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.
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
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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. 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.