

The ASPIRE<sup>2</sup> mentoring grant program is designed to provide mentoring support activities for full-time tenure-track/tenured women faculty members (at all career stages) from a National Science Foundation-defined [STEM field or research area](#).

Each applicant 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.

If you have questions about your eligibility, please email [facultymentoring@utdallas.edu](mailto:facultymentoring@utdallas.edu). Submit the [application](#) along with your proposal. **Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through May 2024.**

## Spring 2023 Recipients



**Dr. Pumpki Lei Su, Assistant Professor | LILAC Lab**

Within the field I am in, speech, language, and hearing sciences, Asian women represent only 3.2% of SLHS professionals...I applied for the grant to grow my mentoring network and learn from someone who shares my identity and can facilitate discussions on career development barriers and challenges specific to Asian women in our field.



**Dr. Sheena D'Arcy, Associate Professor | Chemistry and Biochemistry**

"I plan to use the funds to visit industry laboratories to get a clear idea of how they run and discuss with industry employers what they are looking for in future employees. I hope this will help me better train and guide my undergraduate and graduate students who are looking for industry jobs upon graduating..."



**Dr. Brenda Gambol, Assistant Professor | Sociology**

"The ASPIRE<sup>2</sup> grant will provide the funds to jumpstart a North Texas immigration research collective with the local universities. A mini-conference will be organized and scholars from the area will be invited to present their current scholarship on immigration --- specifically, mobility and inequality."



**Dr. Erica Sanchez, Assistant Professor | Biological Sciences**

"I was motivated to apply for this award to support my travel to an incredibly important and unique conference opportunity... As a cell biologist, it is rare for me to interact with patients, but this meeting provided this special opportunity that I will remember forever."