SUN FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT
Skidmore Union Network (SUN): Supporting Women Faculty in STEM at Liberal Arts Colleges.

**SUN TEACHING LOAD MODIFICATION GRANT**

Skidmore College and Union College, with the National Science Foundation’s ADVANCE Program, invite *female assistant or associate professors* to apply for **SUN Teaching Load Modification Grants** to support activities that will enhance scholarly productivity, cultivate research and teaching skills, and allow for curricular development and/or team-teaching initiatives. The goal of the programs supported by the SUN Faculty Development Grants is to enhance opportunities for women to develop as scholars and educators, and to attain promotion to the ranks of associate and full professor, resulting in a more balanced gender ratio among faculty in the STEM disciplines. By providing funds for a modification in the normal teaching load, the **SUN Teaching Load Modification Grants** will provide release time to focus on the achievement of these goals.

**ELIGIBILITY**

We invite applications from female tenure-track assistant professors and tenured associate professors in full-time or shared appointments in the fields of science (including social science), technology, engineering or math (STEM). Faculty whose appointments are in the following Union College departments and programs are eligible to apply: Anthropology, Biology, Bioengineering, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

**AWARDS**

Funds will be awarded competitively to women whose teaching or research programs are at a stage where additional time is critical to their success. Applicants may apply for one course release in a given academic year to provide time for them to focus on their research program or establish new teaching initiatives. Applicants are welcome to apply for a SUN Visit Here or There Grant or Advanced Education Grant in conjunction with a Teaching Load Modification Grant.

**DEADLINE**

Applications for a Teaching Load Modification Grant to be used in the 2010-2011 academic year are due **SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**.

Please submit your completed application, a current CV and, if you are working with a collaborator, a statement from the collaborator on their willingness to work on your proposed project to Linda Jorgensen, Mathematics Department, Bailey Hall, Room 202, Union College.

**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS/PROPOSALS**

Applicants must have approval from their department chairs for the proposed course release. The SUN Faculty Development Committee will evaluate proposals relative to their potential to enhance the teaching or evolving scholarship and productivity of the recipient. In certain instances, the committee may request the names of experts in the discipline to consult for advice on the proposal’s merits.
GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

1. Projects resulting in production or publication shall carry no obligation for repayment. It is expected, however, that grantee(s) will acknowledge support of the Skidmore Union Network and the National Science Foundation ADVANCE program on exhibitions or publications.

2. The SUN Faculty Development Committee will advise recipients of awards via campus mail, and will announce awards by posting the list of recipients and their project titles on the SUN Network website.

3. Deliberations of the SUN Faculty Development Committee are strictly confidential. All inquiries regarding awards shall be addressed to the chairperson.

4. A final narrative report should be submitted no later than three months after the end of the grant period. Failure to do so will disqualify the recipient from consideration for all future grants awarded by the SUN Faculty Development Committee. Awardees must agree to participate in the assessment of this program; such participation might include responding to surveys or participation in an interview.