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Upcoming Events

WiSE Undergraduate Programming:
Graduate Student Life: A Panel Discussion

Tuesday, March 25
11:30 am - 1 pm
DRB 232
RSVP [here.](#)

WiSE Faculty Networking Luncheon
Thursday, March 27
Noon - 1:30 pm
SGM 419

Upcoming Deadlines

Hanna Reisler Mentorship Award
Nominations Due: March 31

The Hanna Reisler Mentorship Award is named in honor of one of our founding faculty members and the many years she has dedicated to mentoring faculty and especially women at USC. The Hanna Reisler Mentorship Award recognizes individuals at USC who have advanced the careers of women in

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science and engineering through generous and committed professional mentorship. Last year's inaugural award was given to the WiSE Viterbi and WiSE Dornsife Committees and was accepted, on behalf of their respective committees, by Professors Meng and McNitt-Gray. Letters of nomination should be submitted by March 31, 2014. Nominations will be reviewed by an awards committee, consisting of Professors Meng, McNitt-Gray, and Golubchik, with an awardee to be announced in April. Members of the WiSE-community should send letters of nomination to wiseproq@usc.edu. All members of the university community are eligible to be nominated.

WiSE Undergraduate Research Experience - Student Researchers

Applications Due: April 1

Upperclassmen with an established working relationship with a faculty mentor may submit a research project proposal. If awarded, the student will commit to participating in WiSE programming efforts throughout the academic year, while also receiving more substantial funding to conduct research based on the submitted project proposal. WiSE Researchers will be expected to conduct most of their research efforts during the summer, but other arrangements are possible. The mentors of WiSE Researchers will continue to receive a small grant to support expenses related to their students' work. The goal of this program is to provide undergraduates with first-hand experience in laboratory based research. It is hoped that through the experience of first-hand research at the undergraduate level, the chances will increase that students will choose to pursue a graduate degree in science or engineering. WiSE Researchers will receive a \$3,000 grant the semester in which they conduct their research, \$500 during each of the Fall and Spring Semesters for participation in the WiSE Research Programming Series, and \$500 in advisor support.

Merit Fellowships for Current Doctoral Students

Due Tuesday, April 8

The Merit Fellowship for Current Doctoral Students is offered to current Ph.D. students at USC who demonstrate exceptional work in their field. Two candidates will be chosen from the USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences and two from the Viterbi School of Engineering. Candidates are nominated by the faculty. Each one-year WiSE Fellowship carries a stipend of \$5,000. To be eligible for the Merit Fellowships students must plan to be enrolled full-time for both the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters, be in at least their fourth year of study or passed their qualifying exams, and be funded by a 50%-time research assistantship, teaching assistantship, or fellowship during that period. Expected date of graduation should not be earlier than the Spring semester.

Congratulations

...to WiSE PhD Student, Sumita Barahmand, on receiving one of [39 Google Global Ph.D. Fellowships](#) for her work in cloud computing.

Articles of Interest

[Negotiating While Female: Sometimes It Does Hurt to Ask](#)

[Women should embrace the B's in college to make more later](#)

[A Pressing Need for Gender Balance in AGU Honors Nominations](#)

Additional Opportunities of Interest

CONFERENCE: Early registration for the inaugural [**IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Conference \(WIE-ILC\)**](#) to be held in

San Francisco May 1-3, 2014 ends April 2.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: With great pride USC TRiO, Educational Talent Search in partnership with the fashion and lifestyle brand MAXWELL Ave, will host its **5th annual Women's Empowerment Conference** on Saturday, March 29th, 2014 at USC. We're inviting 100 girls from our participating schools (Downtown, Central & South Los Angeles). The enduring and long lasting mission of this annual conference is to EMPOWER, ENCOURAGE, and PROMOTE education, positive self-esteem, a healthy lifestyle/self-image, and a strong self-awareness through thought provoking workshops. We are bringing together a professional women only panel. We want to expose strong, successful, goal oriented, and positive role models to our girls. This is a perfect opportunity to not only give back to our local community but to possibly serve as a catalyst for change. We are looking for women in their mid 20's to late 30's in following professional fields: STEM, Non-profit sector, Government, and Sports. If you're interested in volunteering a few hours of your time on Saturday, March 29th, 2014, please Contact Alexa Velasco at (213) 821-2810 or velasco1@usc.edu by March 21st, for further details.

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