

Women in Computing (WiC) After Hours Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
For Friday April 3rd or 10th, 2015 (Choose one date to attend)

Why should you attend this RIT Accepted Student Open House and the WiC After Hours Program if you have already visited RIT?

We strongly encourage participation, as this is an important program to help participants get to know RIT, Golisano College of Computing and the Women in Computing Program. Participants will have the opportunity to meet other like-minded women and experience life as a student at RIT. This program will give participants an edge on confidence as they make their final decision on what college to attend as a computing student

How do you register and fill out the appropriate forms?

Though you are invited as a result of your acceptance to the Golisano College of Computing at RIT and the program is **FREE**, **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY MARCH 27, 2015!**

1. Online program registration (wic-after-hours.rit.edu)
2. Complete Participant Questionnaire
3. Print and bring Travel Reimbursement and W-9 Form, along with appropriate receipts to check-in

What if you register but then have a change of plans?

WiC would like to be notified if participants are no longer able to attend the event so we can accept other participants who may be on the waiting list.

You weren't able to register for this event. When will the next one be?

We offer this program annually for accepted RIT women computing students. You may want to participate in our orientation program. In addition, if you want to visit our campus on another date, please contact the Admissions Office.

What is the agenda for the WiC After Hours Program?

The sample agenda is posted on the website. There will be free-time in the evening for host/participants to choose on-campus activities.

Where will you be spending the night?

Participants will be staying with RIT female computing students in one large room on campus. The room will be locked at night with a Public Safety Officer patrolling the building to ensure safety. A sleeping bag and pillow are recommended for participants because they will be sleeping on the floor.

What meals will be provided?

A Continental Breakfast is provided for parents and participants on Friday when you arrive and all other meals will be for future students and RIT students in Golisano College of Computing. Participants will have dinner at a RIT Dining Hall on Friday night for a buffet style all you can eat dinner.

What are the evening activities?

The host students are provided with ideas to show you around campus. All are very excited to host you and show you around campus, meet their friends, and see all the highlights. There are not planned activities by WiC or RIT specifically for this group.

What should you wear?

Participants must wear closed toe shoes. Clothing can be casual attire: please make sure clothing is not provocative in any way. Please bring outerwear to walk outside in case of rain or snow. You may also want to bring a bathing suit to go to the RIT Gordon Field House and Open Swim in the pool in the evening. Students will be given a t-shirt that they are required to wear on Friday.

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What is the Travel Reimbursement Form?

Travel Reimbursement is available to help offset travel expenses. The Travel Reimbursement Form is available on the WiC website. The reimbursement payment chart indicates the maximum amount the student will be reimbursed. It is based on **one-way mileage distance** from RIT to the participant's home.

Will you receive the Travel Reimbursement if you decide not to commit to attending RIT as a full-time student? Yes.

How will you receive the Travel Reimbursement payment?

Payments will not be processed until after the event occurs. WiC must have the Travel Reimbursement Form and the W-9 Form with all the information filled out, and copies of the travel receipts at check-in. WiC will process the proper forms and a check will be mailed. This could take 30-60 days.

What is the TIN number on the W-9?

The parent provides their social security number.

If you are flying in, or taking the train, how do you get to RIT?

WiC does not provide transportation and you are free to use any taxi service you choose. However, for your convenience, RIT has made arrangements with some transportation companies. They are listed here: <http://www.rit.edu/fa/facilities/pats/transportation/taxi.html>. FYI: The taxi service from either the airport or train station is \$20-\$25.

We can direct you where to be dropped off once we know your arrival time. RIT students are not allowed to provide transportation to and from the airport or off campus for insurance reasons.

Can parents come watch/observe?

Parents, family members and guardians are invited to join us on Friday am for an information session with faculty and various RIT representatives. Parents are then excused and participants continue with the WiC After hours Program. Parents will be on their own for the day to enjoy Rochester and get to know the RIT campus. Participants and their families will be reunited on Saturday morning in order to attend the RIT Accepted Student Open House program.

Where can parents stay for the event?

Please reference the RIT Admissions website for area hotel options:

<http://www.rit.edu/emcs/admissions/visit/info/area-hotels>

Who should you contact in case of emergency?

RIT Campus Safety Department handles all emergencies on campus.

Emergency number: 585-475-3333

Non-emergency number: 585-475-2853

Website: <http://www.rit.edu/fa/publicsafety/safety>

The WiC staff is available during the program events from 8:00-5:00 pm at 585-475-7203. We will encourage the RIT host students to be in contact with participants beforehand, so you may get their contact information as well.

What kinds of activities are available for parents and families while visiting Rochester?

There is a link called "Visiting Rochester Ideas" on the WiC website for you to reference. You may also want to use this time to schedule appointments with Financial Aid and Admissions.

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Can you be a part of the WiC After hours Program if you are a Commuter to RIT?

Yes, commuters can enroll in this program and be engaged in all the activities. We want you to be part of the community and meet the professors and your fellow students. Commuters have the option of spending the night with the current female engineering student or returning home after the activities have finished.

When will the families be able to reconnect to attend the RIT Admission events on Saturday?

You may pick up your participant between 8:00 and 8:45 am at the Gordon Field House on the second floor. The host students will bring them to this location. Please stay in touch with your student to ensure you meet up in the correct location.

Should you bring money?

Meals will be provided, however, it may be a good idea to bring extra money for extracurricular activities, snacks, and/or a visit to Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

Are participants allowed to go off campus?

No, all activities are on-campus. A visit to Park Point (where Barnes and Noble is located) is considered on-campus.

What happens if participants do not follow the behavior contract?

RIT host students will be directed to contact the WiC RIT Director. The Director will dismiss the student from the program and parents will be responsible to arrange transportation for their participant to return home.

Are there access services available?

Sign language interpreting or real-time captioning is available upon request.

Is there a mailing list?

Yes, please email: wic@rit.edu and request to be added to the mailing list. Include parent name, preferred email address, participant's full name, mailing address, participant's date of birth, school district, current grade of participant and phone number. Also, if you are on the mailing list by accident, please notify us.

**Can you be a part of the WiC After Hours Program if you have been accepted to another college within RIT?
(For example College of Applied Science and Technology or Kate Gleason College of Engineering)**

This program is only for the computing programs within the Golisano College of Computing.