

VISITING SCHOLAR/MENTOR FUNDING GUIDELINES IN THE SCIENCES

The University of Montana's Project PACE (NSF ADVANCE Program)

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Project PACE is an NSF-supported initiative to increase the number of women scientists on the UM-Missoula campus and to promote their advancement. To meet this goal we offer, in partnership with the deans of colleges that include science departments (Arts and Sciences, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Forestry and Conservation), an external mentoring program for junior faculty members in the sciences. The aim of the program is to provide career development through mentoring relationships with off-campus science leaders who will provide advice and facilitate the formation of collaborative research efforts.

Funds will be available for a maximum of four awards of up to \$8,000 each to be used during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Individual tenure-track faculty members who will broaden the participation of women in the sciences may request such funds from PACE for the following purposes:

- to provide funding for a scholar/mentor to visit UM-Missoula (including travel, lodging, meals)
- to request a visiting scholar/mentor to give a seminar to the individual's particular department (including a \$500 honorarium)
- to allow a visiting scholar/mentor to spend a significant amount of time with the individual
- to provide for the visit of the tenure-track individual to a mentor's lab or research site to initiate collaborative research

This is only a suggested list of possible uses of PACE funds. The proposed use of funds should demonstrate a significant intention of improving gender equity or diversity at UM-Missoula and must have the support of the individual's academic department. We anticipate the majority of the funds will be used to support external mentors.

Eligibility: Any untenured tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor who will broaden the participation of women in the sciences in one of the following departments may submit a proposal:

- Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Ecosystem and Conservation Sciences
- Forest Management
- Society and Conservation
- Geography
- Geosciences
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physics and Astronomy
- Psychology

The external mentor cannot have been the graduate advisor or the post-doctoral advisor of the applicant. Collaborative proposals will also be considered.

Funding Amount: A maximum of four, \$8,000 awards will be available for the 2008-2009 academic year. All funds are to be used during the designated academic year. The success and impact of the allocated awards will be assessed by the PACE Principal Investigators in the summer of 2009.

Deadline: Proposals for funding will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning October 1, 2008, with the use of funds designated for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Selection Criteria: The Project PACE Principal Investigators (Professors Kukuk, Lurie, Fiore, Hirstein, and Pletscher) will make the award decisions. Ranking of proposals will weigh heavily upon the potential academic impact of the proposed initiative, specifically,

- the potential for the proposed initiative to further the academic development of a UM-Missoula faculty member,
- the probability of the proposed initiative establishing a long-term collaborative relationship between UM-Missoula and the visiting scholar/mentor's academic institution, and
- the potential for the project to contribute to increased diversity at UM-Missoula.

Proposal Format: Proposals should be no longer than one page and should identify the external mentor, indicate the potential for the award to initiate a long-term collaboration, and provide a proposed budget that outlines how the award funds would be spent. Please submit proposals to PACE Cross-Program Coordinator, Linda Mauer along with the CV of the proposed external mentor:

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