

Get Involved in Techbridge Programs



Our Goal

Girls in our after-school programs learn every week about science, technology, and engineering. Be part of a community of role models that bridge the gap between these fun projects and the real world. Inspire a girl to change the world with a career in science, technology, or engineering.

Role Model Visits

Have you thought about encouraging girls in STEM, but don't know where to start?

Visiting a Techbridge program as a role model is a great place to begin. Role models in our after-school programs talk to girls about their lives and job and help lead a fun activity related to their career. We have an extensive curriculum of engaging, hands-on activities

"When role models come in, they inspire me because I know that females are a minority in engineering, and seeing them makes me feel like they're really brave, and maybe I should be that way too."

-10th grade student

planned for our girls, and you help them make the connections to the real world. Techbridge provides all the materials and supplies for the class, so you can focus on promoting a positive STEM message.

Techbridge also offers a one-hour training for role models planning a field trip or program visit. We encourage field trip volunteers to schedule a role model visit before or after a field trip to strengthen the connection with girls.

Our after-school programs serve 5th -12th grades, and run from 3 PM - 5 PM. Visits are a one-time commitment, and role models are welcome to revisit a program later in the year.



Field Trips

We want our girls to get a first-hand look at what it's like to work at your company. Girls may not have thought about what careers are involved in the products and services they use every day. We want to share how science and technology can have a positive impact on the world. Girls are curious to learn about career options at your company, and to meet professionals in these careers.



Our partners make these visits hands-on and engaging by giving tours, leading interactive workshops, and providing opportunities for role models and girls to learn about each other. As a result of these efforts, our girls cite field trips as the highlight of their Techbridge experience.

Techbridge offers support for planning a successful event, including training volunteers on ways to interact with girls, providing feedback on workshops, and sharing ideas on making a tour girl-friendly.

Things to know:

- Most trips take place during the work day, for about 4 hours, and include 25-30 girls and 3 adult chaperones.
- Techbridge staff will come on site about two weeks before the trip for a planning meeting with the volunteer role models, and will cover topics including how to interact with girls, the best way to describe your career, and more.
- Most hosts provide lunch and materials for activities.

"She told us she was the only woman in her lab in college... hearing it from her and seeing her be successful now really motivated me to want to keep on going."

-High school student

Resources for Role Models

The Role Models Matter Online Training Toolkit will help you develop skills to engage girls and underrepresented youth in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) through readings, videos, questions, and more.

www.techbridgegirls.org/rolemodelsmatter

Check out our Role Model Guides for sample agendas, past activities, and case studies.

<http://techbridgegirls.org/index.php?id=29>

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