The WIB Entrepreneur Center recently honored five female finalists in the WIB/RESI Pitch Challenge. Did you know that women of color are launching the most startups in the United States? (The article located here provides some exciting supporting statistics.) Check out these 14 female entrepreneurs that say being 'different' helped them find their niche and be more successful.

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Calling All Female Founders!

Join us by participating in WIB’s Founders Forums, a program for first time and serial female founders/CEO’s of startup life science companies with IP and/or a business entity, including those seeking (dilutive and non-dilutive) funding. Click here for more information.

Illumina Accelerator SF Bay Area & Cambridge, UK

Apply by August 1, 2020

We are delighted to announce Illumina Accelerator is accepting applications for its next global funding cycle in the San Francisco Bay Area and Cambridge, UK. For more information, click here.

Women In Bio’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

We at Women In Bio are united to help eradicate inequality, racism, and bias from STEM to the boardroom! We plan on creating an intentional pathway of awareness that will serve as a springboard for meaningful engagement. Click here for more information.

WIB-National Seeks Communications Committee Volunteers

The WIB-National Communications Committee is seeking volunteers. They should be passionate about advancing careers of women and have an interest in promoting WIB’s initiatives, programs, and related news to members and the public. For more information on opportunities to volunteer with WIB, click here.
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EWIB is excited to announce the 21 outstanding women joining the 2020 Boardroom Ready program. Over the last five years, Boardroom Ready has established itself as a foundational resource for executive women interested in serving on corporate boards.

Join Young Women In Bio (YWIB) today, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT for a virtual fair featuring interactive exhibits of public and private sector STEAM programs. Click here for more information or to register.

Stay tuned to learn about YWIB Ambassador Program updates throughout the year and be sure to check out YWIB Online if you haven't yet.
WIB’s virtual mentoring program, vMAPS, launched its first cohort this week. WIB Volunteer Leaders Katie Williams and Aditi Lyer connected the dots for WIB mentors and WIB mentees around North America! The program’s original premise was to connect WIB members who do not live in or near a WIB chapter city, but with COVID, the initiative brought women from chapter cities as well.

To find out more about the program, please contact Katie and Aditi at MAPS@womeninbio.org.

WOMEN IN BIO WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

Have a Speaker or Topic Idea?

Please share your ideas for an upcoming event topic, an idea for an event, or recommend a speaker by filling out the form located here. WIB will share your ideas with National & Chapter leaders to determine future events.

WIB Wants to Hear Your Success Story

Have a success story from your time with WIB? Were you able to land your dream job through networking at a WIB event? Were you able to earn a promotion thanks to guidance from a WIB presentation or WIB Mentorship? Tell us about the connections WIB has helped you make! We would love to hear from you and share your WIB story of success! We are also looking for brief quotes from members willing to share their testimonials.

Email communications@womeninbio.org.
RESOURCES

Be sure to check out our latest news area for COVID-19 resources, including wellness tips, family resources, work-related resources, WIB member insights, and more!

WIB SmartBrief is a weekly e-mail newsletter with important and timely news about women in all areas of the life sciences. Learn more and sign up here!

Designate Women In Bio as the recipient and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to WIB at no cost to you.
The **WIB Career Center** is a member benefit that connects talent with opportunity and is a resource for job seekers and employers alike.

Miss a WIB webinar? Members can access webinar recordings in the video library. Log into your WIB account to take advantage of [this great resource](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4203790)!

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**Upcoming Events**

- WIB-Chicago: [Diversity and Inclusion: A Journey for One and All](#), July 23, 2020
- WIB-Metro New York: [Young Women In Bio - Stories of Life Sciences Entrepreneurship & Careers](#), July 23, 2020
- WIB-Pittsburgh: [Powering Your Virtual Job Search](#), July 29, 2020
- WIB-Chicago: [Young Women In Bio Virtual Book Club](#), July 29, 2020
- WIB-Southern California: [Townhall w/ Susie Harborth, Mission BioCapital & Sabrina Johnson, DARE Bioscience](#), July 29, 2020
- WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: [Working Through Adversity, Antibody Discovery, and the Pandemic](#), July 30, 2020
- WIB-National: [EWIB Presents: Diversity and Inclusion - What Is Different in 2020?](#), August 5, 2020
- WIB-Texas: [T.A.C.O Tuesday – Career Transitions Edition](#), August 11, 2020
- WIB-Southern California: [YWIB - Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry - Part 3: Fashion and Phage!](#), August 12, 2020
- WIB-Philadelphia Metro: [Confidence, Presence, and Influence on Video](#), August 13, 2020
• WIB-Atlanta: MAPS Webinar: Building Self-Confidence and Handling Imposter Syndrome, August 24, 2020
• WIB-Seattle: Virtual Summer Networking, August 26, 2020
• WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: Pioneering Women in Personalized Medicine, September 14, 2020

WIB-Atlanta is located in a regional hub for the hospital technology and medical device industries and is the home of a burgeoning biotech industry that some have likened to a potential “Silicon Valley” of Biotechnology.

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WIB-Capital Region encompasses a large section of Maryland from Bethesda to Frederick, and includes DC, Northern Virginia, and the greater Baltimore area.

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Call for Applications for the WIB-Capital Region Rising Star Award

We invite you to consider applying for the WIB Capital Region Rising Star Award Program which recognizes outstanding life sciences women in the early to mid-stage of their career who have made significant contributions within the Capital Region. The award will be presented during the annual HERstory Gala, to be held this December, with the recipient receiving a complimentary ticket among many other benefits. For more details, please visit this page and direct any questions to capitalregion@womeninbio.org.

Volunteer Opportunities with the WIB-Capital Region Chapter

Are you looking to get involved in WIB-Capital Region? Volunteering for WIB is an excellent way to gain leadership experience, give back, support our fellow WIB members, and reach out to the community. There are many opportunities at different levels of involvement across all of our
committees including Programs, Membership, Communications, Sponsorship, MAPS, Young Women In Bio. Fill out [this brief survey here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4203790) to get started.

**WIB-Capital Region Twitter and LinkedIn pages**

Stay up-to-date with all the events at WIB-Capital Region by following us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com).

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**WIB-Chicago** is committed to creating opportunities and careers for women in the life science industry and encourages women in our state to translate novel discoveries into products.

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**WIB-Greater Boston**, located in the world’s leading biotechnology supercluster, welcomes women working in the life sciences to events created to support professional development, leadership, and mentoring.

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**WIB-Greater Montreal**, located in a biotech and life sciences hub, brings together professionals from across Quebec with bio-related interests.

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WIB-Greater Montreal Leadership Recognition

Kendall Dutchak is leaving her position as Vice Chair of Montreal MAPS. Thank you, Kendall, for your work! We wish you success in your future endeavors.

Greater Montreal welcomes Esther del Cid onto our Sponsorship team! She is a new volunteer for our committee, and we are eager to work with her to increase the presence of WIB in Montreal.


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The WIB-Philadelphia Metro chapter is an organization of professionals actively committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship of women in the life sciences in Philadelphia’s tri-state area.

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WIB-Pittsburgh supports and recognizes women leaders in the Life sciences industries and institutions in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, and West Virginia.

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WIB-Pittsburgh: Member Spotlight on Stephanie Puig, Co-Chair, Communications Committee, WIB-Pittsburgh

Career position: Research Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh
Education: Ph.D. Neuroscience University of Paris Descartes, France

Other training: Two years Post-doc the University of Texas MDACC, Three years Post-doc at the University of Pittsburgh.

Fun facts: I speak three languages; I have two citizenships (maybe three soon?). My multicultural background helps me to easily blend with other cultures/environments, which I love to learn from! Otherwise, I love to dance, bike, hike, ride horses, and read!

Click here for full spotlight.

WIB-Pittsburgh: Virtual MAPS (Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship), May 14, 2020, Event Recap

WIB-Pittsburgh kicked off its first virtual MAPS (Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship) -vMAPS- sessions on May 14, 2020. These sessions involved one introduction meeting where the 15 WIB-Pittsburgh members, who signed up for the program, met virtually, formed subgroups, and selected a topic for their vMAPS discussions.

Click here for the full recap.

WIB-Pittsburgh: Get to Know Krystal Biotech – A Pittsburgh Based Gene Therapy Company, June 24, 2020, Event Recap

During the virtual webinar on June 24, Dr. Pooja Agarwal, the SVP of product development at Krystal Biotech, Inc shared about her career path with WIB members.

Click here for the full recap.
YWIB-RTP: Operation Outbreak! A Virtual Webinar on Virus Biology for High School Students, April 28, 2020, Event Recap

On April 28, 2020, Young Women In Bio-RTP hosted a virtual event entitled, “YWIB-RTP: Operation Outbreak! A Virtual Webinar on Virus Biology for High School Students.” The webinar featured two speakers from the Duke University Health System, Dr. Stephanie Langel, and Dr. Julie Steinbrink. Click here for the full recap.

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area is located in the birthplace of Biotech, providing education, mentoring, and professional development assistance to women in the life sciences industry. Connect with our leadership! SanFrancisco@WomenInBio.org

WIB-Seattle encompasses Seattle, Bellevue, Bothell, and the other cities located in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. Connect with our leadership! Seattle@WomenInBio.org

WIB-Southern California offers programs in San Diego, Irvine, and in Los Angeles. We also offer virtual support for women living and working nearby. Connect with our leadership! SouthernCalifornia@womeninbio.org

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**WIB-Southern California Volunteer Leadership Recognition**

Southern California welcomes Karen Overklift to the YWIB team! She is coming on board as a Committee Associate and will help with all the fantastic programming for middle school and high school girls that is coming out of the Southern California chapter.

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**WIB-Southern California: Virtual Sip & Paint Night, June 30, 2020, Event Recap**

On June 30, 2020, the WIB-Southern California chapter held “Virtual Sip & Paint Night” and invited members across the nation from our sister chapters.

Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4203790) for the full recap.

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**WIB-Texas Volunteer Leadership Recognition**

Texas has several new additions to our leadership team! We are pleased to welcome the new Communications Chair, Oumou Diallo; the new EWIB Co-Chair, Elena Stavenschi Toth; and the new YWIB Co-Vice Chair, Kelly Feng. We are thrilled to have these ladies in place to help Texas continue to rebuild their chapter!

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