Dear U.S. WIN Steering Committee, Leading Group, and Conference Planning Committee Members:

U.S. WIN is now accepting student applications for the 2018 conference sponsorships. Please let your interns and co-ops know about this opportunity.

**Applications**

* The application is located on the U.S. WIN website. [www.winus.org](http://www.winus.org)
* Students must submit a cover letter, photograph and current resume along with the application.
* Applications are due by **June 8, 2018.**

**Eligibility**

* Both male and female students are eligible.
* Students attending university or community colleges may apply.
* Student must describe "why" attending the conference would benefit them professionally or academically in their cover letters.

**Sponsorship Details**

* The sponsorship will include complimentary conference registration and hotel accommodations (double occupancy with another same sex sponsorship recipient) for three nights.

**Additionally, if you would like to volunteer to be a mentor at this conference please sign up** by completing the information below and returning to USWomenInNuclear@gmail.com.

**What is a Mentor?**

Most of us can think of people in our lives, more experienced than ourselves, who taught us something new, offered advice, presented a challenge, initiated friendship or simply expressed an interest in our development as a person. They helped us negotiate an unfamiliar path or find an entirely new path to a goal in our academic, career or personal lives. They showed us a world larger than our own, and they stimulated ideas about what we might be able to accomplish.

Conference mentors are an important part of the U.S. Women in Nuclear Sponsored Student Program. Mentors are industry professionals in a wide variety of fields who have attended at least one previous U.S. WIN conference and is willing to make themselves available to a sponsored student to help navigate the conference and the U.S. Women in Nuclear experience.

Mentors offer the following:

**Information**

* Mentors share their knowledge, experience and wisdom.

**Contacts/Networking**

* Mentors provide valuable opportunities by facilitating networking and career and personal contacts.

**Challenges**

* Mentors stimulate curiosity and build confidence by presenting new ideas, opportunities and challenges.

**Support**

* Mentors encourage growth and achievement by providing an open and supportive environment.

**Advice**

* Mentors guide sponsored students in maximizing their conference experience.

**Role Model**

* By sharing stories of achievement with students, mentors can become role models.

 **Getting Started**

To get started as a mentor:

* Complete a mentor information sheet.
* After you receive your student’s name and contact information, introduce yourself via email and get to know your student a bit before the beginning of the conference.
* Explore interests with student by asking questions and promoting discussion.
* Once the conference begins, attend the Student and Mentor Orientation where you will meet face-to-face.
* Encourage participation in conference events.
* There is no prescribed formula for the student/mentor relationship. Just be a friend and make yourself as available; the rest will fall into place.

**U.S. Women in Nuclear Student/Mentor Program**

Mentor information: Name:

Title:

Company:

Phone:

Email address:

Former Sponsored Student (Y/N):

Former U.S. WIN Student Chapter Member (Y/N):

Please return the completed form AND email a picture of yourself **HERE**