

NDSU to host forum for emerging women leaders in higher education

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North Dakota State University is the host site for an [American Council on Education](#) Regional Women's Leadership Forum. The three-day program is for mid-level women administrators, typically department chairs, directors, and assistant or associate deans with high potential for advancement in higher education administration. The workshops are scheduled Sept. 16-18 at the Radisson Hotel in Fargo.

[NDSU's Advance FORWARD](#) has contributed to the planning and organization, and also funded a number of scholarships for attendees.

The interactive program, typically held near campuses across the country, provides emerging women leaders with the opportunity to:

- Hone their leadership skills in critical areas such as fundraising, risk management, crisis response and strategic planning;
- Receive practical training, including curriculum vitae/résumé critiques and mock interviews;
- Gain a better understanding of the search process for senior-level positions through candid conversations with search firm executives; and
- Gain a better understanding of the inherent rewards and challenges of senior-level administrative positions, including the college or university presidency, through exposure to outstanding women leaders who share their experiences and serve as role models.

Forums are held twice a year in university cities across the country. The program at NDSU is the largest enrollment at such an event, and participants are from around the region, as well as California, North Carolina and Puerto Rico.

"I am pleased that we were able to bring so many women to NDSU and Fargo," said Virginia Clark-Johnson, dean of the [College of Human Development and Education](#). "It is exciting to see that we have excellent North Dakota women in leadership roles who were selected to be speakers at this conference."