



CBE Women

Cornell's Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Graduate Women's Group (CBE Women) develops and hosts programming focused on encouraging women to enter and remain in STEM fields and to thrive professionally. We are a major organizer of outreach and professional development for chemical engineering graduate students and postdocs. While our programs are focused on issues particularly important to women, they are open to all.

Our Mission

- To find solutions to issues pertinent to female members of the CBE department.
- To provide leadership, networking, and personal growth opportunities to all students and postdocs in chemical engineering through targeted professional development events.
- To encourage younger female students to consider STEM fields, with an emphasis on the merits of chemical and biomolecular engineering.

Our Activities

CBE Women organizes a wide variety of both professional development and social activities throughout the year, ranging from salary negotiation workshops to our annual dessert social. Our events are driven by the interests of the group members and we are always willing to incorporate new ideas and interests!

Outreach Event

Our annual outreach event, the WOMEN Event, brings female high school students and their parents from rural areas around Cornell to experience what scientists and engineers do through hands-on experiments and encourages them to consider majoring in a STEM field. Our involvement in outreach activities creates leadership opportunities for our graduate students who develop and direct the events, and allows CBE students to practice explaining science to diverse audiences.

Seminar Series

Several times a year, we invite female alumnae working in industry and high-profile research academics to visit and give a seminar. This presents an excellent opportunity to learn about possible career paths and to extend our professional network beyond Cornell. The seminar speakers interact with students throughout the day, offering insights on their experiences in academia and industry.



Travel Opportunities

Recently, an alumna donated funds to sponsor professional development of graduate women. With this gift, we announced the Lisa Walker Travel Award, aimed at encouraging members of CBE Women to access special opportunities for collaborative work and new research directions. Specifically, this program provides support to kick start new research collaborations or to attend specific conferences key to the scholarly development of the awardee.

Help us Expand our Reach

Interested in helping us expand our program and commitment to outreach, diversity and inclusion? Not only would your support address the pressing issue of encouraging women in STEM, it would help develop the next generation of female engineers.



For more up-to-date information about our group, please visit our website at: www.cbegwg.cbe.cornell.edu.