

FORWARD announces course release award recipients

Six NDSU women faculty have been awarded NDSU FORWARD course releases for the 2013-14 academic year. Five recipients will have course releases for fall 2013, including Julia Bowsher, assistant professor of biological sciences; Rajani Ganesh Pillai, assistant professor of management and marketing; Erika Offerdahl, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry; Deirdre Prischmann, assistant professor of entomology; and Yechun Wang, assistant professor of mechanical engineering. Jennifer Momsen, assistant professor of biological sciences, will have a course release for spring 2014.

The National Science Foundation funded ADVANCE FORWARD project provides support for annual course releases. 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 for the course release grant program 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 2013 semester. They include:

- Leadership development grants due Feb. 8

- Climate and gender equity research grants due March 28

- Leap lab renovation grant due April 26

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In addition, applications for the Mid-career Mentoring Program 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 funding opportunities through the Advance FORWARD project can be directed to Canan Bilen-Green, FORWARD director, at canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu or 1-7040.