

**FORWARD Evaluation  
Information Session on Climate/Gender Research Program  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Attendance

- 11 people were in attendance, 9 of the 11 were either associated with FORWARD or previous awardees
  - 5 people completed the evaluation and 4 of those 5 identified as faculty and the 5<sup>th</sup> did not identify their role at NDSU

Suggestions for Improvement/Action Items

- Continue having grant information session
- Consider including the answers to the below question from the audience on the call for proposal or on the FORWARD website
- Consider creating a FAQ webpage for the Climate/Gender grants using some of the below questions
- Consider putting a sample budget for the Climate/Gender grants on the FORWARD website
- Consider putting the “winning” proposals on the FORWARD website as examples of what a good proposal should include or how a good proposal should be structured

Questions from the Audience

- Can you be specific about what you mean about interdisciplinary or interdepartmental?
- Can student research assistantships be funded by these grants?
- What are the limitations, how many pages, what’s the font size and margins?
- Are these reviewed internally or externally?
- How do you select external reviewers? Can we select someone?
- Is [the selection of external reviewers] the same for other FORWARD grants?
- In LEAP grants do you select or can we suggest reviewers?
- Does the call for proposals including all of the information provide today?
- One component of the grant is to submit a future grant, should we say where we are going to submit this future grant in our proposal?
- How many grants do you expect to fund for in this cycle?
- Is \$10,000 the total amount that will be awarded?
- Among the grants of the FORWARD program, which one is more competitive?
- Will you have similar workshops for the other grants later?
- Is the LEAP grant presentation online or not?

Quantitative Results from the Evaluation Form

**The materials for this information session were helpful**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly Agree	5	100.0	100.0	100.0

**The presentation was clear and well-organized**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly Agree	5	100.0	100.0	100.0

**I feel I have acquired new skills, information, or understanding about gender and climate research grants**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly Agree	5	100.0	100.0	100.0

**I will be able to use the information that I learned today in my work at NDSU**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly Agree	5	100.0	100.0	100.0

**I would recommend this information session to others**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly Agree	5	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Rate the overall quality**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Above Average	1	20.0	20.0	20.0
Excellent	4	80.0	80.0	100.0
Total	5	100.0	100.0	

Qualitative Results from the Evaluation Form

1. What questions do you still have after attending this session? Please list any areas that you would like to receive additional information about or that need further clarification.
  - How might the groups receiving funding collaborate on future projects?
2. What do you think were the most helpful or valuable aspects of the session you attended today?
  - Learning the existing project descriptions. Learning problem areas with proposals.
3. How could the information session be improved to be more beneficial to you? What recommendations do you have for future sessions?
  - This was great.
4. Please provide any additional comments you have about today's session and/or the FORWARD program in general below or on the back of this page.
  - Excellent session. Very helpful. FORWARD is amazing!
  - Nice to have similar workshops for other FORWARD grants.