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Roosevelt Johnson is serving as a Fellow of the AAAS Center for Advancing Science and Engineering Capacity (Capacity Center) and as an Executive on Loan from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Dr. Johnson's appointment is initially for one year with the possibility of additional years, pending NSF and AAAS approval.

Prior to his AAAS appointment, Dr. Johnson served as Program Director for the Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program. The AGEP program is part of the portfolio of programs in the Division of Human Resource Development (HRD) within the Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) at the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Division's programs aim to increase the participation and advancement of underrepresented minorities and minority-serving institutions, women and girls, and persons with disabilities at every level of the science and engineering enterprise. The AGEP program supports alliances of doctoral institutions (20 alliances; 100+ doctoral institutions), which work collaboratively to increase the number of minorities receiving doctoral degrees and progressing into leadership roles in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

In addition to managing numerous cross-directorate programs during his 20-year career at NSF, Dr. Johnson has represented NSF with distinction on Government-wide committees and working groups, including representing the NSF (and the Government) as one of its representatives at NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship meetings in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Johnson received his baccalaureate degree in Zoology from Howard University (Washington, D.C.), and earned his doctorate in Microbiology from Indiana University (Bloomington, IN). As a NIH Fellow, Dr. Johnson engaged in postdoctoral research at the University of Washington (Seattle, WA). Dr. Johnson has served on the faculties of Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, WA), The University of Washington (Visiting Scholar), Howard Community College (Columbia, MD), Howard University College of Medicine (Washington, DC), and Howard University College of Liberal Arts (Washington, DC). He has also served as the Deputy Director and Interim Executive Director for the GEM Consortium (South Bend, IN).

Dr. Johnson has been presented with the Frank Abbott Award for Distinguished Service from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB; 2008), a Legacy Award from the Benjamin Banneker Institute for Science and Technology (2006) and Science Spectrum Magazine's prestigious Emerald Honors Award (2005) in recognition of a 30-year career of effectively championing efforts to broaden participation in STEM disciplines.