



COMMITMENT TO WOMEN IN STEM

AAUW is cultivating the next generation of women STEM practitioners and leaders through targeted educational funding opportunities in STEM. As one of the world's largest sources of funding exclusively for graduate women, AAUW provides almost \$4 million in fellowships and grants to approximately 250 outstanding women scholars and community-based organizations annually.

Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW donors, an inclusive pool of qualified and deserving women continue to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowships and grants recipients are scholars and emerging professionals who perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their institutions, industries, and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational, economic, and social barriers facing women worldwide.

THE STEM AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

AAUW and our partners share the mission to increase the number of women pursuing degrees in STEM. AAUW alumnae fellows and grantees -- accomplished women role models with vast experiences and backgrounds in STEM -- can inspire girls and young women by engaging with community groups to help them envision their futures in STEM.

The STEM Ambassador Program will meet partners' goal of community engagement through Ambassadors' participation in community events to provide inspiration and information on STEM careers.

AAUW will invite alumnae to participate in the Ambassador program. Those interested will be asked to design an outreach plan that will be reviewed and approved by AAUW staff. Activities could include, but not be limited to:

- Holding speaking engagements with local audiences
- Authoring articles and hosting interviews for [AAUW's story bank](#)
- Utilizing storytelling to further promote AAUW's educational funding opportunities to advance young women in STEM

- Reporting to AAUW on events for additional promotion of the fellow's/grantee's work
- Contacting local AAUW members and branches for possible partnership in event planning and assistance in participant recruitment
- Researching and identifying further opportunities for community engagement

Each Ambassador will submit to AAUW reports outlining work progress and accomplishments, including an expense report and possible follow-up engagement opportunities with participants, when appropriate. Participants will complete evaluations to gauge program impact, and AAUW will share results with partners.

IMPACT AND AUDIENCE

The STEM outreach program will launch in our pilot partner's priority geographic locations. During the past academic year, AAUW has been providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations. Additional research on our alumnae base in each geographic area will determine the scope of further engagement.

This program will help partners meet their goal of community engagement through community events to provide information on STEM careers.

Ambassadors will be responsible for identifying the appropriate audiences in specific communities in the partners' priority geographic locations. These audiences may be found through school groups, local nonprofits focused on women and girls, or other community-based resources, depending on the location. Size and scope of events will vary by community.

LEARN MORE ABOUT AAUW'S FELLOWS AND GRANTEES

Following the Fellows blog

<https://www.aauw.org/tag/following-the-fellows/>

STEM examples:

Unoma Okorafor: <https://www.aauw.org/2016/10/04/seeking-success-for-girls-in-stem/>

Caroline Solomon: <https://www.aauw.org/2016/04/20/caroline-solomon/>

Ayana Johnson: <https://www.aauw.org/2016/03/25/bias-in-marine-biology/>

Keita Wangari: <https://www.aauw.org/2015/11/04/google-employee-tips/>



JOIN US!

Together, we can work to ensure that more girls and women can enter STEM careers with the education, training and leadership skills they need to be successful.

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