



## Grace Hopper Conference in Orlando 2023: Global Engineering Experience

**Program Details:** SSE is pleased to offer a global experience to the Grace Hopper Celebration for Women in Computing in Orlando, FL.

Computing is the largest gathering of women technologists, where participants from around the world learn, network, and celebrate their achievements. During the conference, the participants will attend technical talks, panels and workshops related to working in computing or professional development. There are several keynotes from leaders in industry and academia. In addition, there are many opportunities for participants to attend networking events during the conference. The students will also have ample opportunities to meet with representatives from companies such as IBM, DELL, Google, Microsoft, Facebook, etc. and apply for internship or permanent positions at the giant career fair. For more information about the conference visit: <https://ghc.anitab.org/>

This excursion is an exciting opportunity to get exposure to the academic, industrial, and networking world of women in computing by attending the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing conference. In addition, the trip will include an excursion to a major scientific/cultural location in Orlando, Florida.

This trip is targeted towards female students, but open to all engineering students who are interested in supporting or learning more about diversity in engineering. Due to the conference's focus on computing, students with an interest in the computing field may get the most benefit from the technical sessions and the industry networking.

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Dr. Leanne Dawson at [ladawson@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ladawson@ucalgary.ca)

**Dates:** September 26 – September 30, 2023

**Location:** Orlando, FL

**Language:** English


**Program type:** Group Study

**Application status:** Open

**Application deadline:** July 15, 2023

**Participants:** Open to a maximum of **12 undergraduates** in any Engineering major. Students are required to complete the Global Engineering Experience application form. They must participate in all pre-departure education, meetings, and preparation activities.

**Eligibility:** Students who have a minimum GPA of 2.0, have not previously participated in the Global Experience program and in all years of their Engineering major are welcome to apply. Students must be currently eligible or have valid visas for travel to the United States, as well as all supporting travel



documentation required for their destination. Please note, passport must be valid at the time of application.

**Cost:** Students eligible for this program will be required to pay out of pocket **\$750.00**. This includes round-trip airfare, field trips, local transportation, emergency medical insurance, and accommodations. Some meals will be provided (program dependent), but students should budget for food and snack purchases.

**Funding:** Due to the significant existing financial contribution from SSE, students will not be eligible to receive Schulich Student Activities Funding (SSAF) or UCalgary International Funding for these experiences.

**Pre-departure:** The Engineering Student Centre and Chaperone(s) will host a mandatory pre-departure session for students. Topics covered will include student rules of conduct, customs/norms of the destination countries, attendance expectations, and a full overview of the agenda. Students will also be expected to complete online study abroad module.

**Student conduct:** Students will be bound by university non-academic misconduct policies and will be required to sign the SSE Rules of Engagement for Group travel document. If misconduct occurs, the faculty chaperones, in consultation with the Dean's Office, reserve the right to send the student(s) home. Students will be required to sign risk and student conduct waivers at the pre-departure session.

**Additional student expenses:** Managed directly by program participants:

- Meals (breakfast may be provided)
- Additional baggage fees (if required)
- Passport & Photos (If required)
- Immunizations: based on recommendations from travel clinic, cost varies depending on individual circumstances and destination countries
- Travel insurance (emergency response will be included)