

## Academic Leadership for Women in Engineering (ALWE)

### Questions and Answers

#### General Questions

**Q:** When is the travel grant application due?

**A:** You have until August 1 to complete both the general application and the ASSIST travel grant application.

**Q:** What all does the travel grant cover?

**A:** The grant will cover any travel costs, hotel costs, WE registration up to \$2000.

**Q:** When will I know if I am accepted to attend the program and receive the travel grant?

**A:** Notifications will be sent by September 1, 2017.

**Q:** How should I schedule my flight and room if I am selected?

**A:** If you are selected, SWE will provide contact information for a travel agent to book your flight and SWE will reserve your hotel room.

**Q:** Is there a limited number of seats for the program and could I pay for my faculty members to attend the program.

**A:** Unfortunately, we do have a size limit but you can still apply and select to not receive the ASSIST grant and if we have enough room for additional participants, we will let you know.

**Q:** How much do you normally provide for travel grant? I am trying to estimate the cost I will incur sending more faculty to this program.

**A:** The travel stipend will cover up to \$2000. There is also a housing link on our [website](#) that may help you with determining room costs.

#### Eligibility Questions

**Q:** I see the focus is for women during their first 5 years. If I wanted to attend, (I would not expect a stipend), could I?

**A:** You can apply to attend the program without receiving a travel stipend. Within the application, a question asks if you are applying for the grant. Simply select that you are not applying for the travel grant.

**Q:** Is the travel grant available to those outside of the US?

**A:** The travel grant is only available to US residents; however, you can still apply to attend the program without receiving the grant.

**Q:** I am one of the participants of last year's workshop. It was a great workshop during the SWE conference. I am wondering if I can apply again this year. If so, can you please direct me to the application process?

**A:** Yes, you can apply to participate again by completing the [application](#) that is located on the ALWE [website](#).

**Q:** After looking on the website, I saw that the eligibility guidelines require graduate students to be within one year of graduating with an engineering degree, in good academic standing, and enrolled as full or part-time students. I am in my first year of my PhD program and just wanted to reach out to see if I could still apply or qualify to receive travel assistance.

**A:** Yes, you are eligible to attend. The within one year of graduation is for graduate or Master's degrees.

**Q:** I am very interested in attending this again this year. I wanted to clarify eligibility for this program. I am just finishing in August my 5th year as a faculty member and it says you must be 5 years or less. When the ALWE is going to be held I will be in my 6th year, but I got so much out of this last year and really want to be a part this year. Would I possibly still be eligible for this ASSIST grant to attend the AWLE Program?

**A:** We encourage completing the application even though we cannot make any guarantees you will be accepted because this will depend on how many eligible applicants we have that apply.

**Q:** I was made aware of this excellent opportunity for young female faculty and I believe that it would be an excellent opportunity for female faculty of Engineering where I oversee faculty mentoring and development. I would, however, like to clarify one aspect of eligibility, specifically the statement: "Faculty applicants must have held their appointment for five years or less."

Does this mean from first appointment as a faculty member or their appointment at their current institution? We have a few new hires at the Associate and Full Professor level for which this might be an excellent opportunity, but while their current faculty appointment is shorter than 5 years, their initial faculty appointment was well beyond 5 years ago.

**A:** Thank you for your question and interest for the ALWE program. Preference will be given to those with less than 5 years' experience; however, I still encourage everyone to apply.