic fields at the interface of biological and physical sciences open up new approaches to understand the mechanisms of living organisms. This indicates a clear need for participation of scientists from outside the life sciences to reveal the structures and networks that characterize the living state. Therefore the HFSP supports postdoctoral investigators who explore new areas within the life sciences or who, in the cross-disciplinary program, use their expertise in chemistry, physics, mathematics, engineering or computer science to bear on a biological question. Two types of fellowships are available:

#### Long-Term Fellowships

For applicants with a PhD degree in the life sciences who are expected to **broaden their horizon and to move into a new research area that is different from their doctoral studies or previous postdoctoral training.** Applicants that propose a significant departure from their previous research are viewed favorably.

#### Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships

For applicants with a PhD degree in physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer sciences who wish to **gain research experience in the life sciences by proposing a significant change in discipline.** While previous expertise should be reflected in the project, applicants are expected to be exposed to new techniques and literature.

#### Important deadlines:

Compulsory pre-registration for password: **16 August 2007**

Submission of applications: **30 August 2007**

The online submission system will become available in summer 2007 on the HFSP web site.

**Nationals from one of the HFSP supporting countries can apply to work in any country, while other nationals can apply for training only in a supporting country.** Current supporting members are: *Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.*

Applicants must be within 3 years after receiving their doctoral degree. The program provides initial support for postdoctoral training in another country by means of an individual stipend (~150K USD over 3 years) that is composed of a living allowance and funds for research and travel. Fellows can apply for 3 months paid parental leave and receive a contribution towards the cost of child care. As a rule, fellows who choose to return to their home country can defer their final year for up to two years and are invited to apply for a **Career Development Award** (currently 300K USD over 3 years) to establish themselves as independent young investigators. HFSP requires the maintenance of stipends for research scholars and has the policy that its fellowship stipend cannot be subject to mandatory deductions for social security contributions. Applications from female PhD recipients are encouraged.

#### Short-Term Fellowships

Short-Term Fellowships are intended for researchers early in their careers who already hold a PhD and provide up to 3 months of support to **learn techniques in a new area of research or establish new collaborations in another country.** Applications are accepted throughout the year.