

Women* in MCE

**We use an inclusive definition of women, which includes trans women and is designed to be a feminine-centered space.*

Women* in MCE (WMCE) is a graduate student-led program open to all women faculty, staff, postdocs, and graduate students in MCE. Our main goals are:

1. Build a community for women in MCE to connect, network, and increase the opportunities for younger members of the community to access the mentoring and support of senior members;
2. Create a safe environment in which members of this group can explore and discuss relevant issues surrounding diversity and inclusion (and specifically women in STEM);
3. Provide outreach and education events to the larger community outside of women in MCE.

Women in MCE started in 2018 in conjunction with Women in GALCIT, where we held events such as networking socials, CCID-endorsed WMW lunches featuring various women professors in our departments, and a communications skills workshop. We have held other events focusing on guided discussions of topics within inclusion and diversity. Our ongoing coffee chats on Zoom have been very successful at keeping members of Women in MCE connected throughout the pandemic. We are always happy to collaborate with other departments and often open up our events to affiliated departments such as GALCIT and CDS.

Leaders of Women in MCE attend the CCID's Women's Engagement Board to connect with the other women's groups across Caltech's campus and share event ideas, advice, and support.

We also attend various functions throughout Visit Day and Orientation to spread awareness of our group.