April 18, 2012

Dear Emory University Colleague:

On behalf of the President’s Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), I am pleased to provide you with an opportunity to contribute to high level professional leadership development for women at Emory University.

We are happy to report that (thanks to the generosity of the Office of Community and Diversity and the President’s Commission on the Status of Women) the Women in Leadership Committee of the PCSW has received funding to send one woman leader to the HERS – New England Management Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration this year. As you know, HERS is one of the premier leadership institutes for women in higher education, and we are thrilled to extend Emory’s relationship to this nationally recognized program. **We are now asking you to help us spread the word about this opportunity by either nominating qualified women – or applying yourself – for this top-flight leadership program.**

- The HERS participant profile consists of women who are striving for a career in higher education as administrators, deans, tenured faculty, and other top academic leadership positions.
- Participation in HERS will help women develop a career path that may lead to a career in the highest levels of academic administration.
- The program focuses on fiscal management, management in organizations, and professional development. The HERS Institute is held over a series of **four intensive weekends** on the campus of Wellesley College on the following dates: October 11-13, 2012; November 8-11, 2012; February 7-9, 2013; and March 14-16, 2013.

Tuition and fees related to the program will be covered; however, the home department of the awardee will be expected to cover all travel, room, and board costs associated with participation in HERS (approximately $4500). We ask that nominees provide a letter of support from their Dean/supervisor that speaks to how participation in the program will benefit the nominee and the institution -- and which acknowledges a potential plan for their respective advancement at Emory. This letter should also confirm the Dean/supervisors’ financial support for the nominee.

Further information about the HERS Institute, the application process, and the application itself can be found on the PCSW website ([http://pcsw.emory.edu/AboutUs/hers.html](http://pcsw.emory.edu/AboutUs/hers.html)). Deadlines for applications are fast approaching, so please make sure you submit your nominations – as materials by due by **Friday, May 11, 2012**. Individuals who have previously applied to the program are encouraged to apply again.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support of leadership development for Emory women.

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