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#### LAST CALL FOR FELLOW NOMINATIONS

There is still time to nominate a worthy associate for the distinguished grade of ASEE Fellow, if you hurry. The deadline is February 1, 2010. For nomination requirements, go to: <http://www.asee.org/activities/awards/fellowNomination.cfm>. The grade of Fellow is one of unusual professional distinction and is conferred by the Board of Directors upon an ASEE member with outstanding qualifications and experience in engineering or engineering technology education or allied field, and ASEE contributions, who has made appropriate and important individual contributions.

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#### ASEE NATIONAL ELECTION

You will soon be receiving your ballot for the ASEE 2010 National Elections. Unlike previous years, the ballot is being separately mailed this year, and not included with the February issue of Prism Magazine. When you receive your ballot, please cast your vote for the candidates you would like to see in ASEE leadership positions. The deadline is March 31, 2010, which means ballots must be postmarked by this date to be counted. ASEE has well over 13,000 members, but each year we receive fewer than 1,000 votes. We are hoping for a better turnout this year, and hoping that by mailing the ballot separately, members will focus on this election and cast their votes. Candidates for the top spot - ASEE president-elect - are Don P. Giddens, Georgia Institute of Technology and Michael O'Hair, Purdue University, West Lafayette. The full slate of candidates for this year's election can be viewed at: <http://www.asee.org/about/Elections.cfm>.

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#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS

Housing and Registration has opened for the 2010 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition. The ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition is dedicated to all disciplines of engineering education. It is committed to fostering the exchange of ideas, enhancing teaching methods and curriculum, and providing prime networking opportunities for engineering and technology education stakeholders such as deans, faculty members and industry and government representatives. This year's ASEE Annual Conference will be held in Louisville, KY, June 20-23, 2010. To register online, go to: <http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual/2010/Registration.cfm>.

#### FEBRUARY PRISM

The February issue of Prism Magazine will be a double issue with half the magazine devoted to the usual mix of articles on topics of current interest. In this half, the cover story reports, in depth, on the serious impact of California's budget cuts on Berkeley's College of Engineering, as well as other engineering schools within the UC system. There is also the President's Letter by J.P. Mohsen in which he puts appropriate focus on the increasing urgency to increase the number of women and other underrepresented minority groups in the engineering work force. Turn the magazine over and you'll find important information about this summer's Annual Conference. The conference this year will be held in Louisville, KY, and in this portion of Prism, you'll find a destination piece that tells of all the things to do and see while in Louisville.

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#### FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Applications are open for the following Federal programs that ASEE administers. The programs that offer fellowship opportunities, include the following:**

##### ASEE/NSF Corporate Research Postdoc Fellowship Program

This program will allow 40 highly qualified recent engineering Ph.D. recipients to conduct research at some of the nation's foremost research-performing companies. The program provides \$50,000 toward stipend expenses and

provides health insurance coverage for each one-year fellowship, and requires that the host corporation pay \$25,000 toward the stipend and a \$2,500 administrative fee. Qualifying companies of all sizes are encouraged to register at: <https://aseensfip.asee.org/corporate/register> and post available research positions. Fellowships will be awarded to the first 40 successful matches made between the company and applicant, with the companies making the selection decision. Research fellows must hold a Ph.D. awarded in an engineering field within the last three years and be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents. Interested post-doctoral applicants are encouraged to register at: <https://aseensfip.asee.org/apply/sessions/new>. For details and a sample host agreement, see: <https://aseensfip.asee.org/>. For further information, contact Dianne Donovan at [d.donovan@asee.org](mailto:d.donovan@asee.org).

**The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

This program is open to US citizens and legal permanent residents and offers a competitive stipend as well as insurance, relocation, and travel allowances. This program offers one to three year postdoctoral fellowships designed to increase the involvement of scientists and engineers from academia and industry to scientific and technical areas of interest and relevance to the Navy. This program has a rolling admission. Go to: <http://www.asee.org/nrl/>. and bring together students, teachers and researchers to meet and exchange ideas and viewpoints.

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**NATIONAL LAB DAY**

Backed by the White House, National Lab Day, set for this May, seeks to enlist engineers and scientists to provide hands-on, discovery-based lab experiences to middle and high school students in local communities. ASEE is one of more than 200 organizations participating in National Lab Day, and ASEE members are invited to join in the activities. See: <http://www.nationallabday.org/groups/asee>. In his New York Times column, January 24, 2010, Tom Friedman featured National Lab Day as part of his discussion on innovation. See: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/24/opinion/24friedman.html>.

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