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- Ph.D. in a discipline that clearly supports the INL mission, awarded within the past five years
- Demonstrated record of scientific excellence
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