



The ASPIRE² (Adapting Successful Practices to foster an Inclusive, Respectful, and Equitable Environment) **mentoring grant program** is designed to provide mentoring support activities for women, women of color, and underrepresented minority (URM) women STEM faculty at all career stages. Each faculty member is eligible to receive **up to \$1,500** to implement a project of their own design that engages at least one mentor, external to The University of Texas at Dallas, and represents a career development opportunity not otherwise possible without this funding.

Eligibility: Full-time tenure-track/tenured women, women of color, and URM women faculty members from an NSF-defined STEM field or research area are eligible to apply. Faculty are not eligible to apply if they received a grant in the previous cycle. If you have questions about your eligibility, please email Dr. Sheryl Skaggs at slskaggs@utdallas.edu.



Scan the QR code to apply.

Submit the application along with your proposal **by August 31, 2022**.
Send questions to facultymentoring@utdallas.edu

Words from our Spring 2022 Recipients



Dr. Nikki Delk
Associate Professor
Biological Sciences

In the US, Black women represent only around 2% of STEM leadership positions. I aspire to be part of STEM leadership to be a role model and have a positive impact on the education, training, and careers of future scientists, especially underrepresented groups. I applied for the ASPIRE Mentor Grant to travel to the historically Black university, Clark Atlanta University, to shadow and learn from a STEM leader and fellow cancer researcher, Dr. Cimona Hinton.



Dr. Lindsay King
Associate Professor
Physics

On receiving the email about the ASPIRE Mentoring grant, I was very motivated to apply because - if my application would be successful - it presents a great opportunity to support and further my career development. I plan to use the funds to visit my long-term mentor for in-depth discussions, at the Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge University, UK. This is one of the largest nexuses for astrophysics in the world, so I will also engage in the daily scientific activities there, learning about recent developments in research that complements mine. I also hope to assess and develop my own mentoring skills, and to build the networks of several recent women advisees who graduated from UTD.

Visit aspire2.utdallas.edu to learn more about this project or oar.utdallas.edu (tag: NSF Advance) to apply.