Grace Hopper
Scholarship Workshop

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What is The Grace Hopper Conference?

GHC is the world's largest technical conference for women in computing.

Every year, women technologists and the best minds in computing convene to highlight the contributions of women to computing. AnitaB.org co-presents GHC with the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM).

The conference results in collaborative proposals, networking and mentoring for our attendees. Conference presenters are leaders in their respective fields, representing industry, academia and government. The conference also offers professional development through a variety of activities.

Why should you apply?

Jobs / Internships

- Great Opportunity to find internships and full-time positions
- Women from Temple have gotten offers from Microsoft, Amazon, Accenture, Target, IBM, JP Morgan, Mastercard, Apple
- There is a giant career fair and onsite interviews are available!
- Easier to schedule interviews than most career fairs
- Many major top Tech companies will come!

Why should you apply?

Mentorship

There are available opportunities for you to mentor with women at the top of their tech field
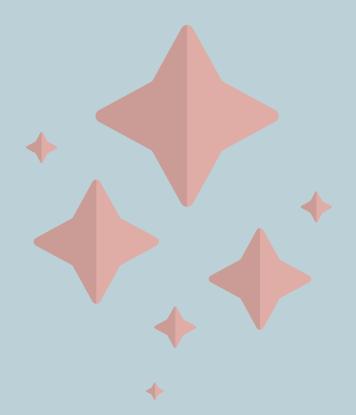
Networking

Lots of chances to network with women in fields you are interested in or companies you want to work at! Networking events can include invitations to breakfast, lunches, dinners, cocktail hour, late night parties, bowling events, meet and greets

Information sessions & workshops

Some sessions include on how to negotiate your pay, Artificial intelligence, Taking Leadership, Block Chain, and many more!

Application Details

- There will be two **essay** topics each 200 words
- Resume
- Unofficial Transcript
- One **letter of recommendation** provided by a faculty member

- More details on https://ghc.anitab.org/2018-student-academic/scholarships/

Looking for women with majors in

Biological Science(s) ,Human Computer Interaction ,Chemical **Engineering**, **Information Systems/Science Information**, Computer Engineering ,Mechanical Engineering, **Computer Informatics Technology**, Mathematics/Applied Mathematics, **Computer Science** Physics/Astronomy, **Data Science,** Robotics, Electrical Engineering, Software Engineering, **Environmental** Science(s) or Geoscience(s) Symbolic Systems, **Hardware** Engineering

Take a few moments to

- Jot down some names of faculty members you can ask for a recommendation from
- Make a reminder to contact them via email or office hours
- If you are not close to any faculty member yet, stop by their office hours a couple times this week. Topics to talk about can include; homework, classwork, career advise, any insight they might have in the career world, your appreciation for the class and them as a teacher, and any other general class or school topics

Essay Details

Please tell us why you would like to attend the Grace Hopper Celebration and **how you plan to share your experience with others** (including your school community) after attending the conference. This is your opportunity to share any information you believe will have an impact on being selected as an AnitaB.org GHC Scholar. We strongly encourage you to share any experiences with **overcoming unique, personally important, and/or challenging factors in your background.** While not an exhaustive list, some examples of unique challenges could include: the **quality of your early educational environment, your socioeconomic background, culture, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, having a disability, and other life or work experiences.** Please discuss how such factors have influenced your goals and preparation for your career as a woman in computing.

Essay Topic One

Tell us why you want to attend GHC, what type of impact will being at a conference focused on women in computing have on you?

Ideas to talk about

Outlook on being a minority in your tech classes

Your struggles and over coming challenges

Inspirations of being surrounded by women in tech

Motivation and sense of belonging

Learn from other women, have role models and becoming one to others

Why you love technology

Previous Essay 1 Submissions 1

Attending the GHC would secure my belief that I will **succeed in the IT world**. In my classes I am often the **only woman**, and it is almost guaranteed that I will be the **only black woman**. I find that a **majority of my male classmates don't want to work with me , and often ignore me**. To be in a room **surrounded by women who have experienced the same feelings I have felt**, yet thrived anyway, would be an something that I would keep with me forever. My experiences are the conference would serve as **motivation for me to keep going** when I am overwhelmed. This conference would **give me role models to aspire to**, as well as proof that **my dreams aren't too big or too outlandish**. Being at this conference would prove to me that being a **successful women in tech** is not just a rare occurrence, it is the norm.

-Morgan Brokenborough

Previous Essay 1 Submissions 2

Freshman year in college, in my first Computer Science class, **I was the only girl.** I knew that this field was **highly male dominated,** but I didn't expect the disparity to be so high. Equipped with no prior technology experience, I felt intimidated to be in that room and I questioned whether this was really where I belonged. From sitting in that class to **discovering that there is a strong female community** that hosts events like the Grace Hopper Conference **gave me strength that I am not alone.**

Having a conference focused on women will show me that I too **can overcome the common challenges that women in technology face** and that I too can **become as courageous and unyielding**. I want to learn from the experiences of other women, to **share my passions** and to be **empowered by other women** in technology. Attending GHC will give me an opportunity to **learn from powerful women** in technology. More importantly, it will enable me to **expand my leadership skills**, so that I may **bring about positivity and encourage other girls** and women to join the technology field.

-Silvia Curelariu

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- How you can modify your essay to include some of those details

Essay Topic Two

How will you share your experience at GHC with others? What type of impact will your experience at GHC have on others in your community?

Ideas to talk about

ACM-W

Workshops, talks, speeches, fundraisers

Mentoring others

Encouraging and motivating others

Hackathons

Wanting to create an event that will bring women in tech together

Previous Essay 2 Submission 1

I believe that the best way to share my experience at GHC would be to encourage more women at my university to go and have their own experiences. I hope to be **President of the Temple University chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery - Women**. I want to set up **fundraisers** that would allow more women from Temple University **to attend the GHC**. I will be **inspired and reinvigorated** by the women that I meet. I will **bring that inspiration and energy back to Temple** with hopes to do the same for others.

-Morgan Brokenborough

Previous Essay 2 Submission 2

Encouraging more women to join the technology industry and to empower themselves brings energy and focus into my life. I want to **help women technologists** realize their potential and encourage them to continue to strive for bringing their dreams and ambitions into reality. I want to share my experiences at **Temple University's ACM-W meetings,** where I can **show my peers that the solidarity** that they may experience in classes is not a permanent state and that there is a much larger and stronger community of women who are passionate about technology.

This past February I lead a group of women from Temple University to the **FemmeHacks Hackathon.** There, I was able to witness first-time hackathon attendees build amazing applications, collaborate in teams, learn new skills, and be surrounded by supportive and inspiring women. Seeing that my small initiative created such a vast impact on these women made me realize that I did not want to stop. **I want to use the leadership tools that I will acquire from GHC to further initiate collaborations** between female technology students at Temple University and girls in grade schools within the community to **attend hackathons together.**

-Silvia Curelariu

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Details to Remember

- Applications are due March 7, 2018 at 5 p.m. PT.
- The conference is held on September 26–28 in Houston, TX.

If you don't get the GHC scholarship acceptance

- Don't worry!!
- There will be more chances to win a scholarship through sponsoring companies! These will be available toward the end of the semester and during the beginning of the summer.
- Visit *https://github.com/Ladies-Storm-Hackathons/GHC-Scholarships*
- **Temple will have scholarships as well!**

Questions?

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