


ACM 2025-2026 Student Chapter Excellence Awards Application

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Award Category: Outstanding Website

Chapter Name (Please submit only one application per chapter. If multiple applications are received, all but one will be removed at random.)

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University of Florida ACM-W Student Chapter (118950) 

City: *

Gainesville

State/Province:

Florida

Country: *

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United States of America 

Outstanding Website: Chapter Contact Information

Please provide all required information

URL for your Chapter homepage (for example, <https://www.acm.org>): *

Please ensure your chapter logo abides by ACM's Chapter Logo Policy (<https://www.acm.org/chapters/chapter-policies>).

<https://ufwicse.com/>

Social Media Page:

[@uf.wicse](#) on Instagram

Who is submitting this application? (Must be an officer listed on the Chapter Admin Interface or * the submission will be disqualified)

Enter Submitter's name

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Faculty Sponsor Name: *

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Outstanding Website: Chapter Achievements

Provide brief descriptions as requested, and stay within the character limit for each

Please provide a brief description of your chapter and school (1500 character maximum) *

Women in Computer Science and Engineering (WiCSE) is the official ACM-W chapter at the University of Florida. We are a large and inclusive community dedicated to empowering women and gender minorities in technology while remaining open to all students. With 500+ active members and strong retention, WiCSE focuses on career development, community building, and outreach across campus and the greater Gainesville area.

Our chapter provides meaningful pathways for both professional and personal growth. Signature initiatives include our "Bytes and Brunch" career fair connecting 200 students with industry recruiters, Design Teams that foster hands-on project experience, and mentorship programs pairing students with peers and corporate professionals. Members also gain real-world exposure through shadowing opportunities with companies like American Express and Northrop Grumman, and many have secured internships and full-time roles through WiCSE programs.

Beyond career advancement, WiCSE emphasizes community and leadership. With a 24-member executive board and numerous committee and mentorship roles, students actively shape the organization while developing leadership skills. Outreach efforts extend our impact to K-12 students through coding education and community service, reinforcing our commitment to accessibility in tech.

Aligned with UF's mission to develop well-rounded leaders, WiCSE cultivates an environment where members build technical confidence, meaningful connections, and lasting impact.

Outstanding Chapter Website Essay Guidelines (4000 character maximum) *

Tell us about the design and content of your website and any noteworthy features. Also, tell us how you created it and what you do to keep it up to date. Don't forget to provide the URL so the judges can check it out. Please be sure to use your chapter's official name - do not refer to your chapter as 'ACM,' 'ACM-W' or 'WICS.' Please note, links to essays will not be accepted and will disqualify your chapter.

The Women in Computer Science and Engineering (WiCSE) website (<https://ufwicse.com>) serves as a centralized, user-friendly hub for members, prospective students, and industry partners, designed to support WiCSE's mission of fostering community, professional development, and outreach in technology. The site is structured with intuitive navigation and clearly defined sections to ensure information is both accessible and engaging. The Home page introduces the organization's mission, sponsors, and events, supported by a streamlined navigation bar and integrated Instagram feed that keeps content dynamic. The Events page features a calendar-style layout with visuals that encourage participation, while dedicated "Get Involved" pages for students and companies outline opportunities such as mentorship, shadowing, and sponsorship, making it easy for users to take action.

Additional pages highlight WiCSE's community and impact. The About page showcases executive board, committee, and design team members, including newly added historical records of past leadership to improve transparency and preserve organizational history. The Programs and Resources section provides detailed information on initiatives such as Design Teams, corporate and internal mentorship, and outreach programs, while the Awards page highlights the chapter's achievements. A standout feature of the website is WiCSEpedia, an interactive, student-driven database of interview experiences that allows users to filter by company, submit and edit entries, provide feedback, and optionally remain anonymous. This feature has become a valuable tool for members preparing for technical recruiting.

The website emphasizes accessibility, performance, and modern design. It is fully mobile-responsive across all pages, incorporates improved navigation and content hierarchy, and utilizes image compression and layout optimization to reduce load times. Enhancements such as expanded historical content, improved aesthetics, and consistent branding create a more engaging and polished user experience. The site was developed using Angular for the frontend and Firebase for backend services, with Git supporting version control and collaboration. Development follows an iterative, Agile workflow, allowing continuous improvements based on feedback from members and sponsors.

The WiCSE website is actively maintained through frequent updates to events, leadership pages, sponsorship materials, and program information. WiCSEpedia continues to grow with new company entries, added features such as editable submissions, feedback forms, and user profiles, and backend improvements to support graduating members. Ongoing updates to accessibility standards, mobile optimization, and performance ensure the website remains efficient, inclusive, and aligned with the evolving needs of the WiCSE community.

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