FORWARD sets grants information session and announces awards

The FORWARD project has scheduled a grants information session on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Union Meadow room. The session will feature information about a number of FORWARD grant opportunities. For the current academic year, application due dates for these grants include:

- course release grants – due Nov. 4
- leadership development grants – due Feb. 10, 2012
- climate research grants – due March 30, 2012
• leap research and lab renovation grants – due April 27, 2012

Request for applications will be posted on the FORWARD website (www.ndsu.edu/forward) on or before Oct. 5. Additional information about each opportunity also is available on the website. Direct inquiries may be addressed to Canan Bilen-Green at canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu or 1-7040.

The FORWARD project recently awarded several Leap research and Leap lab renovation grants. Three Leap research grants were awarded to Peggy Biga, assistant professor of biological sciences; Sumathy Krishnan, associate professor of mechanical engineering; and Rebecca Woods, assistant professor of human development and family
science. Seventeen applications were received for these research grants; NDSU EPSCoR funded one.

Four Leap lab renovation grants were awarded to Svetlana Kilina and Erika Offerdahl, assistant professors of chemistry; Senay Simsek, assistant professor of plant sciences; and Kim Vonnahme, associate professor of animal sciences. Seven applications were received. NDSU/EPSCoR funded the lab renovation grants; the award to Simsek was co-funded with the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Applications for both grants were reviewed externally prior to the award decisions.