2020 is the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in the United States, thanks to all the female trailblazers who led the way. We at Women In Bio would like to help connect you with resources to participate.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, many states have updated laws regarding mail-in and absentee ballots. We encourage you to follow this link of voter registration deadlines, which includes information regarding voting in person, by mail, or online where available.
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](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4216973) for more information.

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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](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4216973) for more information.

MAPS Groups are local informal meetings of six to ten women who have an interest in discussing topics of common professional and personal interest. Topics range from career planning, work/life balance to raising capital.

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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](mailto:MAPS@womeninbio.org).
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Check out our latest YWIB Online modules:

- WIB-Southern California: Young Women In Bio - Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry - Part 1: DNA on Display!
- WIB-Southern California: YWIB - Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry - Part 2: It's In The Genes
Looking for a Way to Support WIB and Share Your Interest With Your Facebook Friends?

Consider setting up a Facebook fundraiser where your friends can donate to WIB in your honor. It takes less than five minutes to set up and is a great idea for your next birthday for when friends and family ask what they can get you!

Click here for more information on how to post a WIB fundraiser on Facebook.

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 check out the our [latest news area](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4216973) 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!](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4216973)

Designate Women In Bio as the [recipient](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4216973) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to WIB at no cost to you.

The [WIB Career Center](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4216973) 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!

CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

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Upcoming Events

- 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-RTP: Advocating and Allying for Women of Color in the Workforce, August 24, 2020
- WIB-Pittsburgh: Mindfulness: Much More Than Just an App, August 26, 2020
- WIB-Seattle: Virtual Summer Networking, August 26, 2020
- WIB-Southern California: Launch of Life Science and Biotech Micro-Communities, August 30, 2020
- WIB-Chicago: Start-up Challenge 6.0, September 10, 2020
• WIB-Texas: Good Communication Opens All Doors, September 24, 2020

WIB-Atlanta is located in 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.

Connect with our leadership! Atlanta@womeninbio.org

WIB-Atlanta Leadership Recognition

Atlanta is saying goodbye to three volunteers. Thank you, Shiraz Haron-Khan and Courtney Portik for your work with YWIB and Kristen Boscan and Jiahui Zhang for your work on the Programming Committee. We wish you well in your future endeavors!

Atlanta welcomes Gayathri Srinivasan to their leadership committee as their new MAPS Vice Chair. We are excited to have her help as we mentor the women in Atlanta!

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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WIB-Capital Region - HERStory Gala 2020 - Save the Date!

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=4216973) 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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**CHICAGO**

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: Career Management During a Crisis – Is COVID-19 a Different Kind of Crisis?, June 17, 2020, Event Recap

On June 17, Women In Bio hosted a well-rounded panel discussion on job hunting during a crisis. We touched upon the global effects of COVID-19 on human resource strategies of healthcare companies. Click here for the full recap.

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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**WIB-Metro New York Leadership Recognition**

Agata Magalinskya is going the Metro New York YWIB team as their new Vice Chair. She has already been hard at work leading a very successful virtual program at the end of July. Welcome, Agata! We are excited to have you join our YWIB team!

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Young Women In Bio-Metro New York and Alexandria LaunchLabs held an informative, energizing mid-summer ZOOM meeting on July 23, 2020, with ~40 high school young women on life sciences entrepreneurship. Hats off to organizer Agata Magalinskaya, a director at Alexandria and vice-chair of YWIB-Metro New York for brilliant moderating.

Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4216973) for the full recap.

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**WIB-Philadelphia Metro Leadership Recognition**

Philadelphia has a whole new YWIB team! Hettie Stroebel will be leading the committee as Chair. She will be assisted by Co-Vice Chairs Cristina Uribe and Samantha Nemeth. We are thrilled to have such a fantastic team bringing programming to the young women of Philadelphia.

Sherry Chen is stepping down as Philadelphia’s Communications Chair. She has done an amazing job of keeping everyone up to date and informed about all the events this year. We wish her well in all her future endeavors!

Philadelphia’s Communication team will now be headed by Yesim Mercan, who is stepping up from the Vice Chair position. Congratulations, Yesim! Yesim will be joined by Nneka Okere, who is taking on the Vice Chair role. Welcome to the team, Nneka!
WIB-Pittsburgh: P.O.W.E.R 2020 - Save the Date!

Join Women In Bio-Pittsburgh for our seventh annual P.O.W.E.R. event. This year’s virtual gathering features P.O.W.E.R.ful women within Pittsburgh’s entrepreneurial ecosystem, with a side of speed networking to meet major members of the life science scene.

Mara McFadden  Jessica Gibson  Lisa Beers  Sarah Palya  Amy O'Sullivan

WIB-Pittsburgh Leadership Recognition

Meghan Sullivan is joining the Pittsburgh MAPS Committee as their Vice Chair. We welcome her and can't wait to see how she grows the mentorship program in Pittsburgh!
YWIB-RTP: What Happens in Clinical Trials & Why Technology Is Needed to Help Speed up the Process!, May 14, 2020, Event Recap

This virtual webinar was held in collaboration with Datacubed Health for middle and high school girls to learn about clinical trials. Around 35 girls attended this virtual event! 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.

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On May 28, 2020, WIB-San Francisco Bay Area and Illumina Accelerator hosted a virtual panel event that brought together four female founders to discuss how they lead, fundraise, and manage running their companies during the COVID-19 era. Click here for the full recap.

WIB-Seattle encompasses Seattle, Bellevue, Bothell, and the other cities located in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

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WIB-Seattle Leadership Recognition

Sue Koo is joining Seattle as their new Co-Vice Chair of Communications. Welcome, Sue! We can't wait to work with you to help get the word out about WIB-Seattle!
WIB-Southern California offers programs in San Diego, Irvine, and in Los Angeles. We also offer virtual support for women living and working nearby.

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WIB-Southern California: A Word from the Chair - July/August

At the top of my priorities for 2020, is creating new initiatives that provide opportunities to cross pollinate and to network, learn, and build with other WIB members based on interests or specialties. To that end, we have several exciting new initiatives to share...

Click here for the full message from Jennie Starr.

WIB-Southern California: Young Women In Bio – Discovering Drug Development at Ferring Pharmaceuticals, July 28, 2020, Event Recap

Young Women In Bio-Southern California was delighted to partner with Ferring Pharmaceuticals in San Diego to host a program for the summer interns from Scripps Research Institute. Click here for the full recap.

WIB-Southern California: Leadership Spotlight with Sibylle Hauser

How long you have been a WIB member?

I first signed up with WIB-Southern California at B/Io 2014 in San Diego to attend the WIB Pitch Competition. Later, I joined the programming team, which was headed by Julie Fishman at the time. When Jennie Starr was creating the MAPS program here in SOCAL, I volunteered as one of the MAPs Peer Group leaders. The willingness of other members, such as Kristina Manvelian and Annie Kadota, to step up and take leadership roles, was inspiring...

Click here for the full spotlight.
WIB-Southern California Leadership Recognition

Southern California welcomes Kimberly Fowler as the Chair of their new Alliances Committee. We are excited to see this committee get to work in Southern California. Welcome, Kimberly!

WIB-Texas provides a supportive community for professional women in all walks of life to interact and exchange information and ideas.

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WIB-Texas Leadership Recognition

Texas welcomes Elena Stavenschi Toth as our new EWIB Committee Vice Chair. The Texas chapter is growing, and we welcome Elena's support as we begin to engage executive-level women throughout the southwest!

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