

How and Why I Volunteered at IEEE

I came to Canada as an international student in January, 2015 and started a Ph.D. program at the University of Manitoba to continue my research on Biomedical Imaging Systems.

I have always had passion in learning new skills, and as a newcomer to Canada, I had a lot to explore. I attended the IEEE Winnipeg Section meetings and seminars to explore professional communities. I was fortunate that IEEE offered me the position of Chair of the Women in Engineering (WIE) affinity group in January, 2016. I was excited that as the WIE Chair, I had the opportunity to encourage young girls to pursue careers in engineering and science. I have met dedicated volunteers who create a friendly environment — a space where we enjoy the activities of the group, while practicing our leadership skills.



I have an unwavering desire to promote social justice and I am inspired to help others. Through IEEE WIE, not only can I practice my social advocacy skills and improve my leadership abilities, but I am also hoping to contribute in overcoming the tradition of gender disparity. I want to see women and men have the same opportunities using their distinct talents to make a better future.

The involvement with IEEE has provided me with the opportunity to meet many professionals from industry and emerging researchers. This has helped me build my professional network, which I will definitely benefit from in the future. Being an active member of IEEE, I have been able to grow as an individual, but also help others build a brighter future. ■

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