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In the Spotlight:

You are invited to WWEST and eng•cite's Community Partners workshop!

Interested community groups are invited to send delegates to the full day Community Partners workshop *Communicating Your Cause: Elevator pitches that rise above the crowd.*

This will take place on Friday, November 6 at UBC Vancouver. Travel subsidies may be available for those from outside the Lower Mainland. For more information or to RSVP, email wwest@sfu.ca by October 30!

If your organization is applying to be a Funding Partner, remember to send in your application by

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October 28! Visit sfu.ca/wwest to learn more about our Partners Program.

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[Oct 19: Registration deadline for IBM and TD Bank Programming Challenge](#)

Join the IBM and TD Bank Programming Challenge and win a trip to the finals to be held in Ottawa, ON at the [Canadian Celebration of Women in Computing Conference \(CAN-CWiC 2016\)](#) which takes place on January 21-23, 2016. The competition is open to all female students attending a Canadian university or college program.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register. Remember to register by Monday, October 19!

Announcements & Articles

[Call for Proposals for WWEST & eng•cite Funding Partners Program!](#)

WWEST is teaming up with eng•cite this year for our Funding Partners program, which supports community organizations promoting outreach, recruitment, and retention for girls and women in STEM. Organizations may apply for a 1 year grant of up to \$5000 for new projects. Visit www.sfu.ca/wwest for more information.

The application form and 1 page abstract will be due by Noon on October 28!

[Report: How advancing women's equality can add to global growth](#)

Researchers at McKinsey Global Institute estimate that if all countries match the rate of improvement in gender quality of the fastest-improving country in their region, as much as \$12 trillion could be added in annual 2025 GDP. [Click here](#) to view a summary of the report.

[Article: Women in the Boardroom: Slow Progress on a Global Basis](#)

Although the proportion of women in the boardroom is increasing, the number of women leading boards is still low globally, according to a survey which found that women hold just 12% of seats worldwide and chair only 4% of boards. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[Article: Being a Woman in STEM is Stressful](#)

Check out [this article](#) explaining why women in STEM may experience a stress response when questioned about their career choice.

Because of their underrepresentation, women in STEM often regularly question their place in these professions. When things feel uncomfortable ... our brains can overinterpret the situation as an imminent

threat. And there's an evolutionary reason for that physical response.

[Article: Gender balance: Women are funded more fairly in social science](#)

Researchers have found that the gender gap in science grant application rate, success rate, and grant size doesn't apply to UK social-science funding. [This article](#) in Nature discusses the significance of these findings.

Reminders

[Oct 17: Go ENG Girl](#)

The Faculty of Applied Sciences at Simon Fraser University invites girls (grades 7 – 10) and their parents/guardians to learn more about the wonderful world of engineering. Please join us for this free event where girls will have fun participating in a hands-on activity while parents learn about the possibility of engineering as a career choice for their daughters. The day will conclude with refreshments and a showcase of the work of current female engineering students. Limited space is available so sign up today!

This event will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 9am to 1:30pm at SFU Burnaby Campus. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Oct 23: BC Economic Forum: Women as a catalyst for growth

The Vancouver Board of Trade will be hosting a forum on women in leadership where attendees will be able to:

- Discuss and commit to your personal plan of action.
- Engage with men, women, government and corporations to commit to advancing women in senior leadership.
- Help to grow the economic impact and outcomes for women in B.C. and contribute to the growth of our provincial economy and beyond.

This event will take place on Friday, October 23 with breakfast starting at 7:45am and programs until 2:00pm. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Oct 29: Workshop on Financial Planning for Careers in STEM

SCWIST is hosting an informative and interactive workshop on financial planning. You will learn how to apply specialized planning strategies for careers in science and tech as well as essential general information.

This event will take place on Thursday, October 29 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at 733 Beatty st, Vancouver. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Nov 3-4: Women's Leadership Forum

The Canadian Institute (CI) is excited to bring their Women's Leadership Forum to Vancouver to showcase exceptional leadership and provide you with the skills you need to thrive in your journey to the top.

- Build your authentic leadership style by embracing and honing your personal strengths
- Experience unparalleled networking, learning and collaboration with leaders from diverse industries and sectors
- Learn to secure workplace recognition and become a sought-after leader with valuable input into management decisions
- Master leadership skills that inspire innovation, drive results and empower future generations of women to put their hands up

This event will take place on Tuesday, November 3 to Wednesday, November 4 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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