

2023-2024

Future Professionals Program

Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE)
Syracuse University



Faculty Call for Nominations

Nominations due Monday, September 4, 2023 by 5:00 PM

WiSE is now accepting nominations for the WiSE Future Professionals Program (also called WiSE-FPP). First offered in 2007, the program provides a venue where women in STEM graduate students can develop peer and faculty mentoring relationships, attend professional development workshops, and establish a road map for academic and career success.

Eligibility:

- STEM doctoral-track students in at least their second year (in academic year 2023-2024) who self-identify as a woman or
- STEM M.S. students who self-identify as a woman (first year M.S. students must demonstrate additional work and /or relevant experience) or
- Ally of any sex or gender who meets the degree requirements as cited above and can demonstrate a commitment to supporting and advancing the inclusion of women in STEM.
- All applicants meeting the above criteria and in a degree program of one of the 19 STEM departments (the list of departments can be found on the WiSE website [here](#)) will have first priority over those not from a department served by WiSE.

Key elements of the program:

- Small annual stipend and certificate award for a two-year commitment.
- Monthly activities and resources focusing on professional skills, networking, community building and more.
- Opportunity to develop and receive feedback on a professional portfolio.

Nominations should include:

- Student's name and contact information.
- Degree program and primary department.
- Year in degree program.
- A brief personal statement from the student (~250 words), which addresses (1) why the student would like to participate in WiSE-FPP; (2) how participation will benefit their career/goals; and (3) their commitment to and experience facilitating the inclusion of women in STEM.
- Nominator's role (advisor or mentor) and contact information.
- Brief statement about the student's coursework, research, and strengths
- Comment on the availability of the student to actively participate in at least five activities per year.
- Indicate whether the student is remote or on campus.



Faculty should send nomination letters to Sharon Alestalo, WiSE Director, at swalesta@syr.edu.

The personal statement may be submitted directly by the student if the student prefers or included with the nominator's materials.

Please email swalesta@syr.edu or call 315-443-3419 with questions.



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