



Graduate Women in Computing @ UC San Diego

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding an exciting opportunity to partner with UC San Diego's Graduate Women in Computing (GradWIC) for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We would love to increase our connections with your company and build a strong and lasting relationship.

### Who are we?

GradWIC is a group of graduate students with diverse interests in computing at UCSD. Our mission is to foster diversity and inclusion in Computer Science and STEAM fields at UCSD and beyond. Our organization welcomes graduate students of all genders who are committed to understanding the challenges facing women and other underrepresented minorities in STEAM, and who want to address those challenges through a combination of outreach, mentorship, and a strong inter-departmental support system.

To support our goals, we organize a variety of events and opportunities. Initiatives we have planned for the 2022-2023 school year include:

- **Career development.** We hold a variety of professional- and academic- focused events such as networking socials with companies, tech talks, invited speakers and panel discussions tackling topics such as unconscious bias and career development.
- **Community building.** In addition to bi-weekly social events to connect the community, we also hold quarterly General Body meetings to evaluate our short-term and long-term goals, discuss ideas for future events and opportunities, and share stories and advice.
- **Mentorship.** We pair new members of the computing community with mentors, and provide space, resources, and events to facilitate connection between mentor and mentees. The mentorship program is one of the most influential programs in CSE, many said it provided guidance through the most difficult times in graduate school.
- **Conference Scholarship.** Every year GradWIC provides scholarships for students to attend the Grace Hopper Conference and the ACM Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference. This year we are looking to expand this to academic scholarships for junior students not yet presenting and the CRA-WP Grad Cohort for Women Workshop.
- **Workshops & Outreach.** In collaboration with WIC, our undergrad sister organization, we host a series of 4 workshops on applying to graduate school during each year's application season. We also bring in speakers to give workshops on topics such as imposter syndrome, mental health, and allyship. In addition, collaborate with local k-12 schools to provide students with engaging exposure to CS research via workshops and demos.

## How can you help?

Do you want to help GradWIC and show your support for tomorrow's leaders in tech? We are looking for donations to support our initiatives, including funding outreach activities and sending our students to conferences. We have several options below outlining sponsorship models, including different types of events we can hold, ways to get your company's name out to our members, and we accept general donations. Feel free to contact us if you have any other ideas for ways to build a relationship!

## Sponsorship Model

### Bronze - \$200

Company logo on our website and GradWIC newsletter posts, to show your support of our community to our members.

### Silver - \$500

Bronze benefits + sponsor an invited speaker event during the quarter of your choice. GradWIC will host and publicize the speaker event and invite a member of your organization to speak.

### Gold - \$1000

Bronze benefits + sponsor a networking event during the quarter of your choice. GradWIC will host and publicize the networking event and invite a team from your organization.

### General donation - your choice

Donations contribute to miscellaneous funds including internal GradWIC events and conference scholarships

## Ways to contribute

- [Click here](http://bit.ly/gradwicsponsorship) to sign up using our sponsorship form (<http://bit.ly/gradwicsponsorship>)
- Contact [cse-gradwic-treasurer@eng.ucsd.edu](mailto:cse-gradwic-treasurer@eng.ucsd.edu) to figure out a plan that works for you
- By mail: send a check payable to **UC Regents** with "GradWIC donation" in the memo

line to the following address:

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Thank you for your support,

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GradWIC VP, 2022-2023

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