



Get WISE (Women In Step with Engineering), sponsored by Northern Illinois University's College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, is a new program dedicated to preparing young women in middle school and high school for a future in engineering.

Through partnerships with local businesses, in-school and on-campus group activities, and one-on-one mentoring opportunities, Get WISE will provide students with valuable hands-on experiences and a support system that includes current NIU engineering students and faculty.

Get WISE Partnership Opportunities

Engineer for a Day

Get WISE partners are invited to provide financial support for hands-on engineering activities offered to middle school and high school students, including fun lab demonstrations and programs hosted at NIU's engineering college. Partners are also encouraged to sponsor and host an educational activity at their facility.

Scholarships

NIU currently awards more than 30 scholarships annually to incoming engineering students. Get WISE partners are invited to contribute to existing scholarship funds or create new scholarship opportunities.

Summer Camps

NIU offers two summer camps designed to prepare young women for success in engineering. Partners are invited to provide financial support and/or in-kind resources.

- **Camp Get WISE:** open to all high school students, this residential camp will provide opportunities to explore engineering through a variety of activities
- **Bridge Program:** open to incoming NIU students, this camp is designed to strengthen knowledge of math and science during the summer prior to beginning college

Mentoring Program

Get WISE offers one-on-one tutoring and mentorship opportunities that match middle school and high school students with current NIU engineering students. Partners are invited to provide financial support to this program and to participate as mentors.

After-School Programs

Get WISE partners are invited to help underwrite the cost of after-school programs that provide students with fun, hands-on experiences in engineering. Get WISE educational partners currently include several middle schools and high schools in the Aurora and Rockford districts.

JETS and WYSE Competitions

NIU faculty and students will coach teams in the JETS (Junior Engineering Technology Society for middle school and high school students) and WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering for high school students) engineering competitions. Get WISE partners are invited to help underwrite the cost of participating in these competitions.

For more information, contact 815.753.1442 or www.getwise.niu.edu