



## Career Development Awards

2010 Call for Proposals | Deadline: November 30, 2009

Career Development Awards help faculty increase their exposure to colleagues at other institutions who can serve as collaborators and mentors. These awards are particularly useful for assistant professors who are beginning to build their research program, or for mid-career faculty moving in either a more collaborative direction or new research area.

Funding agencies are investing a more significant proportion of their portfolio in programs that facilitate multi-investigator, interdisciplinary, large-budget projects. With an increased emphasis on interdisciplinary science, national and international peer networks become even more important. Creating opportunities to build such peer networks can significantly affect researchers' ability to participate in new collaborations, provide them with greater professional recognition, and ensure career advancement.

### Proposals

Proposals should provide a clear plan for increasing the applicant's exposure to senior colleagues or collaborators. The plan should be specific to the career goals of the individual faculty member. Some examples of possible projects include the following:

- Organize a symposium on campus or as part of your professional association's national meeting.
- Use funds to establish a relationship with a mentor within your academic discipline from another institution.
- Sponsor a departmental lecture series of different seminar speakers on a specific topic related to your research.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be tenured or tenure-track. Because the goal of the ADVANCE Program is to fund initiatives that foster women scientists' success, all applicants must describe how their proposed plan will influence the careers of women scientists, specifically women scientist applicants or collaborators. Proposals in all NSF-supported disciplines are eligible, though special consideration will be given to fields underrepresented by women scientists.

### Award Terms and Conditions

The award provides up to **\$15,000** in direct costs. We encourage applicants to request an amount that is appropriate for their plan and justify their budget carefully. Applicants should be aware of federal funding guidelines when preparing project budgets. See the section on allowability of costs from the NSF Grants Policy Manual, especially Section 615 Meetings and Conferences. Award funds may be used to support reasonable and necessary costs for travel of the award recipient or to bring potential collaborators or mentors to Brown (travel expenses, honoraria, meeting expenses including refreshments provided before or after a symposium, travelers' meals, etc.).

Award periods are normally one year, but a no-cost extension may be granted with prior authorization from the ADVANCE at Brown office. Please note that the ADVANCE grant is currently scheduled to end **June 30, 2011**. Career Development Award grant periods cannot extend beyond this date.

All grantees must provide a final report within 60 days of the end of the approved award period. The report should describe the impact of the grant on the career of the award recipient, especially with regard to publications or additional grants obtained.

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**Acknowledgement** of ADVANCE funding should be included in all abstracts, publications, publicity, presentations, etc. For example:

“This conference was made possible with help from the ADVANCE Program at Brown University, which is supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant Number 0548311.”

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### **Procedure for Submitting Proposals**

Proposals must be received via **email** <Advance\_Program@brown.edu> no later than **November 30, 2009**. The email subject line should read “Career Development Award Proposal.” Application materials must include:

- A cover sheet (available on the ADVANCE at Brown website)
- A one page proposal
- A one page budget with justification
- A curriculum vitae

Award selections will be announced by **February 1, 2010**.

### **Review Process and Criteria for Selection**

An ad hoc review panel of faculty members and administrators will review the applications. Proposals are evaluated on their potential to have a significant impact on the faculty applicant's career goals as well their ability to affect the careers of women scientists. Because the goal of the ADVANCE Program at NSF is to fund initiatives that support women scientists' success, all applicants must describe how their proposed plan will affect the careers of women scientists, either women scientist applicants or collaborators.

### **Additional Information**

Please see our website <<http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Provost/Advance/cda.html>> for additional eligibility requirements, proposal submission procedures, and a list of previously funded projects.