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Dear Sultana Nahar:

This is to notify you that the Office of Diversity and Inclusion will be awarding you a partial travel grant of \$500.00 toward expenses for your trip to Cairo University, April 8 – 12, 2012. I understand that your participation at the International Workshop on Ultra-Fast Laser Technology and Applications (UFLTA) will cover a range of topics related to your research interests: plasma fusion energy, energy transmission and opacities, and X-rays transmission through plasmas.

In addition, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is awarding you a research grant of \$500.00 to assist with the work that you are doing at Cairo University and Al Azhar University. Because of the assistance with your research, our expectation is that you meet with ODI scholars during the upcoming academic year to share your perspective on and encouragement of women in STEM fields. Your work with Muslim Women in Science positions you well to help us in our endeavors to interest more persons from underrepresented groups in STEM fields.

I regret that my office cannot offer you more assistance in terms of the travel or research grant. This is because your request arrived past the deadline for such awards. Nevertheless, we value the work that you are doing and hope that you can find matching funds from your department or other units. For funding next year, you may want to consider the Women's Place, the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, the Office of Outreach and Engagement, and other units that promote women's global initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie B. Lee".

Valerie Lee, Ph.D.
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