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# UMC Instructor Awarded NSF grant

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Minnesota, Mr. Edward F. Wink, notified, Pamela Elf, Ph.D., instructor in the Math, Science, and Technology department at UMC, that she had been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The SGER grant of \$24,992 was given to fund a project, entitled "Plasma and Yolk Hormones in a Viviparous TSD Lizard," under the direction of Elf. The grant will fund part of a collaborative project with Kylie Robert, Ph.D. from the University of Sydney (Australia) who is currently doing post doctoral work in Elf's lab. Undergraduate students at the University of Minnesota Crookston campus will be involved in this work receiving training in hormone extraction and quantification while having the opportunity to interact with a visiting scientist on the project.

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