

Dear colleague,

We are looking for sponsors for the **WORMS (Women in Operations Research and Management Sciences)** events at the 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting in Anaheim this October.

The WORMS Forum benefits the INFORMS community in several ways, including:

- The **WORMS Family Care Award** to offset family care costs incurred while attending the Annual Meeting.
- The **WORMS Travel Awards** to support students attending the Combined Colloquia at the Annual Meeting and the Professional Colloquium at the Analytics Meeting.
- The **Award for the Advancement of Women in OR/MS**, which celebrates and recognizes a person who has contributed significantly to the advancement and recognition of women in the field of Operations Research and the Management Sciences (OR/MS).
- The **WORMS business meeting and networking reception** at the Annual Meeting, which are great networking and celebratory events for women in OR/MS and other supporters of diversity in the profession.
- The **WORMS sessions and panel discussions** at the Annual Meeting. This year we are planning two sessions:
  - A panel entitled “Countless Possibilities: A Panel Discussion with Minority Women in OR/MS,” and
  - A session entitled “Navigating the Big 3: Impostor Syndrome, Perfectionism and Comparisonitis.”
- The **WORMS Mentorship network** connecting WORMS members at all stages of their careers.

We are asking if your institution **could sponsor WORMS** this year. Because the forum has been growing and the cost of all our initiatives (business meeting, networking reception and awards) may exceed the budget of any one organization, we are pursuing joint sponsorships for our activities. Typical sponsorship is about \$1000, but of course, any amount is welcome.

In addition to supporting women in OR/MS, the benefits of sponsorship include acknowledgements at the business meeting and networking reception as well as on the WORMS website and in our e-mail and print communications.

To sponsor WORMS, please fill out the online donation form via <https://tinyurl.com/worms-sponsor-form>. The form contains information on how to proceed with the payment to INFORMS.

Thank you again for your help and support; we truly appreciate the sponsorship that your institution may be providing to us. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Anaheim at the 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting and at the WORMS sessions and gatherings.

Sincerely,  
2021 WORMS Officers