



SUBJECT: WINS: SC26 Call for Participation, Deadline 1/31/2026

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to announce that the Workforce in IT Networking at SC (WINS) program is now accepting applications for the 2026 program. Since 2015, the WINS program has provided an immersive “hands-on” mentorship opportunity for early- to mid-career applicants in the IT field who are selected to participate in the ground-up construction of [SCinet, one of the fastest and most advanced computer networks in the world](#), built annually for the SC conference to be held in Chicago, Illinois in November, 2026.

The program collaborates with SCinet committee leadership to match each awardee with a SCinet team and a mentor; offers travel funding for awardees; and provides ongoing support and career development opportunities for the awardees before, during, and after the conference.

Interested and qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. In order to further broaden the representation within the WINS program, all interested and qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. WINS seeks to include a wide variety of organizations and applicant backgrounds in each year’s cohort. **We encourage you to distribute this information to your networks and contacts. The application deadline is January 31, 2026** at 11:59 PM AoE. You can access the application [here](#)

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Sincerely,
The WINS Team