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**WIE  
STUDENT  
BRANCH  
Affinity  
Groups**

## Why form a Women in Engineering Student Branch Affinity Group?

An affinity group (AG) is a local group of IEEE members who share similar interests. It provides an extra means of networking with others in your local area.

## Who can join?

Any IEEE student member.

## How to start an AG?

You will need six WIE student members and a Faculty Advisor. After that, simply submit the petition form to IEEE Regional Activities. Remember, *WIE student membership is Free!*

## What are the benefits?

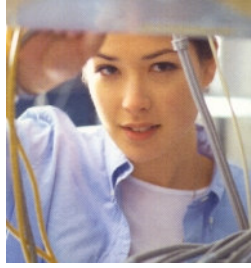
- Support from established WIE AGs and your local IEEE Section
- Event announcement in the WIE Newsletter and website
- Membership promotional items for events
- Free IEEE web hosting services
- US\$200 activity start-up funds
- Up to date information about member listing of your local area and many more!

## Is there financial support?

- YES! US\$200 start-up fund from WIE and
- Annual rebate through your Section

## More info...

Email [women@ieee.org](mailto:women@ieee.org) or visit us at [www.ieee.org/women](http://www.ieee.org/women)



## **IEEE Women in Engineering Student Activities**

### **About IEEE WIE**

WIE is dedicated to important issues for Women Engineers:

- ❖ **RECOGNIZES** women's outstanding achievements in electrical and electronics engineering through IEEE Awards nominations
- ❖ **ORGANIZES** receptions at major technical conferences to enhance networking and to promote membership in WIE
- ❖ **PROMOTES** IEEE Member Grade advancement for women to the grades of Senior Member and Fellow
- ❖ **ADVOCATES** women in leadership roles in IEEE governance
- ❖ **PROVIDES** assistance with the formation of new WIE Affinity Groups and supports ongoing activities
- ❖ **ADMINISTERS** the IEEE Student-Teacher and Research Engineer/Scientist (STAR) Program to mentor young women in junior and high schools

### **WIE Scopes of Interest**

1. Gather and disseminate information regarding the status of women and initiatives for, by and on behalf of women in engineering and science.
2. Enable mentoring and education programs within IEEE and make available information regarding gender related educational issues which may improve the entry into, and the retention of women in engineering programs.
3. Increase the participation of women within IEEE.
4. Address ways to improve the climate for women in IEEE and the workplace.

## **WIE Committee Members**

Magdalena Salazar-Palma, WIEC Chair  
Patricia L. Eng  
Pilar Molina Gaudó  
R. Jennifer Hwu  
Margaretha A K Eriksson  
Sandra Hidalgo  
Sarah Ann Rajala  
Karan Watson  
Laura S. Rea  
Carlos Rueda Artunduaga , WIE Student Representative

## **Liaisons**

Clifford Lau  
Constantine Anagnostopoulos  
LeEarl A. Bryant  
Stuart A. Long  
Carol Carey  
Cheryl B. Schrader

## **What is an WIE Student Affinity Group (S-WIE AG)?**

Student affinity groups provide the opportunity for student members to network at a local level. Activities may include guest speakers, workshops and seminars. All members are encouraged to join and participate in their local group activities to promote growth within the WIE.

## **Some WIE Affinity Groups**

- ❖ WIE Coastal Los Angeles
- ❖ WIE U. Distrital Student Branch Affinity Group, Colombia
- ❖ WIE Michigan Technological University Student Branch Affinity Group
- ❖ WIE Eastern North Carolina
- ❖ WIE Kerala
- ❖ WIE Mid-Hudson
- ❖ WIE Santa Clara
- ❖ WIE South Plains
- ❖ WIE Spain
- ❖ WIE Switzerland
- ❖ WIE Washington (Washington DC/Northern Virginia/Baltimore)

## **Benefits of being a Student WIE Affinity Group:**

- ❖ Post regional news and upcoming events in the WIE Newsletter and WIE website. Send all postings to [women@ieee.org](mailto:women@ieee.org).
- ❖ Borrow WIE Forum videotape for affinity group meetings
- ❖ Free WIE membership promotional items for affinity group meetings and events
- ❖ Free website hosting
- ❖ WIE Affinity Group Funding - US\$200 funding available.

## **Forming an Student Affinity Group**

Forming a group is the best way to interact and share information with others with similar interests in your local area. There are two types of affinity group formations:

- ❖ Affinity Group for members (non-student member grade only)
- ❖ Student Branch Affinity Group for students

The formation is simple. Here is how:

- ❖ Recruit at least six IEEE members willing to be part of the founding affinity group and provide IEEE with their names and IEEE member numbers
- ❖ You will need someone to be responsible for the affinity group until the first meeting is held and the Officers are formally appointed
- ❖ You will need your Branch's Chair and Counselor approval.
- ❖ You will need a WIE Faculty Advisor. If you don't have a WIE Faculty Advisor and your don't have the means to locate one, we can help you by sending you a list of WIE members in your Section. Please let us know. ([pimolina@ieee.org](mailto:pimolina@ieee.org))
- ❖ Make sure that you have all you need ready. Take a look to the Student Branch Affinity Group petition form available in this document and in our web page.

## **Student Branch Affinity Group Petition**

### **REQUIREMENTS TO FORM AN IEEE STUDENT BRANCH AFFINITY GROUP STUDENT BRANCH AFFINITY GROUP**

An affinity group shall be a local unit of an IEEE entity or standing committee established by petition to the parent entity to fulfill the purposes of the IEEE. "Parent Entity" refers to an entity or standing committee. No parent entity shall be formed when the topic matter is within the domain of a technical Group, as determined by Societies' fields of interest.

The petition to establish a Student Branch Affinity Group shall contain the following:

- ❖ Name of the Student Branch.
- ❖ Name of the parent entity (e.g.: Women in Engineering).
- ❖ Name of the organizer (who becomes interim Chair pending election of a regular Chair at a later organization meeting).
- ❖ Name of the faculty Advisor, who must be an IEEE member above Student grade and WIE member.
- ❖ Signatures of at least six (6) IEEE Student members who are members of the Student Branch involved and who indicate they will join the Affinity Group, if established.

The petition shall be submitted to the Student Branch Executive Committee for written approval and forwarded with this written approval to the IEEE Managing Director, Regional Activities.

Regional Activities staff will review the petition and work with the organizer to resolve any discrepancies. The Affinity Group shall be considered established after the IEEE Managing Director, Regional Activities has ascertained that the Regional Director and the IEEE parent entity have no objection to its formation.

The IEEE Managing Director, Regional Activities will notify the Regional Activities Board, the IEEE sponsoring entity, and the Student Branch Chair on behalf of the IEEE Executive Director.

## PETITION TO FORM AN IEEE STUDENT BRANCH AFFINITY GROUP

**Name of IEEE Sponsoring Entity:**

**WOMEN IN ENGINEERING**

**Name of IEEE Student Branch:**

We, the undersigned, who are members of the above Student Branch, hereby petition for approval to form an Affinity Group in the Student Branch indicated above.

Signature of Petitioner	Member Number	Printed Name
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**\*\*MINIMUM OF 6 PETITIONERS ARE REQUIRED FOR AN AFFINITY GROUP FORMATION\*\***

The action has the approval of the Student Branch Executive Committee. The following individual is serving as the Organizer of the Student Branch Affinity Group (must hold grade of Student member)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Province** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Branch Officer's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WIE Student Branch Affinity Group Advisor's Name:**

**Member Number:**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Forward mail, fax or email completed petition to:

IEEE Women in Engineering  
Attn: Carrie Loh and Cindy Poko  
445 Hoes Lane, P.O. Box 1331  
Piscataway, NJ 08855-1331  
USA

Fax: +1 732 981 9515

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NOTE: Email from the petitioner may substitute as the signature