



ACM-W Celebrations of Women in Computing

Our Mission

The ACM-W Celebrations expand the positive impact of the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing. ACM-W supports the creation of new celebrations and provides fundraising and conference services support to these conferences.

Our History

The first regional celebration was held in Indiana (INWiC) in 2004. Since then, over 24 locations have developed celebrations. More than 3100 students, faculty members, and industry partners have participated in a celebration event, including in Abu Dhabi, Canada, Cuba, India, Europe, Puerto Rico, and New Zealand. Sponsorship from Microsoft Research has been instrumental in the success and sustainability of these events.

Celebration Structure

Each celebration is unique, but common activities include poster sessions, technical presentations, industry and graduate school panels, and career fairs. Check Gloria Townsend's book *101 Ideas for Regional Celebrations of Women in Computing*, available via the ACM-W Celebrations resources page (<http://women.acm.org/celebrations/resources>).

Starting a Celebration

Interested in starting a new celebration? Apply to be an officially recognized ACM-W celebration by providing information about budgeting, venue, committee volunteers, and fundraising strategy. We'll provide feedback based on years of experience with these conferences, helping to assure success. Contact Jodi Tims, ACM-W Council, Coordinator of Celebrations of Women in Computing (jltims@bw.edu) to begin the application process.

