



Permissions: Discord Opt-In

Program: Grad Girls 2026 (a Women 4 STEM initiative).

Discord Community Opt-in (optional but recommended)

Why we use it

Discord is our **secondary communication channel** for quick updates between emails. We use it to share **event reminders, directions/venue changes, Zoom links, FAQs, slide decks**, and to enable **peer support** and **Q&A** with the Grad Girls team.

Safety & security

- **Private, invite-only server** with role-based permissions (participants, mentors, staff).
- **Moderated channels** and clear escalation routes; breaches of the Code of Conduct are acted on quickly.
- We **do not request sensitive information** in Discord; keep PII out of chats.
- We encourage **2-factor authentication** and strong passwords; channels are audited and archived post-program.

Your privacy

- We collect only your **Discord handle** and channel membership. No additional PII is required.
- Discord operates under its own Privacy Policy; you can use a **display name** that doesn't reveal your full identity.
- You can **leave the server** at any time.

If you don't opt in

You'll still receive key information by **email/Humanitix**, but Discord users may get **faster real-time updates** and community interaction.

Participant expectations

Follow our **Code of Conduct**, use channels appropriately, and report concerns to moderators.