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TO: UW graduates employed as first-year teachers in Wyoming school districts
FROM: Debra Beck, Newcomb Grant Selection Committee
SUBJECT: Lola B. Newcomb Beginning Teacher Support Grant Program
DATE: Dec. 12, 2016

Thanks to the generosity of the family of an alumna, the UW College of Education is able to offer an extraordinary professional development opportunity. The Lola B. Newcomb Beginning Teacher Support Grant Program funds mentoring programs for College of Education graduates who are employed as first-year teachers in Wyoming school districts.

The Newcomb Grant allows beginning teachers to select a mentoring program to continue to build the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the classroom. The accompanying materials provide suggestions of programs that may be submitted for funding. Each grant is valued at \$1,000.

Recipients of the 2017 Lola B. Newcomb Beginning Teacher Support Grant will be asked to share their experiences with current students and faculty, so that everyone may benefit from your mentoring experience. To that end, we have set aside Monday, Sept. 18, 2017, as a day for presentations and sharing on campus. Grant recipients must be available to visit the Laramie campus on that day.

We hope you will consider applying for the Newcomb Grant. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2017.

For more information, or an electronic copy of this application, please email debbeck@uwyo.edu.

Lola B. Newcomb Beginning Teacher Support Grant Program

Focus: Create and support a mentoring program for UW College of Education graduates who are first-year teachers in Wyoming school districts.

Participants: UW College of Education graduates who are first-year teachers in Wyoming school districts.

Program: Participants will receive a grant to provide mentoring to them in their classrooms during the academic school year. Representative activities include attending a professional meeting in their curricular area, visiting other classrooms, or inviting mentors to their classrooms. Grant funds may be used for travel expenses, substitute teacher expenses (while participating in professional development activities or visits to mentor classrooms), classroom equipment, additions to a classroom library, or field trips. The overall plan must include some type of mentoring to increase the knowledge and teaching skills of the beginning teacher; all purchases or activities also must relate to that goal. Please outline your plan in the grant application.

At the beginning of the next academic year, grant recipients will come to UW's Laramie campus to take part in discussions with current undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty and others involved in teacher preparation. During these discussions, participants will share their mentoring programs and resulting growth.

Funds: Grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded each year. Number of grants varies according to income available.

Selection: A College of Education committee will select grant recipients. Selection criteria include: description of the mentoring program as outlined by the participant, letter of support from the applicant's administrator, letter from any mentor involved, and willingness to come to campus to take part in the discussions. **Recipients of 2017 grants must be available for presentations on Monday, Sept. 18, 2017.** If a professional meeting is part of the mentoring plan, please provide the conference name, location and dates. If the mentoring plan includes purchase of equipment or materials, or the financing of a field trip, please describe in your mentoring plan.

Application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2017.

APPLICATION

Lola B. Newcomb Beginning Teacher Support Grant Program

The focus of this grant is to support a mentoring program for UW graduates who are first-year teachers in Wyoming school districts.

Please complete the following form and attach any materials that support your application. Up to nine applicants will be selected for the scholarship for this academic year. Each participant will receive \$1,000 for his/her mentoring program. Also, please attach a current resume.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Jan. 13, 2017.

Name of applicant _____

Mailing address _____ Telephone _____

City, zip _____ E-mail _____

Teaching position _____ School district _____

Describe your mentoring plan:

I. Goals – Describe the teacher knowledge and skills targeted in your mentoring plan.

II. Mentoring Plan – Describe your mentoring plan. How do you plan to increase the teacher knowledge and skills described above?

