Who is Dr. Blessing?
Dr. Susan Blessing is the Faculty Director of the WIMSE program at FSU, where she has taught physics since 1994. She was part of a team who performed one of the two experiments leading to the discovery of the top quark in 1995. While at FSU, she has served as an Assistant Dean for the College of Arts & Sciences, helped develop the Office of National Fellowships, and directs the Undergraduate Program in Physics. Nationally, she is recognized as the Chair of the American Physical Society's Committee on the Status of Women in Physics. In 2010, FSU awarded her the Nancy Marcus Professorship and in 2011 she received the Ross Oglesby Award for student mentoring.

WIMSE Program Objectives

- Promote a supportive environment
- Encourage participation beyond the classroom
- Provide opportunities to enhance academic and career goals through involvement
- Expose students to mentors and careers in STEM fields
- Developing skills necessary to be successful as future professionals

Women in Mathematics, Science, and Engineering

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What is an LLC?

A Living Learning Community brings students with common interests together to live in the same residence hall with an added academic component. There are seven Living Learning Communities at FSU. To learn more about them, visit http://learningcommunities.fsu.edu/

What is WIMSE?

The Women in Math, Science, and Engineering Program is much more than just a Living Learning Community. Unlike other LLCs, your experience doesn’t end with your first year. WIMSE students are invited to participate in activities throughout their time at FSU. It is a society full of motivated and intelligent women committed to success. Long lasting bonds are created with friends and faculty through social activities and research related activities.

“It's amazing to have this wonderful group of ladies around me. We’ve become more than just a community of strong, determined women, we’ve become a family.”

- Angela Douglas

What is REP?

Through the Research Experience Program (REP), WIMSE pays students to participate in supervised research. WIMSE also provides support and advice to students seeking an REP sponsor. Many REP participants go on to do research over the summer at universities all over the country and to write Honors Theses. Students have done research on copepods, sharks, quarks, supernovae, cancer, traumatic brain injury, autism, language acquisition, smart materials, robots, and things between and beyond.

What is the WIMSE Colloquium?

The Colloquium is a one-credit hour, graded course taken by WIMSE first years. It brings the class together through team building activities, games, and exercises. Guest speakers ranging from undergraduate students to etiquette coaches to award winning professors offer insight and valuable advice. Students also visit faculty partners who open up their research labs. Finally, students are exposed to many career paths and encouraged to explore the abundance of opportunities offered at FSU. They are encouraged to develop their life goals and examine the possible routes to achieve their goals.

Why Apply?

WIMSE can benefit a student on many levels. Scholastically she is supported by her peers and WIMSE staff, benefits from the resources available through the program, and is encouraged to be as successful as she can be. Through self-reflection, guided workshops, and team-building opportunities, WIMSE students develop and grow personally and professionally.