

## **The nomination period is now open for the “Mara H. Wasburn Early Engineering Educator Grant” (EEEG) for the 2018 ASEE Conference!**

**Nomination packets are due by March 2, 2018**

The [Women in Engineering Division](#) (WIED) of the [American Society for Engineering Education](#) (ASEE) will award up to two grants to travel to the [2018 ASEE Annual Conference](#) as part of its “Mara H. Wasburn Early Engineering Educator Grant” program. Each grant consists of reimbursement of receipted registration, travel, food, and accommodation expenses up to a maximum of **\$2,000**. Grant recipients are expected to attend the full duration of the conference, including the WIED Business Lunch and Reception, and one WIED-sponsored workshop.

### **EEEG History**

In 2010, the Women in Engineering Division (WIED) of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) initiated the Apprentice Educator Grant (AEG) program to provide a \$2,000 travel grant to the ASEE Annual Conference. In 2011, the award was renamed the Mara H. Wasburn Early Educator Grant (EEEG) in honor of Dr. Wasburn, whose passion for encouraging young female engineering educators was renowned.

Dr. Mara H. Wasburn (22 February 1941 – 27 March 2011) was a professor in the Department of Organizational Leadership and Supervision at Purdue University and her work on mentoring is recognized worldwide. Her mentoring model, Strategic Collaboration, was copyrighted and has been applied to both business and academic environments internationally. She was very active in ASEE, particularly WIED; and in return, we honor her commitment to mentoring and the academic advancement of women in technology and engineering.

The Mara H. Wasburn EEEG is awarded to a woman planning to pursue a career in engineering education, who has a demonstrated commitment to innovation in teaching and/or potential for substantial contributions to the field. Eligible women include: graduate students, post-docs, lecturers, research associates, and also non-tenure track faculty. Tenure-track women faculty who were not more than three years into their first faculty position are also eligible.

Learn more about [past EEEG winners here](#).

### **What are the goals of the program?**

- To recognize and support women at the entry/launch point of their engineering education career who have the potential to contribute to the engineering education community and support WIED’s mission.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Women planning to pursue a career in engineering education, who have a demonstrated commitment to innovation in teaching; and/or potential for substantial contributions to the field; and a demonstrated interest in advancing women in engineering. The nominee does not need to be a member of ASEE.
- Eligible women are graduate students, post-docs, lecturers, and research associates. Tenure-track and non-tenure track women faculty who are not more than three years into their first faculty position are also eligible.

### **How do you apply?**

- Candidates can either be self-nominated or nominated by an advisor, mentor, supervisor, or colleague.
- Nominees should complete a nomination packet as described below and submit to the WIED Director of Awards, **Lily Gossage** at: [LGossage@cpp.edu](mailto:LGossage@cpp.edu). Please use the subject line “2018 EEEG Nomination.” Submission of PDF files is preferred, but Word files will also be accepted.

### What Does the Nomination Packet Include?

1. Nomination Materials (up to 2 pages)
  - Nominee information – name/address/phone/e-mail address
  - Nominator information – name/address/phone/ e-mail address
  - Nominee Education – degree(s), institution(s), major(s), date(s) and thesis/dissertation title(s), if applicable
  - Description of activities related to advancing women and girls in engineering (K-workforce)
  - Awards and honors
  - Teaching and course development activities
  - Other instructional innovations or educational research
  - Research activities/presentations
  - List of refereed publications
  - Signatures of nominee and nominator with dates (signatures may be electronic)
2. Statement of the nominee's teaching philosophy including how they have applied current engineering education research to their teaching (1 page)
3. Statement of the nominee's career goals, and interest related to increasing access, retention and advancement of women in engineering (up to 2 pages)
4. One letter of recommendation from a teaching mentor (up to 2 pages)  
*\*Please note that page limits are strictly enforced*

### How Are Nominations Evaluated?

- Nominees are evaluated on: a) record of achievement, b) current contributions and potential for future contributions to engineering education, and c) demonstrated commitment increasing access, retention and/or advancement of women in engineering.

### Suggestions for EEEG Nominations

Successful nominations will:

- Focus on evidence of commitment to and potential for future contributions to the profession of engineering education in both the nominee's statements and letters of recommendation.
- Give details and examples throughout their teaching philosophy, statement of career goals and letters of recommendation, such as:
  - Descriptions of experiences in engineering education that demonstrate the potential for the nominee's future contributions to the profession. Include specifics that demonstrate interest in advancing women in engineering.
  - Specific teaching strategies, primary objectives, and evidence that teaching development is important (for instance, attending engineering education conferences or trying innovative teaching techniques).
- Provide a letter of recommendation that focuses on the nominee's potential contributions to the engineering education profession and to women in engineering. Letters that characterize qualities of the nominee that directly relate to the grant objectives are particularly useful.

### When Is the Deadline?

- Nomination packets are due **March 2, 2018** to the ASEE WIED Director of Awards. All nominations are acknowledged via email. Winners of the "Mara H. Wasburn Early Engineering Educator Grant" awards are expected to be determined in mid-March prior to the annual conference and each applicant will be notified by email of their status at that time.

<b>Questions?</b> Contact Lily Gossage, Director of Awards, ASEE WIED at: <a href="mailto:LGossage@cpp.edu">LGossage@cpp.edu</a>
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