Tian Tang

Dr. Tian Tang is a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) and professor at the University of Alberta in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Her journey with WISEST began in 2010 as a volunteer role model. Since then, she has become an active part of WISEST, serving as the Academic Co-Chair of the WISEST Advisory Board from 2017-2023 while continuing as a volunteer role model for both our Summer Research Program (SRP) and Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Conference.

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Stephanie Chute-Ibsen

Stephanie Chute-Ibsen is a Ph.D. candidate and research associate in the field of Land Reclamation and Remediation. In 2021, they received the Advocate Spirit of Dr. Armour Award for their advocacy in creating a more diverse STEM community during WISEST's Summer Research Program (SRP). Through their passion for environmental science and their position as a volunteer mentor with WISEST, they demonstrate that there is a place not only for women but for queer, AFAB students in STEM.

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Shoma Sinha

Dr. Shoma Sinha is a co-founder of Women in Science, Engineering & Research (WiSER), a subcommunity of WISEST that focuses on serving the needs of graduate students and tearly-career professionals. In WiSER, she served as their Chair from 2008-2011 and then as a Mentor-in-Residence from 2011-2018. In 2016, she was recognized as a Top 40 Under 40 in Edmonton for her work with WISEST and AWSN (Alberta Women's Science Network). She now serves as a Research Advisor at Carleton University.

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Margaret-Ann Armour

Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour is the co-founder of WISEST. She was the first appointed Associate Dean of Science for Diversity at the University of Alberta and served in this position until her peaceful passing in 2019. Throughout her life, she worked as a tireless advocate for advancing gender inclusivity in STEM and was among the first to recognize the need to fix gender-biased systems. As a champion of diversity, she believed in the inalienable right that everyone has to fulfill their own potential.

Jessica Vandenberghe

Jessica Vandenberghe, born of the Dene Thá First Nation, is the Assistant Dean of Community and Culture at the University of Victoria's Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science. She is a long-time volunteer of WISEST who is deeply passionate about ensuring inclusive organizations and equitable frameworks. In 2021, she received the AWSN Athena Outstanding Volunteer Award which was created in honour of Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour for her exceptional contributions to advancing diversity and inclusion in STEM.

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