NASA is conducting a nationwide search for an astrophysicist to serve as a civil servant Program Scientist (GS-14/15) in the Astrophysics Division at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Program Scientist will work as part of a diverse and agile team whose core values include excellence, integrity, transparency, teamwork and a growth mindset toward stewarding the nation’s space-based astrophysics program.

The key responsibilities of the position include: contributing to high-level strategic planning of NASA’s astrophysics program; providing oversight for space missions in development and operation, managing the research program and orchestrating peer reviews to evaluate the scientific merit of proposals; and communicating and engaging with multiple stakeholders both internal and external to NASA.

This will be a Direct Hire Authority (DHA) announcement through USAJOBS, so it will only be open for 5 days. The short period that the announcement is open is due to the type of hiring authority, which streamlines the hiring process and assists with rapidly filling competitive positions. The positions are not “rigged” or “fixed” for anyone, and we do not want anyone to be deterred from applying.

The announcement will open on June 10 and close on June 14 at https://www.usajobs.gov/. The announcement will be made in conjunction with other divisions of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate. The NASA Announcement Number in USAJobs will be HQ19H0004.

NASA recommends that individuals who are interested in applying to the position log into USAJobs before the announcement opens in order to create a resume and update their information. This will facilitate the timely submission of an application.