Women in Engineering Travel Grant: Fall 2014

All women in engineering graduate programs are encouraged to apply for WIEP travel grant funding. Applications are now being considered for conferences being held November 2015 – April 2016. The application can be found [here](#) and the deadline is **Friday, September 11th**.

GMP OCTOBER MEETING!
Thursday, October 1st, Amelia’s Café
RSVP [Here](#)!

Implicit Bias: How to Understand and Navigate Stereotypes

Implicit bias encompasses our attitudes and the stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. Even when we embrace conscious ideals, we can have underlying attitudes that impact us without our knowing. In this Graduate Mentoring Program event, we will examine our own gender, race, ethnicity, and other social identities to understand how these ways of identifying impact our conscious and unconscious thoughts, how they impact us in our work lives at Purdue, and how we can use tools to combat the hidden biases of ourselves and others. This event will be facilitated by Dr. Allison Godwin, Assistant Professor of Engineering Education. Dr. Godwin’s research investigates how diverse students form engineering identities in her research program, STRIDE, Shaping Transformative Research on Identity and Diversity in Engineering. We invite you to join us as we challenge the hidden biases that even the most mindful people possess to promote inclusion at Purdue and in your future careers.
Lions & Tigers & Bears (Oh My!)

Have you seen the decorated lion, tiger, and bear statues around downtown Lafayette and near the levee in West Lafayette? They’re part of a town-wide display, painted by local arts and sponsored by the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette and many businesses around town. They’re only around until mid-September, so now is your chance to try to find them all! Check out the Art Museum’s website to get a map of a walking tour to see all the painted statues (or there’s an app you can download)—it’s a great way for new students to see what businesses are downtown, and for returning students to see what’s changed recently!

“We’ve begun to raise daughters more like sons ... but few have the courage to raise our sons more like our daughters.”
—Gloria Steinem
GMP Small Groups are Starting!
Small groups are interest-based groups of GMP members from across engineering disciplines. They’re great for adding balance to your life, meeting new people, and de-stressing (or coping with!) the pressures of graduate school. In order to sign up to be on the email lists for these small groups, please follow this survey link to indicate your interest in one (or more than one!) of these groups!

Currently, eight small groups have been initiated by GMP members for this semester:

GMP Coaching: Dr. Jennifer Groh (WIEP Associate Director and LifeBound, Inc Affiliate Academic Coach) will lead participants in this small group in learning about and practicing coaching skills. Integrating a coaching approach within mentoring, teaching, supervision and other relationships enhances educational, professional, and personal experiences through thought-provoking questions and purposeful listening.

Knitting and Crafting: The knitting and crafting small group welcomes all knitters, crocheters, cross stitchers, crafters, or anyone who wants to learn to join us in friendly conversation and pursuit of craftiness! We meet once a week (typically Thursday evenings) and people are welcome to come whenever they feel like it! We can give advice on supplies to get started and help you with beginner projects!

Shut Up and Write: Writing is one of the most important parts of succeeding in academia, and one of the most difficult to stay disciplined with. This group is intended to give a structured time for accountability with writing...we literally sit down, shut up, and write! The group will meet twice a week, but you’re welcome to come for as much/as many as you’re able/willing!

GMP Global Small Group: A group of domestic and international graduate women engineers representing different parts of the world, with shared interests in celebrating, sharing and learning from our differences in ethnic background, culture and tradition as well as experiences as women engineers from different parts of the world.

GMP Families & Small Children: Join other GMP families with small children and babies for playdates and general support and fun. It takes a village---join ours!

Teacher’s Corner: Teacher’s Corner is for any GMP member who is currently teaching and/or interested in education. We will talk about successes and challenges in the classroom and provide resources for teaching.

WiE Diversity: This small group will encourage engineering students to open their eyes to the wide world of diversity studies. By partnering with other programs/departments dedicated to inclusion at Purdue, such as the Minority Engineering Program (MEP), the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Center, and the Disability Resource Center, we hope to foster a group of women and men who stand for true equality for all individuals.

GMP Book Club: This semester, we are reading Bad Feminist by Roxane Gay. It is a nationally acclaimed collection of essays, and Harper’s Bazaar described it as “An assortment of comical, yet astute essays that touch on Gay’s personal evolution as a woman, popular culture throughout the recent past, and the state of feminism today.” They will meet on Monday 9/21 at 5:30pm at the tables near Starbucks in PMU to discuss the first two sections, “Introduction” and “Me”. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion!