

# Women in Research to host networking event

The Women in Research group will host a speed networking lunch meeting for all interested NDSU women faculty Monday, Sept. 12. The lunch, consisting of networking appropriate food, sponsored by the NDSU Advance FORWARD project, will start at 11:30 a.m. in the Memorial Union Great Room.

Advance FORWARD seeks to develop and expand both internal and community networks as one means to enhance campus climate and advance faculty.

Ann Burnett, professor and director of women and gender studies, and Kara Gravley-Stack, director of diversity initiatives, will be facilitators for the event. Burnett and Gravley-Stack will organize brief one-on-one discussions focused on research, teaching and service interests. Individuals who plan to attend are asked to register before Sept. 8 at [www.ndsu.edu/forward](http://www.ndsu.edu/forward).

The Sept. 12 event also will mark the first meeting of the academic year of the Women in Research group. The goals of the group are to encourage collaboration and networking in research and curricular development, promote interdisciplinary discussion across scientific and technical fields, and increase opportunities for promoting women faculty and students. Future Women in Research meetings are scheduled for Nov. 10, Jan. 6, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 4. Details about locations and times will be announced prior to these meeting dates. Presenters and suggestions for activities are welcome.

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