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Welcome

Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) is a global organization focused on supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the field of high-performance computing (HPC). Together with our supporters, volunteers, and members, we are creating opportunities for all people from underrepresented groups in the HPC workforce. As a community, we are dedicated to building connections and advocating for improved HPC workforce practices.

We operate entirely through the efforts of our many volunteers, with no financial endowment and minimal overhead. **Your support is vital!** Without charitable contributions from organizations, large and small, our activities would be severely limited.

Your sponsorship money goes directly towards building an inclusive HPC community. This includes travel fellowships, which empower early career professionals to attend the largest and most impactful conferences in HPC, as well as networking events and community building activities.

Changes for 2026

If you have previously been a supporter of WHPC, we thank you! This year, we are changing some of our WHPC sponsorship tiers and the way we recognize contributions. The goal is to simplify our support levels and make clear how your contributions are having direct impact on our community.

If you have any questions, or ideas for how we can partner with you, please reach out. We are always willing to work with our supporters, to build a stronger community and HPC workforce for all.

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If you are interested in any of these packages, please contact the WHPC team at info@womeninhpc.org.

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Sponsorship Process and Overview

Each year, WHPC seeks financial support for its many global activities. We have two large fundraising pushes, centered around the two largest HPC conferences: ISC High Performance and Supercomputing (SC). While the funds may be used for our year-round activities (Jan–Dec 2026), WHPC takes the time to recognize contributions from our donors at these major conferences.

WHPC is a global organization, under the financial stewardship of EPCC at the University of Edinburgh, in Scotland. As such, our financial transactions are managed in British Pounds (GBP). For the sake of clarity, we are providing approximate exchange rates for both EUR and USD for each of the supporter levels.

Level	GBP	EUR	USD
WHPC Partner (*SC only*)	**£8,000**	**€9,500**	**$10,000**
WHPC Rising Star Champion x2	**£6,000**	**€7,000**	**$8,000**
WHPC Rising Star Champion x1	**£3,000**	**€3,500**	**$4,000**
WHPC Community Leader	**£1,500**	**€1,700**	**$2,000**
WHPC Advocate	**any amount**		
WHPC Media Partner	N/A		

If you are interested in a sponsorship, please reach out to info@womeninhpc.org. Once a level of commitment is confirmed, a team member from the University of Edinburgh will reach out to resolve payment details.

WHPC enthusiastically recognizes all of its sponsors, and this year we have decided to simplify the way in which our sponsors are recognized. Sponsors can choose a single conference at which we will recognize their contribution: ISC or SC. **All sponsors will be recognized via the following**:

- Digitally on the WHPC website, monthly newsletter, social media, event-related blog post;
- Printed poster at conference events;
- Logo on conference t-shirt.

Please note that due to customization lead times, commitments must be made well in advance to have your logo included on our ISC and SC Diversity Day T-Shirts.

- **ISC commitment deadline**: March 21, 2026
- **SC commitment deadline**: August 10, 2026 (to be confirmed)

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Sponsorship Levels

WHPC reserves the right to utilize sponsorship funding according to needs of our community, as they evolve. Although each sponsorship describes particular set of activities that we engage in, sponsorship funds may be spent differently from the descriptions below. Recognition for a WHPC sponsorship is associated with a particular conference, either ISC or SC.

WHPC Partner at SC   £8,000 (approx. €9,500 or $10,000)

The WHPC Partner role has been created for SC, in recognition of our long-standing reputation for delivering one of our most popular networking events. The WHPC networking reception event has consistently attracted a wide and diverse audience, generating real energy and meaningful connections in a safe, inclusive space. Its continued success is made possible through the support of our partners.

The WHPC Partner will have the opportunity to help shape the event and contribute to its ongoing impact. This opportunity is currently in development for SC26. Please get in touch to learn more.

WHPC Rising Star Champion

Support for a single individual: **£3,000 (approx. €3,500 or $4,000)**

Support for two individuals: **£6,000 (approx. €7,000 or $8,000)**

The WHPC Rising Stars are early career researchers in HPC who showcase their work at WHPC events head during ISC and SC. The submission process is highly competitive and each submission receives multiple reviews. In addition to presenting their work as either a poster or short talk, each Rising Star is matched with a WHPC mentor leading up to the conference.

WHPC has long recognized that showcasing the work of early career individuals is not enough. Many of these folks are not financially supported by their local institutions to attend these conferences.

By becoming a **WHPC Rising Star Champion** you are directly supporting travel of an individual to attend a conference and engage with WHPC activities.

WHPC Community Leader   £1,500 (approx. €1,700 or $2,000)

The WHPC community comes together around a variety of HPC conferences. At both ISC and SC, WHPC has spearheaded a *Diversity Day* initiative. This day of visibility for the community showcases a custom-designed t-shirt and invites conference attendees to engage and learn more about WHPC. Beyond outward engagement, WHPC branded items bring a

sense of belonging our members and help recognize their volunteer efforts and dedication to our mission.

By becoming a **WHPC Community Leader** you are directly supporting community unity through branded items and our conference outreach activities.

WHPC Advocate   *any amount*

The work of WHPC is larger than an individual volunteer, and bigger than any single sponsor alone. We deeply value every organization that chooses to support us. We recognize that contributions of all sizes represent meaningful dedication and commitment to our mission. The WHPC Advocate level has been created to broaden participation and make it easier for more organizations to get involved with WHPC. In return, we are proud to acknowledge your support.

By being a **WHPC Advocate**, you demonstrate your commitment to advacing our mission and help us sustain and grow our broader impact.

WHPC Media Partner   *like kind*

Delivering the WHPC mission requires meaningful engagement across the global HPC community. Our media partnerships play a vital role in expanding our reach, amplifying our message, and connecting us with broader and more diverse audiences. Through these collaborations, we are able to extend our impact and ensure our work is visible, accessible, and influential across the sector.

We ask each of our media partners to share WHPC press releases (an estimated 7 per year) and consider WHPC article contributions.

In exchange, we recognize our media partners with:

- Inclusion on the WHPC website (conference event pages and blog), newsletter, and social media channels.
- Logo included on Diversity Day T-Shirts (ISC and SC conferences).

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WHPC Rising Stars

New this year, WHPC will prominently recognize the exceptional groups of early career researchers as **WHPC Rising Stars**. These are a select group of individuals from underrepresented groups, who are recognized for their research contributions. Their submissions undergo a competitive peer-review process, typically with an acceptance rate of less than 50%.

As part of the both the ISC and SC programs, WHPC Rising Stars recive mentorship support, a lightning talk opportunity, eligibility for the best WHPC submission award, and eligibility for a travel fellowship. These up-and-coming HPC researchers are future of our workforce, and bringing them to large HPC conferences connects them to the community.

It is through the direct support of our sponsors that we are able to offer travel fellowships. These fellowships are often the only way that an early career researcher is able to attend the conference and we have see in past years that accepted posters are withdrawn due to lack of funding.

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WHPC Events at ISC26

We are excited to once again return to the ISC Conference as official collaboration partner for ISC26. Thanks to this partnership with ISC we have a Women in HPC Poster track, Poster Lightning Talks, and a WHPC Tech Talk during the exhibition opening reception. We will once again host our Diversity Day and contribute to the Poster Networking Reception.

WHPC Tech Talks

For ISC High Performance 2026, WHPC will once again takeover the stage at the Exhibition Gala on June 23rd to host the WHPC Tech Talks. This event features a dynamic mix of invited and lightning talks, highlighting the many ways our community collaborates and grows together. Open to all conference attendees, the Tech Talks benefit from a prominent location within the exhibition hall, allowing WHPC to engage with a wide cross-section of the ISC community and highlight the impact of our collective efforts.

Women in HPC Poster Track

The Women in HPC Poster Track at ISC High Performance 2026 is an official track dedicated to women and individuals from underrepresented groups who are students or are in the early stages of their HPC careers. Poster presenters are featured prominently throughout the conference (23-25 June) during the Poster Pitch and Poster Reception (June 24), providing direct engagement with the ISC High Performance community. This track offers an excellent opportunity for early-career presenters to expand their professional networks, gain visibility, and advance their careers in HPC.

Birds of a Feather (BoF) Session

As part of our formal partnership, WHPC is invited to host a Birds of a Feather (BoF) session at ISC High Performance 2026. Returning for 2026, the Super(computing) Heroes BoF brings together role models from academia, research labs, HPC centers, and industry to inspire the next generation of super(computing) heroes and highlight the diverse paths available in HPC careers.

Diversity Day

Our Diversity Day showcases the importance and benefits of diverse and inclusive teams to the community attending the ISC conference. Every year we organize a special T-shirt day on the first full day of the ISC Program (Wednesday, 24 June 2026). The T-shirts are a way for our community to recognize each other, connect, stand out, and generate interest from the wider ISC audience. We will also continue the tradition of featuring our supporters on the back of the T-shirt, showcasing their support for a diverse and inclusive HPC workforce.

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Preview WHPC at SC26

Historically, WHPC has been represented at the SC Conference through workshops, Diversity Day, networking receptions, and Birds of a Feather (BoF) sessions. Unlike ISC High Performance, WHPC does not hold a formal partnership with SC, so participation within formal conference events is contingent on acceptance each year.

Full-Day Workshop

If accepted, SC26 will mark our 26th International WHPC Workshop. Our full-day SC workshops focus on improving diversity and inclusion in the HPC workforce through building community and supporting careers.

A critical component of the workshop is providing early-career presenters with a clear and justifiable reason to attend not only the WHPC workshop but the broader SC conference. Through peer-reviewed abstract submissions for lightning talks, we elevate the profile of these emerging researchers. We also offer first-time SC attendees a dedicated opportunity to meet and network with other newcomers. For SC26, we will recognise the exceptional group of accepted lightning talk submissions as WHPC Rising Stars. These up-and-coming HPC researchers are future of our workforce, and bringing them to large HPC conferences connects them to the community.

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Networking Reception

Our evening reception provides a space for connection, collaboration, and community-building, bringing together HPC professionals from across academia, research labs, HPC centers, and industry. The WHPC networking reception event has consistently attracted a wide and diverse audience, generating real energy and meaningful connections in a safe, inclusive space. Its continued success is made possible through the support of our partners.

Beyond Sponsorship

The success of WHPC relies on more than just financial contributions. Our volunteers, members, and allies are important partners in achieving our mission.

Community Building Through Chapters and Affiliates

WHPC Chapters and Affiliates are localized communities passionate about diversity and inclusion and dedicated to bringing about positive change in their area. These groups have a more direct impact on local organizations and can be a powerful way to engage. There are chapters and affiliates around the world, including Europe, Asia, Australasia, and South and North America. If you cannot find a suitable group, consider starting a new one!

Volunteering

WHPC relies entirely on the efforts of volunteer leaders. We are always looking for folks who are passionate about helping others and advancing the WHPC mission.

Event Organization

Our global events require a team of dedicated volunteers to organize and execute. These events, often workshops or sessions at a larger HPC-related conference, typically involve the following:

- Organizing invited speakers
- Running early career or networking sessions
- Communications
- Onsite arrangements
- On the day assistance

In addition to the SC and ISC conferences, where we have an established program, we are also seeking leaders to help build our presence at PEARC, CUG (Cray User Group), and other conferences. Think we should be represented at an event? Get in touch to discuss!

Mentoring

WHPC has a number of formal mentoring programs. We are always seeking participants and have a particular need for mentors. Mentoring opportunities are typically advertised in our WHPC slack space.

Global Mentoring Cohorts WHPC global mentoring cohorts are organized regularly, 2-3 times per year. These cohorts include training for mentors and mentees and create deep connections across the WHPC community. Mentors are especially needed as many individuals seek guidance and support within the HPC workforce.

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ISC and SC Accepted Submissions   The authors of each accepted submission in our ISC and SC early career research programs are paired with a mentor. Mentors help the authors prepare for lightning talks, network within the community, and understand career options.

Like-Kind Contributions

When organizations provide services, expertise, or materials to WHPC, we acknowledge their support similar to our other sponsors. These contributions are beyond individual volunteer efforts.

Job Board

Our job board is 100% free to post to and access. We regularly feature these jobs on our social media accounts. Sign up and post your opportunity on
https://womeninhpc.org/community/jobs

Article Contributions

If you have a blog or profile that you would like us to feature on the WHPC blog, we welcome contributions! Please feel free to get in touch with us so that we can work with you to promote your work in DEI and HPC. Example contributions:

- How the WHPC Travel Fellowship Transformed my ISC Experience
- Finding Your People in High Performance Computing

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