Who is GradSWE at Illinois?

GradSWE Illinois (Graduate Society of Women Engineers at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) is a community of graduate women within the Society of Women Engineers at Illinois. GradSWE Illinois advocates for women in graduate education (M.S. and Ph.D.) so that they can confidently excel at the frontier of scientific advancement.

What is our Mission?

Our mission is to promote diversity in graduate education in engineering and science to enable innovative and creative solutions to the future technical challenges of society. A diverse and balanced workforce of individuals with M.S. and Ph.D. degrees is necessary to tackle society's biggest challenges with innovation and creativity, and GradSWE Illinois strives to make this workforce a reality.

GradSWE provides events catering to the needs of graduate students.
Why Sponsor Us?

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has multiple top-ranking graduate engineering programs in the United States. As the largest graduate engineering organization on campus, GradSWE Illinois contains top graduate talents at the University of Illinois. Our community has been growing each year. In 2020, GradSWE Illinois is awarded as the Outstanding GradSWE Group by The National SWE Graduate Community.

By sponsoring GradSWE Illinois, Companies can have access to high-level of visibilities at our events, websites, annual weSTEM conference, and social media platforms. We have a variety of sponsorship packages that are tailored to your needs.

Your sponsorship is a commitment to support women in graduate education and promote the advancement in STEM fields.
400+ Members

Mechanical Engineering 19%
Electrical & Computer Engineering 9%
Psychology 3%
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering 13%
Physics 9%
Aerospace Engineering 6%
Material Science 6%
Civil Engineering 19%
Computer Science 13%
Bioengineering 3%

3% Members POSTDOCTORAL researchers
74% Members pursuing PhD degree
23% Members currently pursuing MASTERS degree

15 GradSWE Committee Members
4 Subcommittees
7 National Awards
9 TOP 10 SWE Poster Winners
4 SWE Outstanding Collegiate Members

Largest Graduate Engineering Organization at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

GradSWE at Illinois
Event Descriptions

GradSWE Lunch Series

Our lunch series provides a great resource for our members and attendees. The goal is to enrich the graduate learning experience with speakers touching on diverse and relevant topics for professional and personal development. We had 12 lunch in 2019. Topics including "Personal Finance", "Prioritizing Your Health", "Personal Safety", "Conflict Management", "Emotional Intelligence", "Intercultural Communication", and "Salary Negotiation", etc.

Outreach Activities

Outreach activities provide GradSWE Illinois with opportunities to engage with the local Urbana-Champaign community. We participated in I-help day of service to help a local food pantry. We partnered with the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum in downtown Champaign to host two hands on STEM projects. The “Tour de STEM” event exposed local children to six different disciplines within STEM with presentations and hands on activities.

Social Events

Monthly social events provide informal environments to socialize with new members. Social events typically include holiday parties, happy hours at on-campus dining establishments, paint nights, cookie decorating nights, apple picking and more.

National SWE Conference

GradSWE Illinois participates in the National Women in Engineering Conference, the world's largest conference for women in engineering each year. Our members are provided with opportunities to network with SWE and GradSWE members in other sectors nationwide. Members can attend the career fair, build professional relationships, and gain knowledge from lectures and workshops.
What is weSTEM Conference?

A one-day conference designed for **graduate women in STEM** to connect with current **STEM leaders**. Invited speakers will share experience and insight from their **diverse** career paths following a graduate degree in STEM.

We invite **companies** to **connect** graduate women with **professionals** with graduate degrees.

Who attends weSTEM?

- **150+** attendees nationwide
- **30+** Speakers
- **30+** Corporate Sponsors
- **Non-Illinois Students**
- **Illinois Students**

**Sponsor Us Today**
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“weSTEM was an inspirational, relaxing atmosphere in which networking and interacting with other attendees as well as speakers was easy and natural.”
– anonymous participant

**Attendee Majors:**

- Aerospace Engineering
- Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- Animal Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Bioengineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Physics
- Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering
- Kinesiology and Community Health
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Mechanical Science and Engineering
- Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Website:
[https://www.westem.engineering.illinois.edu/](https://www.westem.engineering.illinois.edu/)
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**Video Display** for advertising your company

**Participant/Speaker Spot** to network with attendees

**Resume Book** of all attendees

**Social Media** recognition and advertisement

**GradSWE Illinois & weSTEM Website** recognition

**weSTEM Program Booklet** recognition

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Our Response To COVID-19

A Message from The GradSWE Committee

“As a GradSWE community, the committee wants to extend our support. We want to help those in need of supplies or those who just need a friend, etc. We are currently developing online programing including lunches and social events for the upcoming academic year. We have compiled a collection of resources we have been relying on as we transition to a more solitary lifestyle. Any GradSWE members are welcome to reach out to any member of our committee if they need anything, and feel free to contact Justine Paul, the GradSWE Director, by email or by text or phone call. We are sending our love. We are so proud of each of our members.”

-Sincerely, GradSWE Committee

Actions

Virtual weSTEM 2021 Conference
weSTEM committee is working on a plan for virtual weSTEM 2021 Conference. We assembled a weSTEM 2021 Virtual Logistics Sub-Committee with women leaders who have experience planning and attending virtual conferences. We are also inviting more speakers from different geographic locations to increase the conference experience for students.

GradSWE Lunches
Monthly GradSWE Lunches are held virtually. Instead of food, students who attend and participate will have a chance to win gift cards.

We20 Virtual Conference Application
GradSWE will sponsor more GradSWE members to attend the the National Women in Engineering Conference, the world's largest conference for women in engineering. For years, the national SWE conference has provided GradSWE members the opportunity to learn about personal and professional development, as well as provided career opportunities.

Connect with Undergraduate SWE
We are taking initiative to connect more with the undergraduate female engineering students through SWE and provide guidance and support. We plan to hold joint virtual events with SWE. A new board position is formed.
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