

## Information Session on FORWARD Grants and Awards October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### Attendance

- 10 people were in attendance: 5 Women Faculty Members and 5 FORWARD team members (with presenter)
  - 5 evaluations were completed (no member of the FORWARD team completed an evaluation)

### Questions from the Audience

#### **Mentor Relationship Travel Grant**

- What is the difference between a mentor and collaborator?
- Could a mentor be a relationship you desire to have, but you don't know the mentor currently?
- Can you receive this award more than once?
- To clarify, you apply January 15<sup>th</sup> and then you need to spend the money before August 31<sup>st</sup>. Is this correct?

#### **Course Release Grant**

- My third year review is in January, would I be considered a priority since the funding will be after my 3<sup>rd</sup> year review?

#### **Leap Grant**

- If you had a bad third year review, would that be helpful or would that be hurtful? What are you hoping to see in the third year review?
- This funding is for a good pilot project, correct?
- What helps someone stand out and look more attractive for the reviewers?
- I have reviews from NSF that told me I needed pilot data before they would fund me. Should I tell you about those reviews?
- I am a co-PI on a grant, but it does not benefit my research should I mention this on my application? Should I state my percentage of contribution to that grant?

### Quantitative Results from the Evaluation Form

#### **The materials for this information session were helpful**

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Agree	2	40.0	40.0
Strongly Agree	3	60.0	100.0
Total	5	100.0	

#### **The presentation was clear and well-organized**

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Agree	1	20.0	20.0
Strongly Agree	4	80.0	100.0
Total	5	100.0	

#### **I feel I have acquired new information, or understanding about FORWARD grants and awards**

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly Agree	5	100.0	100.0

#### **I would recommend this information session to others**

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Agree	2	40.0	40.0
Strongly Agree	3	60.0	100.0
Total	5	100.0	

**Rate the overall quality of this session**

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Above Average	2	40.0	40.0
Excellent	3	60.0	100.0
Total	5	100.0	

Qualitative Results from the Evaluation Form

1. What questions do you still have after attending this session? Please list any areas that you would like to receive additional information about or that need further clarification.
  - This answered a lot of my questions.
  
2. What do you think were the most helpful or valuable aspects of this session?
  - Explanation of specific grants.
  - Knowing who gets priority for various grants.
  - Seeing information on all grants at once even if I am not eligible for some yet.
  - Information on what they (reviewers) are looking for.
  - Q & A, grant program handout.
  
3. How could this information session be improved to be more beneficial to you? What recommendations do you have for future sessions?
  - Show examples of previously funded grants.
  - Examples of funded proposals.
  - Bring in folks who have won the awards.
  
4. Please provide any additional comments you have about today's session and/or the FORWARD program in general below or on the back of this page.
  - Seems like 3<sup>rd</sup> year review is critical, but by the time that occurs you're in your 4<sup>th</sup> year and getting ready for tenure. Too long to wait! Plus- for me- funding will be gone by the time I'm eligible!
  - Thanks!