

AAUW Campus Action Projects Grant

Each year the American Association of University Women (AAUW) invites proposals from U.S. colleges and universities for campus-based teams composed of students and campus professionals to submit proposals for their Campus Action Projects (CAP) grant program. These programs enable student leaders and campus faculty to design and implement effective programs that enhance campus offerings, promote leadership, and improve academic and career outcomes.

Recipients will form a team composed of at least two undergraduate students and a campus professional serving as the project advisor. Each team will be required to work with an AAUW state or branch member serving as the community advisor/liaison. The project must be developed and implemented during the 2009-10 year. One member of each team will be funded to present the project at the June 2010 AAUW/NASPA National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, in Washington D.C. Grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

This year's (2009-10) theme is *Breaking through Barriers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics for Women and Girls*. This theme focuses on the issues raised by AAUW's upcoming 2010 research report which highlights key findings from recent research on women and girls in STEM in three areas: middle and high school, college and university, and the workplace. Although women and girls have made significant progress in STEM, they are still underrepresented in certain fields and barriers to their full participation remain.

The CAP grant provides a platform for campus programming that is informed by this research. Projects should be closely related to the topic and should address some of the barriers that women face entering and staying in STEM fields; such as

1. STEM Literacy and Awareness. Create programs designed to raise awareness and increase understanding of STEM fields and careers.
2. Mentoring. Develop programs that facilitate relationships between students or students and professionals in STEM fields.
3. Campus Department Culture. Design and implement initiatives that will improve the culture in

Proposed projects may combine these areas or fall outside these areas, but should still focus on addressing barriers women and girls face entering and staying STEM fields. Teams should not be afraid of taking risks in proposing creative approaches. Past projects include mentoring programs, weekend conferences, workshop and speaker series, documentaries, websites, and other multimedia-based projects.

Applications are due October 16, 2009. For more information and to see examples of past projects, visit AAUW's website at <http://www.aauw.org/education/cap/breakingbarriersSTEM.cfm>.