The NCWIT Academic Alliance brings together nearly 750 distinguished representatives from academic computing programs at more than 275 colleges and universities across the country — spanning research universities, community colleges, women’s colleges, and minority-serving institutions. Academia is our future and NCWIT’s community allows networking and visibility to members and sponsors. Charged with implementing institutional change for computing in higher education, the Academic Alliance provides feedback on NCWIT programs, contributes and adopts effective recruitment and retention practices, and serves as a national agent of change.

NCWIT Academic Alliance membership has increased in numbers and diversity, as evidenced by the chart below.

Find out more about the Academic Alliance at www.ncwit.org/aa.

“There is a greater awareness of our university’s Computer Science program within the community. We have received positive feedback from multiple parents and students indicating that they or their children are now considering applying to this university to study computer science.”

~ NCWIT AA Member
KEY RESULTS

- **Increased Enrollments.** Sixty-two percent of NCWIT’s Academic Alliance members experienced an increase in female undergraduate enrollment, from the year they joined through the 2011-2012 school year. Over a four-year period, members of NCWIT’s Academic Alliance have had higher rates of female enrollment in computing majors than non-members.

- **NCWIT Academic Alliance Seed Fund.** Nearly 12,000 K-16 students have been reached by Alliance members through programs funded by the NCWIT Academic Alliance Seed Fund (sponsored by Microsoft Research), with over $415,000 being distributed over the past years.

- **NCWIT Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award.** More than 1,500 students have been mentored in their undergraduate research by Academic Alliance faculty who have been honored by the NCWIT Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award (sponsored by AT&T).

- **NCWIT Student Seed Fund.** Seventy student organizations have received funds from the NCWIT Student Seed Fund (sponsored by Symantec), and these groups have affected nearly 2,500 K-16 students.

WHY YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE

- Learn the latest practices about recruiting and graduating women in your computing degree programs.
- Participate with national colleagues in advising NCWIT about the creation of novel programs and new resources.
- Apply for funding from the various seed funds and award programs generously funded by NCWIT sponsors.
- Attend the annual NCWIT Summit; learn the latest research, network with others, and form valuable partnerships.
- Recruit young women into your degree programs from the NCWIT Aspirations in Computing community; help honor these amazing young women at a local award event at your institution.

ABOUT NCWIT

The National Center for Women & Information Technology is a non-profit community of more than 450 prominent corporations, academic institutions, government agencies, and non-profits working to increase women’s participation in technology and computing. NCWIT helps organizations recruit, retain, and advance women from K-12 and higher education through industry and entrepreneurial careers by providing community, evidence, and action.