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FROM: Brian Reed, Associate Provost for Teaching and Learning
RE: Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) grant proposal: *Mentoring Matters: Faculty Development to Enhance and Improve Undergraduate STEM Research Mentoring at UVM*
DATE: May 1, 2015
CC: David Rosowsky, Provost and Senior Vice President

On behalf of the Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) Grant Proposal Review Team, thank you for your proposal entitled *Mentoring Matters: Faculty Development to Enhance and Improve Undergraduate STEM Research Mentoring at UVM*. I am pleased to inform you that your project has been selected for EPI funding in the amount of \$4,000. Congratulations! Please respond by May 15, 2015 to acknowledge your acceptance of the award.

The review team was particularly impressed with the design and feasibility of the project, including the potential for impact on student engagement and retention. The program offers excellent potential to apply what is learned to a larger set of faculty and undergraduate research experiences, further enhancing interdisciplinary efforts and impact. We applaud the use of an established assessment tool in a pre-post test design as a means to assess gains by mentoring training participants. Finally, the train-the-trainer faculty development model bodes well for sustainability beyond the term of the grant.

As specified in the Request for Proposals, the budget for your grant will be administered through the PI's academic unit (Rubenstein School for Environment and Natural Resources). The funds will be transferred on July 1, 2015, the start of the new fiscal year. All funds must be spent within twelve months of that date (July 1, 2016).

A full report on the outcomes of your project will be due no later than January 4, 2017. The report may be no longer than 1,500 words (12 point font, double spaced), excluding cover page, and appended materials. The report must include:

- A review of the goals of the project
- A description of the outcomes
- An assessment of the impact of the project
- The current status of the project and future plans

Again, thank you for your high quality proposal and congratulations on the award. We are excited about the potential impact of your project and of the EPI Grant Program overall. Your work will help set the stage for growth and continued success of the EPI Grant Program.