

Fire Research Division Chief, NIST Engineering Laboratory, Gaithersburg, MD USA

We are seeking candidates for the position of Chief of the [Fire Research Division](#) in the Engineering Laboratory at the [National Institute of Standards and Technology](#) in Gaithersburg, Maryland USA. The Fire Research Division Chief provides technical and managerial leadership for [measurement science research programs](#) that reduce fire risks and consequences in [buildings](#) and communities, including [wildland-urban interface \(WUI\)](#) communities, through advances in measurement capabilities, predictive tools, fire resistance and protective technologies, and response technologies and tactics. The Fire Research Division is a premiere fire science research organization with approximately 47 federal staff and 26 associates, an overall budget of approximately \$17.5M, and a number of world-class fire research laboratories and large-scale facilities, including the [National Fire Research Laboratory](#). The Fire Research Division and its predecessor organizations at NIST/NBS have a long history of research impact that have resulted in significant reductions in losses of life and property due to fire.

The position includes a full range of division management responsibilities, including:

- Strategic planning
- Technical direction, review, and assessment
- External and internal stakeholder engagement
- Budget planning and control
- Development of new funding opportunities
- Personnel management
- Laboratory and office safety
- Leadership and employee development, and
- Division diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

The position also includes responsibilities associated with deploying [National Construction Safety Teams](#) to perform investigations after events causing the failure of a building or buildings that has resulted in substantial loss of life or that posed significant potential for substantial loss of life.

The position requires a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering or physical sciences, plus at least one year of appropriate experience in conducting and managing complex interdisciplinary technical research in fire science/engineering.

The salary range for this position is \$148,484 to \$176,300; exact compensation may vary based on skills and experience.

The position is eligible for Alternate Work Schedule and Telework flexibilities. Additional information on Federal benefits can be found at <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/benefits/>)

For consideration, please send resumes to ELHQjobs@nist.gov by **September 2, 2022**. Please note that only U.S. citizens can be considered for this position.

This announcement will also be posted on the NIST Engineering Laboratory website at: <https://www.nist.gov/el/about-el/careers>