

# ADVANCE Rising Tide Center



## Professional Development Grants - Program Guidelines 2015 – 2016

**2015-2016 Professional Development Grants Program is now accepting applications!**

*The Rising Tide Center is pleased to offer a fifth round of grant awards with funds available to support a variety of research and professional development activities.*

The recipient of a National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant, UMaine's Rising Tide Center seeks to "increase the representation and advancement of women in the academic science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers, thereby contributing to the development of a more diverse science and engineering workforce" at the University of Maine.

Funds will be available to faculty in STEM-SBS fields, and to others who directly promote ADVANCE related efforts.

a1 *Not sure if your project fits with ADVANCE priorities?*

**Check out previously funded projects [here](#).**

In 2015-2016, ADVANCE Professional Development Grants will support projects in three categories. Use the links below to review the RFPs and to access submission instructions and required forms.

### [Research Seed Grants \(3 awards\)](#)

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- Funding travel/collaboration building, and research assistance including release time, summer salaries, supplies and equipment

### [Leadership Development and Career Advancement Award \(1 award\)](#)

- Funding training and development opportunities including release time, workshop attendance and tuition, visiting scholars, mentoring support, administrative internships, and travel expenses

### [Event Co-sponsorship Awards \(3 awards\)](#)

- Partial support to bring renowned women scientist to our campus to interact with faculty in STEM and SBS

ADVANCE provides financial support for projects that foster the professional development of women in the STEM and social and behavioral sciences, reduce isolation, and encourage the building of collaborative, collegial relationships across the UMaine system, and beyond.

ADVANCE Grants may fund:

- visiting scholars;
- travel to plan and conduct collaborative research;
- travel to UMaine from other UMS campuses;
- release time for professional development opportunities;
- equipment and summer salary to collect preliminary data to support future research;
- administrative internships;
- tuition for training and professional development activities; and
- other efforts supporting ADVANCE goals.

**Leslie Forstadt, Cooperative Extension Child & Family Development Specialist**  
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Leslie used ADVANCE grant funding to develop a popular and effective mindfulness course for UM employees. In 2015, she adapted her course and offered a mini-class to attendees at the 4th annual ADVANCE Networking Conference.

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