

NDSU Advance FORWARD

Mentor Relationship Travel Grant Program Call for Applications for 2013-2014

Application Deadline: January 17, 2014

Purpose: To promote the advancement (tenure and/or promotion) of tenure-track or tenured women professors by providing professional development grants to offset costs of meeting with mentors from outside NDSU to build long-term professional mentoring relationships.

Award Period: All funds must be expended by August 30, 2014

Total Number of Awards: 20-30

Budget Cap: \$1,500 per application

Source of Funding: NSF ADVANCE Grant *HRD-0811239*, and the Office of the Provost.

Eligibility: Assistant, Associate, and not-yet tenured Professor ranks of NDSU women faculty may apply.

Allowable Budget Items:

- Travel costs associated with meeting your mentor.
- Travel costs associated with bringing your mentor to NDSU.

Application Format: Application materials, saved as *one* PDF file, must include:

- NDSU Advance FORWARD Mentor Relationship Travel Grant Program application form. Be sure all information is filled in completely.
- Curriculum Vitae – Not to exceed two pages per applicant and each mentor (shall include education background, professional experience, honors and awards, and publications).

Application Submission: Applications should be submitted by email to nds.forward@nds.edu. The subject line should read "Mentor Relationship Travel Grant Application." Your department chair/head, dean, and all mentors must be carbon copied on the submission email message.

An application will not be considered if:

- The applicant is not eligible
- The applicant submits more than one application per round
- Instructions are not followed correctly

Review Criteria:

- Nature and richness of expected mentoring relationship.
- Potential for a positive impact on the successful promotion and/or tenure of the applicant.
- Overall quality of the application.

Obligations:

- Awardees must submit a brief synopsis on the use of Mentoring Relationship Travel Grant at the end of the award period.
- Awardees are expected to participate in program assessment.
- Awardees must acknowledge support from the NDSU ADVANCE FORWARD program sponsored by the National Science Foundation, *HRD-0811239*.

Contacts: Direct inquiries to Canan Bilen-Green (canan.bilen.green@nds.edu, 1-7040).

About the NDSU Advance FORWARD Program. Funded by a five-year, \$3.7 million National Science Foundation Institutional Transformation award, the NDSU Advance FORWARD Program seeks to study and address issues of recruitment, retention, and advancement of women faculty within the STEM disciplines. The specific goals of the program are to (1) improve the climate across the campus and narrow the gap between men's and women's perceptions of the campus climate; (2) employ targeted

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recruiting strategies to recruit women faculty; (3) retain more women faculty through their probationary period and the promotion/tenure process; (4) support women associate professors as they move to full professor and hire advanced rank women to build a critical mass; and (5) promote and hire women faculty into academic leadership positions.