

Third-year site visit scheduled for FORWARD project

A team of seven reviewers will conduct the third-year site review of the NDSU Advance FORWARD project, Oct. 18-19. The FORWARD project was funded in 2008 for a five-year period. A third-year review is standard for projects funded by the National Science Foundation's Advance program.

President Dean L. Bresciani and Provost J. Bruce Rafert will welcome the site visitors. A presentation by the FORWARD leadership team will follow, providing an overview of the project's efforts and accomplishments. The remainder of the site visit will include interviews with individuals and groups who are actively involved with the FORWARD project and/or participants in FORWARD initiatives. The reviewers will issue a report following the completion of the visit.

Kelly Mack, director for the ADVANCE Program at the National Science Foundation, will lead the site visit team. Additional team members include Margaret Bailey, professor of mechanical engineering at the Rochester Institute of Technology; Bonnie Bowen, professor of natural resource ecology and management at Iowa State University; Catherine Duckett, an entomologist by training and associate dean of the School of Science at Monmouth University; Gail Gasparich, professor of biological sciences and co-director of biology graduate program and director of the College of Science and Math Women in Science program at Towson University; Rachelle Heller, associate dean for academic affairs at the Mount Vernon campus of George Washington University and director of the Elizabeth Somers Center; and Anne Maclachan, a senior researcher at the Center for Studies in Higher Education at the University of California, Berkeley.