

Mission Statement

AWIS is a national organization dedicated to achieving equity and full participation of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The AWIS-San Diego chapter was established in the mid-1980s and currently has over 170 active members. It is one of the largest and most active chapters in the country. Our diverse membership includes students, post-docs, professors, entry-level interns and CEOs, patent attorneys as well as business entrepreneurs. Our members contribute to many sectors from academia and government to business and industry. Areas of participation and employment of our members include research, teaching, administration, patent law, scientific writing, and consulting.

AWIS-San Diego is committed to supporting the advancement of women in science and science-related fields by providing opportunities to participate in professional networking, mentoring and leadership activities.

Programs

- The **biennial Women in Science and Technology (WIST) Conference 2025** brings together members of the scientific community for a daylong workshop to advance professional skills.
- **Our scholarship program has awarded approximately \$40,000 in five years** to local young women in support of their scientific education and training.
- **Monthly Strategy Sessions, seminars, and social events** provide multiple forums for personal and **professional development and networking**.
- **Mentoring programs and outreach activities at the K-12 level** provide a way for members to serve the community and inspire the next generation.
- AWIS-SD committees offer members **volunteer and leadership opportunities** for further professional development.
- For a full **schedule of events**, please visit www.awissd.org.

***Funding from corporate sponsors is vital to support our mission.
Join us in making a difference for
Women in our STEM community.***

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We offer great benefits for your company and employees in exchange for website presence, Ads, job postings and employee discounts (WIST), to name a few.

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AWIS-San Diego Sponsorship Benefits

| | WIST Sponsor (< 500) | WIST Sponsor (\$500+) | Bronze (\$1,000+) | Silver (\$3,000+) | Gold (\$5,000+) | Platinum (\$10,000+) |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Recognition at newsletter footer, and WIST website | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Logo on Website with Company Link | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Up to 10 job postings on AWIS-SD job board and emailed to mailing list | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| AWIS Newsletter advertising | | | ✓1/2 page | ✓1/2 page | ✓full page | ✓full page |
| AWIS Website advertising | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Promotional speaking prior to Event (Open house, NY event, Awards event, Happy hours, WIST, etc) | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Promotional Access @Open House | | | | Table for promotion | Table for promotion | Table for promotion |
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WIST Conference Benefits (2025)

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| WIST Program Advertising | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Speaking Opportunity | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Panel Opportunity | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| WIST 2025 Registration Fee Waived | | | 1 Company employee | 1 Company employee | 2 Company employees | 3 Company employees |
| Promotional Access @ WIST | | | table for promotion | table for promotion | 1 admission/ table for promotion | 2 admissions/ table for promotion |
| WIST Sponsor | | | | Ad inside back program page | Sponsor Breakfast Ad inside back program page | Welcome Remarks by Company Rep + Ad inside back program page |

AWIS Shooting Star Chapter

AWIS-San Diego has been recognized by AWIS National as a **2024 Star Chapter** and received a **2024 Shooting Star Award for Promoting the Pipeline of Women in STEM**. AWIS-San Diego has established a thriving community a thriving community dedicated to supporting all women and girls to, through, and beyond their STEM careers.

We offer programs designed to educate, support, and elevate women no matter where they are in their journey. Through this collective support, we help each other achieve their professional goals and create lasting impact in their fields and in the community.

WIST 2025 Conference (October 18th, 2025)

The **Women in Science and Technology (WIST) Conference** is a one-day symposium organized by the San Diego Chapter of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS-SD). This event is designed to foster both professional and personal growth for all attendees across diverse fields, career stages, and sectors.

The theme for WIST 2025 is:

“Thriving in STEM: From Wellness to Leadership”.

The agenda will include a diverse range of seminars, round-table discussions, panel sessions and workshops covering topics, such as:

Wellness Strategies: Approaches to managing stress and burnout, developing work-life stability, and prioritizing mental health for women in STEM.

Career Development: Practical insights on navigating career paths, networking, and seeking out leadership opportunities.

Leadership Skills: Strategies for stepping into leadership roles, overcoming obstacles, and mentoring others.

Industry Insights: A comprehensive view and an opportunity to learn from leaders about different disciplines and roles in Pharma/Biotech to aid PhDs and post-PhDs choosing their career paths.

Personal Branding: Guidance on building and nurturing a personal brand to enhance career success and gain leadership recognition.

Building Connections: The importance of peer networking to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and create lasting relationships.

By supporting AWIS-SD, you can gain recognition through our network, inspire audiences with your contributions, gain access to AWIS-SD's large network of diverse professionals in STEM, and be a part of the journey of our future STEM leaders.



On behalf of the Sponsorship WIST 2025 and Corporate Sponsorship Committee, AWIS-SD

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