

Call for Nominations: Chancellor's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Award

Nomination Deadline: January 18, 2013

TO: STEM Deans and Department Chairs, Directors, and Heads
FROM: Evelyn Jacobson, Academic Administrative Co-Director, ADVANCE-Nebraska
DATE: 30 November 2012

Dear STEM Deans and Department Chairs, Directors, and Heads:

As part of the National Science Foundation (NSF) ADVANCE-Nebraska proposal, Chancellor Perlman committed to establishing a "Chancellor's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) annual award for a department that has creatively furthered the objectives of the ADVANCE initiative."

Chancellor Perlman is continuing the award in the amount of \$1,000 in this, the 5th year of the program. The award committee will include co-PIs of the ADVANCE-Nebraska grant, ADVANCE team members, and three faculty members. In making its decision on the department to be recommended for the award, the committee will consider the nomination materials, as well as departmental faculty and applicant pool data.

We are inviting you, the administrative leadership of UNL's 26 STEM departments, to nominate your department[s] for this award. Please describe your department's accomplishments and creative activities that have contributed to meeting the following ADVANCE goals articulated in the proposal:

In response to the pressing need to engage the full talent of the nation's workforce, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) proposes a systematic program to increase the gender diversity of its faculty: ADVANCE-Nebraska. ADVANCE-NE evolved from a thorough assessment of the current status of all women STEM faculty on campus and from extensive discussion and evaluation of barriers to their advancement. Our goals and related objectives are the following:

1. Increase the number of STEM women on the UNL faculty by matching the composition of STEM departments' applicant pools to that of the national pool beginning Year 2 of the program and by matching hiring composition to the national pool by Year 3; and

2. Increase the retention of women STEM faculty and support their promotion into positions of professional leadership by developing and systematizing institution-wide family-friendly and dual career policies, ensuring that this information is widely disseminated and administratively promoted, and by increasing informal networking and professional development opportunities.

Please submit all nominations by Friday, January 18, 2013, to Lisa Pollard, Project Coordinator, ADVANCE-Nebraska, at advance2@unl.edu; or at 21 ADMS (0420). The Nomination Form is attached.

If you have any questions about the award, please feel free to contact Evelyn Jacobson at 2-3751 (phone) or ejacobson1@unl.edu or Mary Anne Holmes at 2-3304 or mholmes2@unl.edu.

Sincerely,

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