



AAUW Q&A for Busy People

1. What is AAUW?

AAUW, the American Association of University Women, is a diverse community of graduates who work for equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

2. What is AAUW doing for girls/women in STEM?

Starting with a gram of radium donated to Marie Curie, AAUW has had a broad range of programs to support women in STEM fields.

- Partners with girl-serving groups across the country and is rolling out two successful programs, Tech Trek (a week long residential camp) and Tech-Savvy (a one-day event), supported by local branches.
- Offers American and Selected Professions fellowships to supported women graduate students in STEM fields.
- Produces reports "Tech-Savvy: Educating Girls in the New Computer Age", "Under the Microscope", and "Why so Few? Women in STEM" that dig into the causes and effects of fewer girls and women in STEM areas.
- Offers Community Action Grants for local projects that have an impact on gender equity. Many of these include a STEM focus.

3. How is AAUW distinguished from similar organizations?

All the "mainline" women's organizations have overlapping interests in issues of women's equality. AAUW does perhaps have the strongest emphasis on education, particularly higher education, as a tool to produce equality. We offer grants to campuses and programs for students. We have a strong national staff in DC that oversees the gender equity research, carries out advocacy efforts on federal policies, gets involved in gender equity legal cases, and supports the members across the country with project plans and other information.



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4. I don't have any time for meetings. Is there some other way I can get the information?

AAUW of North Carolina's "Tar Heel Branch" serves the whole state. It adds AAUW NC benefits to the national membership, but doesn't have the traditional meeting-based structure. We call it the "guilt free" way to support AAUW efforts without significant time commitments.

If you choose not to join, you can find/follow AAUW and AAUW NC on Facebook and twitter as well as on the web and via open email lists. See the "more info" section of tarheel.aauwnc.org for suggestions.

5. I'm a man. Does any of this apply to me?

Men are welcome as members of AAUW! If you want to join the conversation about gender equity, particularly in STEM fields, check us out!

6. So what does it cost?

National membership in AAUW is \$49/year; the Tar Heel Branch and AAUW NC add another \$16 for a total of \$65/year.

The Tar Heel Branch is offering a \$25 discount on dues (\$40 instead of \$65 for membership through 6/30/2013)
See www.aauwnc.org/oct2012discount for details
or contact us at the booth!

To find out more, visit

AAUW: www.aauw.org, 800-326-2289

AAUW Fellowships and Grants: www.aauw.org/fga

AAUW Research: www.aauw.org/research

AAUW STEM initiatives: www.aauw.org/stem

AAUW NC: www.aauwnc.org, 866-525-2155, info@aauwnc.org

20 Branches in North Carolina: www.aauwnc.org/branches

AAUW Tar Heel Branch, serving the entire state: tarheel.aauwnc.org