



# Career Campaign Awards Request for Proposals 2009

DEADLINE: 2/15/09

## **Invitation**

Women on the Rensselaer Faculty are invited to work with a mentor to secure a Career Campaign Award to enhance career success and prepare for advancement in rank. Eligible women include:

- Women *Associate Professors*, tenured or tenure-track, who work in an NSF-funded area, OR
- Women *Assistant Professors*, tenure-track, who work in an NSF-funded area.

Funding will be awarded to a mentor-mentee pair with a strong plan for career advancement.

## **Rationale**

Research documents that access to mentoring networks is especially important for women faculty. Career Campaign Awards supported by RAMP-Up! are intended to enable them to establish mentoring relationships and plan career advancement.

## **Information Meeting**

An information meeting to help with proposal development will be held Wednesday, January 14, from 3 to 4 in the Library Conference Room. Members of the RAMP-Up! Advisory Board (see list below) will be available to provide an overview of RAMP-Up!, discuss proposal ideas, and help with establishing mentoring relationships.

## **Supported Activities**

Each award is budgeted at \$5,000 to be expended over a 24-month timeframe. The following activities may be eligible for support as part of a coherent plan for career success. This list is not exhaustive, and activities not described here may also be acceptable:

- Travel for activities supporting the mentee's development
- Support for non-capital equipment and/or supplies to conduct exploratory research
- Funds to support students or staff
- Funds for software licenses or fees

Additional support for summer days will be provided to the mentor and need not be budgeted for. Also keep in mind that alcohol, meals (except while traveling), and typical/recurring office supplies are not allowed by NSF guidelines.

## **Proposal Content**

Each proposal must review the current position of the candidate, outline a plan for advancement, describe the proposed activities to be supported under the grant and include a short table of budget information. In addition, the proposal should briefly describe the research area and explain how it is supportable within the mission of NSF. Maximum length of the proposal is 2 pages A letter of commitment and support for the proposed plan from the mentor is also required.

## **Proposal Submission and Review**

Proposals should be submitted electronically to Deborah Kaminski ([kamind@rpi.edu](mailto:kamind@rpi.edu)) no later than February 15, 2009. Proposals will be reviewed by the RAMP-Up! Advisory Board. Please feel free to contact members of the RAMP-Up! Advisory Board to discuss proposal ideas. Members include:

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