

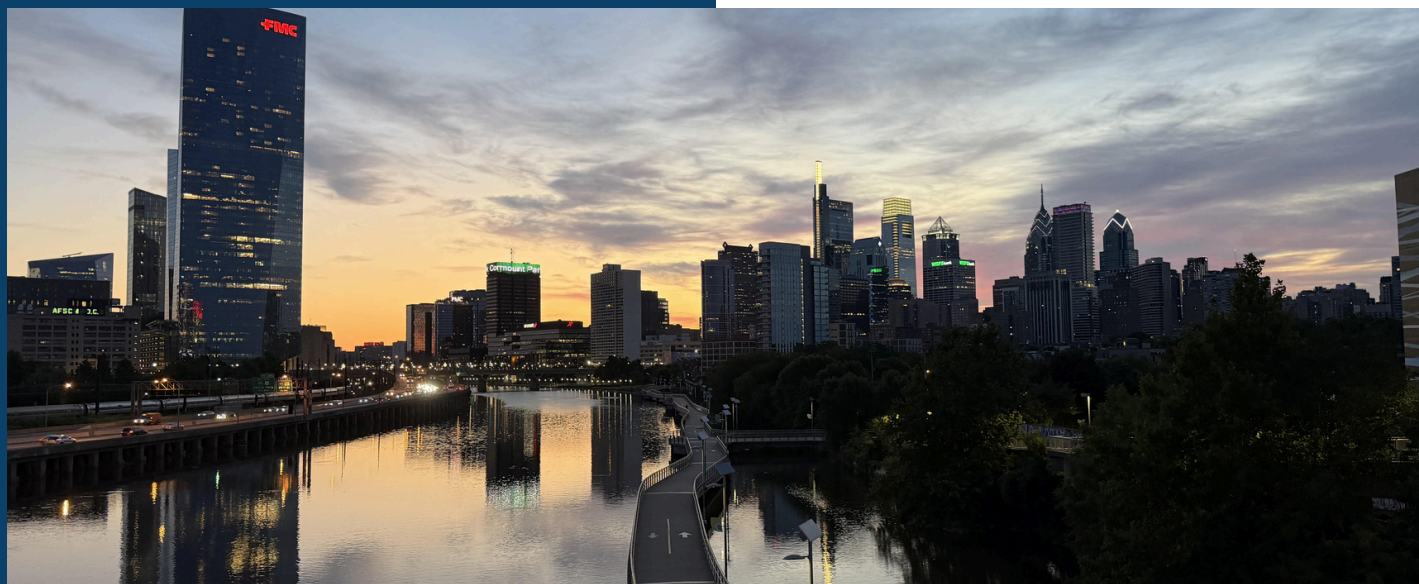
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ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE



September 2026
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Come join us for our first event of the 2026–2027 Season!

Come see us at The Post, The Curtis Center, 601 Walnut Street 19106 on Wednesday, September, 22nd for our first event of the season! The event will be a return of our very successful *Converge, Connect, and Create a Career* networking session. Learn more and register [here](#).

Top News

Welcome to AWIS Event
scheduled for Wednesday,
September 22

Meet your new AWIS
Philadelphia President!

Get ready for the start of our
new Mentoring Circle cycle!

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2025-2026 AWIS Awards Dinner Travel Award Winners

Mentoring Circles

Our popular mentoring circle program will be launching with Mentee applications on September 14th. Follow us on social media and keep an eye on your emails for the registration links. The program's in-person kickoff event is scheduled for October 15th at the Drexel Queens Lane Campus.

The Mentoring Circle program runs from November-May with a welcome and concluding event. Circles are comprised of up to 3 mentors and 6-7 mentees. Past participants have praised our program for the exceptional advisory, networking, and advocacy opportunities it provides. We also give discounts on membership and events to mentees who participate.

For more information, check out our [mentoring.program.page](#).

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Upcoming Events, Webinars, and Observances

- **Sept 12:**
 - Rosh Hashannah (Starts evening of Sept 11)
 - First Saturday- When Science Meets Art (Wagner Free Institute)
- **Sept 15- Oct 15:** Hispanic Heritage Month
- **Sept 16:**
 - Preparing for the Future of Work (Webinar, AWIS National)
 - Gender Minorities in Science Panel (Hybrid, Science History Institute)
- **Sept 21:** Yom Kippur (Starts evening of Sept 20)
- **Sept 22:** AWIS PHL Intro Networking Event
- **Sept 23:** Bisexual Awareness/ Visibility Day
- **Oct 8:** 2026 National Research Conference (UPenn)

Meet our Chapter President



Dr. Eileen Collyner
Temple University

Eileen Collyer, PhD, is an Associate Health and Safety Specialist in Biological Safety, supporting researchers through risk assessment, biosafety review, and collaboration to promote safe and compliant research. She earned her PhD in Physiology from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and completed postdoctoral training at UC San Diego and Drexel University, studying spinal cord injury and neural recovery. She later conducted stroke research at Thomas Jefferson University. Eileen has been an active AWIS member since 2015, serving on committees in both the San Diego and Philadelphia chapters. She is passionate about building supportive professional networks and creating opportunities for mentorship, leadership, and growth for women in STEM. As President, she hopes to strengthen the AWIS Philadelphia community and help members thrive both professionally and personally.