



March 10, 2008

Dear Dr. Wilkinson,

We'd like to thank ABS once again for your support of our successful proposal to the ADVANCE program at National Science Foundation. Starting in the fall of 2007, WEBS (Women Evolving Biological Sciences), will be an annual three-day symposium aimed at addressing the retention of female scientists and issues related to the transition of women from early career stages to tenure track positions and leadership roles in academic and research settings. The symposium will target early career women ecologists and evolutionary biologists. The first symposium is set for October 14-17, 2007 at the Pack Forest Conference Center outside of Seattle, Washington.

Funds provided by ABS to WEBS will be used to support ABS members attending the WEBS symposium. The financial support offered by ABS and the grant from the National Science Foundation will enable us to supplement the cost of participation for our attendees. Supported WEBS participants will work with ABS to bring their WEBS experience to a future ABS meeting. We are thrilled to be able to offer this type of professional support to early career women scientists with promising careers.

To manage the donations to WEBS, we have established a gift budget at the University of Washington. Your donation check should be made payable to the University of Washington. We have enclosed a form to return with your donation to ensure the gift is directed into the correct account. Please mail these items to

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Finally, we also appreciate your willingness to provide a link to our program on the ABS website to help us encourage women to apply for the program and enable us to disseminate the findings and recommendations each symposium generates. We will be in touch with a formal announcement very soon. The WEBS website is www.webs.washington.edu.

Thank you once again for your time and support. We are excited about this important effort to ensure greater retention of women in science and support excellence in the field.

Sincerely,

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It is my pleasure to include with this letter a gift of \$_____ to support conferences, meetings and ongoing research related to careers of women and/or new researchers in the biological sciences.

This gift is a part of ABS's commitment to ensure greater retention of women in science and support excellence in the field.

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