

# FORWARD announces course release awards

Eight NDSU faculty women have been awarded NDSU FORWARD course releases for the 2012-13 academic year. Seven recipients will have course releases for fall 2012, including Erica Berg, animal science; Kathryn Gordon, psychology; Juan Li, computer science; Brandy Randall, human development and family science; Joy Sather-Wagstaff, sociology/anthropology; Sangita Sinha, chemistry/biochemistry; and Annie Tangpong, mechanical engineering. Erin Gillam and Katie Reindl, both of biological sciences, will have a course release for spring 2013.

The National Science Foundation Advance grant provides support for annual course releases during the project's five-year duration. Priority for course release awards is given to assistant professors who have completed their third-year review and associate professors within two years of promotion to full professor. Future application opportunities will be announced in It's Happening at State and on the FORWARD webpage at [www.ndsu.edu/forward](http://www.ndsu.edu/forward).

Five FORWARD grant programs have application deadlines during the spring 2012 semester. They include:

- **Mentor travel grants** due Jan.13
- **Leadership development grants** due Feb. 10
- **Climate and gender equity research grants** due March 30
- **Leap lab renovation grant program** due April 27
- **Leap research grant program** due April 27

In addition, applications for the **Mid-career Mentoring Program** applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Specific application information for each grant program is available at [www.ndsu.edu/forward/funding\\_opportunities](http://www.ndsu.edu/forward/funding_opportunities). Questions about the funding opportunities through the Advance FORWARD project can be directed to Canan Bilen-Green at 1-7040 or [canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu](mailto:canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu).