

*The purpose of the Women in Science Project (WISP) is to improve the learning and working environment and to attract, encourage, and advance more women at all levels in science and mathematics.*

## and now, a message from our sponsor...

Welcome to the first issue of the WISP Wire! It will be issued twice a year, at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Its intent is to provide information of interest to women science students. Feel free to contact me about any of the items you see here, or with ideas about how to help make your experience at IU the best it can be. You can stop by my office at Memorial Hall East 120 or send me e-mail at [lkwilson@indiana.edu](mailto:lkwilson@indiana.edu). I hope you will take advantage of WISP's programs and activities—they're for you!

—Lynn Wilson  
WISP Coordinator

## WISP Bulletin Board

### **CIC/WISE Travel Grants**

Supported by the NSF, funds are competitively available to assist with travel to present papers or posters at professional meetings. Applications are available now from the WISP office or from its Web site ([www.indiana.edu/~owa/womsci.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~owa/womsci.html)). Combined with matching funds from supporting departments, the travel grant awards total \$500. IU women have done well—we have had 20 winners to date. Remember to apply by March 1.

### **Women in Science Research Day**

Women from across science and mathematics fields display their research through poster presentations. Brief oral presentations by IU travel grant winners are part of this annual one-day event held Wednesday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Frangiapanni Room of the IMU. Applications are available now from the WISP office or in your departments. Participation is a good vita addition. Return your registration form to the WISP office no later than February 19.

### **Peer Mentoring Program**

Mentoring has been identified as a significant factor for success. If you are a first- or second-year student, you may apply to be matched with an upperclass or graduate student mentor. You also need to apply if you are interested in mentoring a young scientist. Applications are available now in the WISP office or on the WISP Web site. You may apply by e-mail, too. The only requirement is that you commit to connecting with your mentor or mentee several times during the spring semester. You can do that at WISP events, find other common interests and share those, or talk over e-mail. Apply now for a life-enhancing experience.

### **WISP Women**

Each month WISP will sponsor a gathering for women. There may be programs or discussion topics, but most of all, it is a time to get together, get out of the lab, and get acquainted with other women scientists on campus. This is also a good time for mentors and mentees to get together. Come have some food and fun!

### **Distinguished Visiting Scholars**

Noted female scientists are brought to IU to visit for a week with students and faculty through lectures, seminars, discussions, and social gatherings. Two scholars remain to visit this spring: Karen Uhlenbeck, a mathematician from the University of Texas, and Priscilla Clarkson, of the University of Massachusetts, who specializes in exercise science. Watch for more detailed information in March.

## Student Advisory Committee

A volunteer group of women meet several times during each semester to discuss, plan, and implement programs and activities for WISP. Feel free to contact any of them about WISP.

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## Spring Calendar

Feb. 1 . . . . . Travel Grant applications available  
Feb. 10 . . . . . Bloomington chapter AWIS meeting  
Feb. 17 . . . . . WSA/WISP Women in Science Program  
Feb. 12 . . . . . WISP Women  
Feb. 19 . . . . . Research Day registration due  
March 1 . . . . . Travel Grant applications due  
March 3 . . . . . Women in Science Research Day  
March 9 . . . . . WISP Women  
March 22-26 . . . . . Priscilla Clarkson on campus  
March 29-April 2 . . . . . Karen Uhlenbeck on campus  
April 2 . . . . . Travel Grant awards announced  
April 14 . . . . . WISP Women  
April 22 . . . . . National “Take Your Daughters  
to Work” Day Activity

## WISP Library

There is a small library of science-related books in the WISP office (Memorial Hall East 120). They are available for use by women scientists either in the office or to check out. There are also some files with internship, scholarship, and funding information available. The library and files are always expanding—come by and see for yourself!

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