About WiCyS

The community for supporting women in cybersecurity

Women in CyberSecurity (WiCyS), established by Dr. Ambareen Siraj through a National Science Foundation Grant to Tennessee Tech University in 2013, is a non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization which works to advance women in the cybersecurity workforce.

WiCyS works on behalf of women everywhere who seek to enter and progress in careers in cybersecurity, while assisting employers and recruiters to find qualified candidates for their cybersecurity teams in their diversity and inclusion efforts.

WiCyS’ extensive network of supporters in industry, academia, government, the military, research institutions and non-profit organizations offers important avenues to advance its mission of recruitment, retention and advancement of women in cybersecurity.

INITIATIVES

With a growing community comprising of over 5,000 members in 70 countries, 127 student chapters and 38 professional affiliates, WiCyS is at the center of numerous opportunities for women to thrive and succeed:

- Annual conference for 1,800 attendees. The WiCyS conference is renowned for its educational and technical content, student scholarships, BIPOC fellowship awards, veteran fellowship awards, and faculty lodging grants.
- Skill Development Training Programs to further advance member’s knowledge and skills in cybersecurity
- Job Board++ enabling year-round interviewing and recruiting engagement with candidates, as well as a Virtual Career Fair
- Online Member Portal with a community forum and special interest groups
- Extensive growing network of WiCyS Student Chapters
- Cyber Talent Emergency Funding
- Virtual and in-person career fairs
- Regional corporate and specific WiCyS Affiliates spanning the globe
- Strategic Partnership Program offering opportunities to engage in new initiatives while being recognized as leaders in the quest to diversify cybersecurity teams
- Speaker Bureau offering other organizations and conferences access to talented and experienced female cybersecurity speakers in the community
- Mentor/Mentee Program provides a 12-month framework and curriculum for mentees to connect, collaborate, and advance in cybersecurity careers
- Veteran and Military Spouse Assistance program
- Apprenticeship and Internship programs
- Media opportunities

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