ABOUT US

Advancing New Canadian Women in Technology (ANCWT) is a bridging employment program for new immigrants and Syrian refugee women who have technical skills (in Engineering, Technology, Computer Science and Information Technology) from their home country.
ANCWT is an initiative led by Dr. Sawsan Abdul-Majid based at the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Engineering.

Since 2016, ANCWT has had two successful cohorts. The 2016 pilot project trained twenty skilled Syrian refugees who secured positions in fields related to their qualifications. Besides earning a direct income, these women benefited from the program by completing the requirements for the Engineer Intern program (EIT), leading to Professional Engineering licensing in Canada.

In 2018, thirteen new immigrant women coming from seven different countries with diverse degrees in engineering fields registered to ANCWT as part of the first official cohort. Many of the participants found meaningful employment through the program, the latest one of them being Oyaje Omakwu, who currently works as a Project Analyst for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, in the Information Management/Information Technology Project Management Office.

"The ANCWT Program from the University of Ottawa allowed the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to connect with highly skilled candidates and recruit talents. Both Oyaje and DFO are creating a valuable experience in building a diverse workplace through the program."

Mireille Leroux, Manager, Project Portfolio Management at Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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**GOAL**

To improve the integration process of skilled new immigrants and refugees within the Canadian job market, as quickly as possible.

**WHAT ANCWT DOES**

ANCWT provides intensive training and guides participants in securing placements in their desired industry or profession. The program includes information related to understanding:

- The job market
- The challenges of gender discrimination
- The professional engineering licensing process of the Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO)
- Ottawa’s unique living conditions

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**ANCWT TRAINING 2019**

Date: March 11 - 22
Location: uOttawa campus

**ANCWT INTERVIEWS 2019**

March 25th / April 26th 2019
Cost: $80 per participant
Location: uOttawa campus

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