UNH ADVANCE
VISITING STEM WOMEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The UNH ADVANCE visiting scholars program provides a way to build exposure and networking with senior women faculty in STEM disciplines from other institutions.

This program allows UNH departments to apply to the UNH ADVANCE for support to bring senior women faculty from other universities to build research collaborations in their department and/or with other departments. It is expected that one proposal will be funded each academic year beginning in Spring 2014. Deadlines will be announced each year and posted on the UNH ADVANCE website.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The UNH ADVANCE program will provide partial support for the visiting faculty scholar to help defray travel costs, room and board, and research supplies. The average grant award will be about $15,000, with awards above that level being a rare exception. Proposals that include leveraging funding from the applying departments, colleges, or institutes will be more competitive.

DURATION

The duration of the visiting scholars visit will depend on the purpose of the visit, nature of the collaboration, and availability of matching funds. Though semester or academic year residencies are encouraged, extended or periodic visits throughout a semester or academic year and summer residencies will be considered.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT BE SUPPORTED

• Visiting Woman Associate or Full Professor with a tenured position in a STEM field at another institution spends sabbatical leave at UNH.
• Visiting Woman Associate or Full Professor in a STEM research area that the department/college wants to build spends extended time at UNH building collaborative projects and consulting on program development.
• Visiting Woman Associate or Full Professor in a STEM research area aligned with a department/college makes periodic visits to UNH collaborating with and mentoring junior faculty.
THE PROPOSAL

Proposals from departments, colleges, centers, and individual faculty or groups of faculty will be considered. Specific deadlines will be announced each academic year and posted on the UNH ADVANCE website. Interested faculty, departments, or programs are encouraged to contact Dr. Karen Graham, Executive Director, UNH ADVANCE if they have questions or need additional information, karen.graham@unh.edu.

The proposal must contain the following components:

1. A brief executive summary containing the purpose, time frame, duration, and desired outcomes of the visit.
2. Brief (< 200 word) biosketch and CV of the proposed visiting scholar.
3. A description of the research collaboration(s) with the visiting scholar and alignment of collaboration(s) and department, college, and/or center goals. The proposed visit must include at least one open invitation presentation to the UNH community.
4. A description of how the proposed activity will enhance networking between the visiting faculty scholar and UNH faculty women.
5. Letters of commitment from the UNH department chair or center director and the institute director or college dean, as appropriate.
6. A budget that includes justification on how the funds will be spent and a description of any matching funds.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The UNH ADVANCE Office, in collaboration with a committee of faculty, will evaluate the proposals. Priority will be given to support visiting scholars in STEM fields where women are underrepresented at UNH. Final approval of funds will be contingent on receiving a letter of commitment from the visiting scholar.

Follow-Up Report

For each funded proposal, a short report (a page or less) will be expected within 60 days of project completion which explains how the funds were expended along with a status report on progress towards expected outcomes. In addition, by accepting funding, the proposer/contact person also agrees to participate in UNH ADVANCE evaluation activities.