Information Session

- Informal discussion
  - Bonnie MacKay – introduction and information
  - Gabriella Mosquera – impressions as a grad student and suggestions
  - Brittany Kelly – impressions as an undergrad student and suggestions
  - Sage Franch – impressions as an undergrad student and multi-attendee

- Question session
What is it?

- GHC is the world’s largest technical conference for women in computing
- GHC brings together the community of women technologists
- The conference is co-presented by the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM).
- The conference results in collaborative proposals, networking and mentoring for attendees.
- You can still watch the 2015 Plenary/keynote speakers:
When and where is it?

- Houston, Texas
- October 19-21, 2016
GHC – 2015 – a look back

- There were about 12,000 attendees from 63 countries
- Most attendees were young CS (undergrad)
- See the website for all the stats related to GHC 2015
What can you do?

There are a variety of different sessions at GHC (you will never be bored, may need a map, and will often have to make hard choices!)

- Keynotes and Awards
- Mini plenaries
- Leadership Workshops (e.g., career workshops)
- Career Fair: apply for job opportunities at all levels across industry and academia.
- Posters Session
- Open Source World – learn about the different opportunities
- Student Opportunity Lab: Mentors and speakers will hold brief sessions at their own tables which you can visit
- Technology Sessions/Tracks (e.g., artificial intelligence, computer systems engineering, data science, gaming, computer graphics and animation, human computer interaction, security/privacy and software engineering)
- And more!

http://ghc.anitaborg.org
How can you participate?

- **Deadline to participate: March 30, 2016**
- GHC 2016 expects to grow to 15,000 attendees (25% increase from 2015)
- Be a Speaker - Panel, 20-30 Presentation, Workshop, Bird of Feather (BOFs are guided, interactive discussions)
- The Student Opportunity Lab (SOL) - an interactive session in a large room where students can float between tables of ten. Tables have a speaker and topic and hold “mini sessions” lasting for fifteen minutes
- Poster – GHC hosts one of the largest technical poster sessions in the U.S.
- ACM Research Competition - individual students submitting posters for GHC can opt to have their posters also considered for the ACM Student Research Competition (sponsored by Microsoft Research) – up to $500 of travel reimbursed
- **NOTE:** Each of these have different requirements for submissions – check the website out!
- Be an attendee - just go 😊

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Is there help (\$\$) for attending? YES

- Scholarships from GH (over 500 given out last year)
  [link](http://ghc.anitaborg.org/2016-student-academic/scholarships/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_term=scholarships&utm_content=**&utm_campaign=ghc2016)

- Volunteer (be a "Hopper")

- Accepted research posters – DSU (Dal Student Union) has $100 grants for conferences that you get something accepted. You have to apply (check their website)

- Facebook has scholarships to GHC. The information isn't out yet for 2016 but here is the page for 2015. [link](https://www.facebook.com/careers/program/gracehopper2015)

- Github also has links to several companies that have scholarships to GHC (including google, twitter, and others). Similar to Facebook, all the details for the 2016 applications (hoping there are still ones for 2016) is not posted but links to 2015 fyi are at [link](https://github.com/freialobo/GHC-Scholarships)

- **CoRE CS** will be accepting applications for a grant to the conference (watch for the announcement)
Scholarships (GH)

Application Process

All students (undergrad, grad, post-docs) and faculty need to apply in order to be eligible for a scholarship. To apply, you must provide:

- Answers to all application questions
- A personal essay
- CV/Resume
- Students Only:
  - A letter of recommendation provided by a faculty member on your behalf
  - Unofficial transcript

Scholarship Details

Student Scholarships include:

- Individual Student Registration for the three day conference
- Meal card for use at the convention center during the conference
- Travel stipend (if used wisely, it will cover airfare, transportation costs to and from the airport, baggage fees, meals during travel, other travel incidentals)

Applications for the GHC Scholarships - Apply Now!!
http://anitaborg.org/awards-grants/ghc-scholarship-grants/
Be a Hopper (volunteer at the conference)

- Info on being a Hopper will be announced in early Spring – keep watching the website (may have to search for "hoppers" on the site).

- You receive a complementary registration pass to attend the conference in exchange for about 8 hours of volunteer time (assigned multiple shifts).

- Opportunity to meet many others – friends for life and connections!

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CoRe CS

- Last year we sponsored Brittany and Gabriella to go and represent Dal at GH
- The grant helped cover costs for flight, accommodations, registration and food
- Watch for the announcements for the deadline to apply and what is involved.
Call for Participation opens mid-February and closes **Wednesday, March 30**.

ABIE Award Nominations closes **Wednesday, April 20**. Nominate an outstanding woman technologist who deserves recognition for her career achievements.

- Student of Vision ABIE Award – show your vision of a future where the people who imagine and build technology mirror the people and societies they build it for. You could win $1,000 US dollars and a scholarship to GHC 2016.

  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Up7TJJQxHEE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Up7TJJQxHEE)

Volunteer (be a Hopper) – in the Spring

Scholarships – late February but can apply now!

CoRe CS grant – watch for announcement.

Watch the GHC for dates and for all information (all information on these slides are from the website): [http://ghc.anitaborg.org](http://ghc.anitaborg.org)
My first impressions...

- HUGE
- Fun
- Energetic
- Supportive
- Celebration
- HUGE
- Informative
- Inspirational
- Positive
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Definitely not the only one craving caffeine.

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Love this #GHC15 plenary @sherylsandberg "we need to bring back feminism and get rid of the word bossy"
About this panel session: What's the science in science? #GHC15

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Ready for the #BigData session at #GHC15 @dalfcs @DalCSGS

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mosqueraj thanks for coming!

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