



SUN NETWORK



SUN ADVANCED EDUCATION GRANT

Skidmore College and Union College, with the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE Program, invite applications from *female associate professors* in STEM disciplines for grants funding advanced education to support evolving scholarship and exploration of new sub-disciplines. **SUN Advanced Education Grants** are opportunities for women to pursue advanced training that will enhance scholarly productivity and promotion to the rank of full professor, resulting in a more balanced gender ratio among faculty in the STEM disciplines.

Upon receiving tenure, women often take on new responsibilities and leadership roles, such as pursuing new teaching initiatives or chairing a department or committee, that redirect their energies away from research and scholarship. Over the course of a career, scholarship may also move from the focus of Ph.D. studies into new subfields. In the STEM disciplines, where the knowledge base, methodologies and technologies constantly grow and change, access to advanced training can be critical to achieving and maintaining scholarly competitiveness and productivity, particularly after a hiatus or change of focus in research. To address this need, **Advanced Education Grants** will support participation in coursework, professional workshops and research collaborations in which women will acquire and refine the skills necessary for continued scholarly achievement.

ELIGIBILITY: We invite applications from female associate professors holding full-time or shared appointments in the fields of science (including social science), technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). Skidmore College STEM disciplines are: Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Environmental Studies, Health & Exercise Sciences, Geosciences, Government, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Physics, Psychology, and Sociology.

SPRING 2012 APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SKIDMORE APPLICANTS:
23 March 2012, for GRANT PERIOD: 15 April 2012 - 31 August 2012

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS/PROPOSALS:

In making awards, the SUN Faculty Development Committee will first consider the excellence of the faculty development proposals. The SUN Faculty Development Committee will award grants on the basis of the following criteria:

1. A proposal will be evaluated relative to its potential to enhance the evolving scholarship and productivity of the recipient as well as the contribution that any endeavor might make to its respective field. In certain instances, the committee may request the names of experts in the discipline to consult for advice on the proposal's merits.
2. Priority will be given to proposals for new collaborations, or exploration of methods or fields of research that are new to the applicant.
3. All grant recipients must be faculty at Skidmore College. Only tenured women associate professors in full-time or shared appointments are eligible for **Advanced Education Grants**; priority will be given to women who have been in rank for seven or more years.

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GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES:

1. Travel reimbursement may cover the cost of transportation, lodging, and food. PLEASE NOTE: Original, ITEMIZED receipts for all items \$10 or over must be attached to expense reports. Your credit card bill and the receipt showing the total amount paid for restaurant charges are not considered adequate proof of purchase.
2. 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.
3. Any equipment purchased under the approved research grant will remain the property of Skidmore College after the grant period is completed.
4. Proposals that involve the use of living organisms are subject to the following regulations and requirements:

Proposals that involve human subjects or the use of human tissues are subject to the requirements of Skidmore College's Institutional Review Board (IRB Guidelines, FAQ's and Forms are available at: <http://www.skidmore.edu/academics/CFG/irb/index.htm>). Proposals that involve the use of vertebrate animals are subject to the requirements of the College's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC guidelines and forms are available by contacting the Office of Sponsored Research or the IACUC chairperson). IRB and IACUC approvals are not a prerequisite to submitting a SUN Faculty Development Grant, but are required prior to the commencement of the research.
5. 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.
6. Deliberations of the SUN Faculty Development Committee are strictly confidential. All inquiries regarding awards shall be addressed to the chairperson, Monica Raveret Richter, or to Catherine White Berheide, Skidmore PI for the SUN initiative.
7. All financial documentation and itemized receipts must be submitted by the end of the grant period. The final narrative report should be submitted within three months of the end of the grant period. Failure to do so may result in advances being treated as taxable income and 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.