



Grace Hopper Regional Consortium

Cultural Change through Regional Reform

<http://www.ghregionalconsortium.org>

WHAT IS THE GRACE HOPPER CONSORTIUM?

The Grace Hopper Consortium is a partnership of: The ACM Women's Council (ACM-W); The Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology (ABI); and The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT). The Consortium received a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation, which supports regional celebrations and allows students without the resources to attend national conferences to obtain the skills, professional development, and inspiration needed to achieve their technical goals.

The vision of this Consortium is to develop self-sustaining communities – regional conferences and ACM-W Student Chapters – as well as to nurture emerging technical leaders by creating and supporting local regional celebrations of women in computing.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE CONSORTIUM?

- Recruit and retain undergraduate women as computing majors
- Build a nationwide network of communities for women in computing
- Extend the positive effects of celebrations of woman in computing into underserved communities

WHAT HAPPENS AT THESE REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS OF WOMEN IN COMPUTING?

Regional conferences are modeled after the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference, and they focus on the recruitment, retention, and advancement of technical women. Participants can:

- Build their personal networks
- Present individual and collaborative research
- Gain exposure to mid- and senior-level computing role models
- Develop mentoring relationships
- Explore a myriad of technical career paths

WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS OF A REGIONAL CELEBRATION?

- Poster sessions
- Dinner and keynote address
- Two Program Tracks: 1) Research; and 2) Social/Ethical/Cultural issues in computing
- Faculty sessions on student recruitment and retention, presented by NCWIT representatives, with additional presentations by ABI and ACM-W
- Career Fair with involvement of industry representatives

WHAT IS ALSO PROVIDED BY THIS NSF/BPC GRANT?

- Complimentary registration for Regional Celebration coordinators, two poster winners, and student coordinators to attend the annual Grace Hopper Conference
- Complimentary attendance for three Regional Celebration coordinators at the annual NCWIT Academic Alliance meeting
- Guidance from ACM-W in establishing ACM-W Student Chapters and mini-Regional Celebrations to sustain regional momentum among biennial Regional Celebrations

UPCOMING REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS:

- Indiana Celebration of Women in Computing (INWIC), Feb. 4 – 5
<http://www.cs.indiana.edu/inwic/>
- Upper Midwest Celebration of Women in Computing (MINNEWIC), Feb. 12 – 13
<http://minnewic.cs.umn.edu/index.html>
- Kentucky Celebration of Women in Computing (KYWIC), Feb. 25 – 26
<http://kywic.murraystate.edu/>

HAVE A LOOK AT THESE EXISTING REGIONAL CELEBRATION WEBSITES:

- Midwest Celebration of Women in Computing, MIDWIC, Oct. 9 – 10, 2009
<http://csmaster.sxu.edu/midwic09/>
- Michigan Celebration of Women in Computing, MICWIC, April 3 – 4, 2009
<http://www.egr.msu.edu/~msuwic/cgi-bin/micwic.php>
- Ohio Celebration of Women in Computing, OWCIC, February 27 – 28, 2009
<http://www.ocwic.org/>

TO SPONSOR A REGIONAL CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN COMPUTING

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