



A real choice for girls A rewarding choice for women

HunterWiSE is an initiative for women and girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to connect, collaborate, and share experiences.

HunterWiSE was launched in 2017 by a team of passionate female academics from STEM disciplines at the University of Newcastle. HunterWiSE features three interlinked actions aimed at increasing the number of girls and women participating in STEM: a high school outreach program; scholarships for women studying STEM degrees at the University of Newcastle; and events for the HunterWiSE Network of STEM professionals. These actions work in unison to increase interest and improve perception of STEM careers among young women, and to develop a positive community for women currently working in STEM.



HunterWiSE team: (back row) Elena Prieto, Sarah Johnson, Anna Giacomini, Camilla Bowdern, Juanita Todd, (front row) Leah Kiem, Regina Berretta, Karen Blackmore, Erica Wanless.



Boost STEM in schools

HunterWiSE Schools Outreach is a 10-week program that targets female students in Year 8.

Supported by a HunterWiSE mentor, students work in small groups to identify an issue in their local community and develop a STEM-based solution to the problem. Students visit the site of an industry sponsor to gain an insight into STEM careers: an experience described as highly influential, exciting and engaging. Participants meet women working in STEM industries, learn about a broad range of career options, and gain hands-on experiences.



How you can support STEM

HunterWiSE initiatives are made possible through the generous support of our sponsors, and the engagement of the HunterWiSE Network.

By partnering with HunterWiSE, you will support efforts to increase the number of women pursuing STEM careers in the Hunter region. The great news is: anyone can support HunterWiSE! Donations can be made via our website at any time, with these proceeds supporting the HunterWiSE Women in STEM Scholarship. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. We also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the other ways in which you can support HunterWiSE initiatives.



A growing network

The HunterWiSE Network is an initiative for women working in STEM industries in the Hunter region.

Network members include academics, students, and women in business, industry and government organisations. HunterWiSE events provide opportunities to connect and network. These events often involve guest speakers, presentations and panel discussions. The aim of the network is provide a positive community to encourage the retention of women in STEM.

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