

National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP)

Advancing the Agenda in Gender Equity for
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

<http://www.ngcproject.org/>

There are many projects devoted to increasing the number of girls interested in STEM across the country, and the premise of the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) is that these programs could be more effective if they worked together. Often, individuals working on one “girls in STEM” project are unaware of similar projects nearby. The goal of the NGCP is to facilitate collaboration among projects so that they can share resources, work together, and learn from one another.

Program Directory

<http://www.ngcproject.org/directory/>

A central feature of the National Girls Collaborative Project is the creation of a Program Directory which lists organizations and programs that focus on motivating girls to pursue careers in STEM. The purpose of this directory is to help organizations and individuals network, share resources, and collaborate on STEM-related projects for girls. The directory contains program descriptions, resources available within each organization, program and/or organization needs, and contact information. The directory can be searched by Program Name, Organization, City, State, and/or Program Focus. All organizations offering programs in the STEM area are encouraged to **register their program** in the NGCP Program Directory. The more programs listed the more powerful the resource.

Mini-grants

<http://www.ngcproject.org/mini-grant/>

Another key feature of the NGCP is the mini-grant program. The \$1000 mini-grants are designed to build collaboration between existing programs and organizations. For example, if one organization has meeting space with computers available, and another organization has mentors and girls available, the two organizations can apply for a mini-grant to help pay for the costs of their joint event.

To be eligible for a mini-grant:

- At least two programs from different organizations must collaborate on the mini-grant project, and
- All programs/organizations collaborating on the mini-grant must be registered in the Program Directory.

The mini-grant schedule varies by collaborative. An application, current schedule, and a list of previously funded partnerships are available on the NGCP website

.AAUW Regional Liaisons

<http://www.aauw.org/education/ngcp/#Liaisons>

There are currently fourteen regional collaboratives in the United States. As a partner in the National Science Foundation grant supporting the NGCP, AAUW has recruited members as Regional Liaisons to work with each collaborative. These Regional Liaisons help the people involved in the NGCP to make connections – to one another, to resources on gender equity, and to AAUW.