**#WomenInScience During Covid-19**

*The* [*Gender STI project*](https://www.gender-sti.org/)*, an international initiative that analyzes gender equality in bilateral and multilateral agreements in science, technology and innovation, is partnering with the IEEE BHI-BSN 2021 conference to shed light on the experiences of women researchers during the covid-19 pandemic. It is clear that* [*women*](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-01294-9)[*researchers*](https://orwh.od.nih.gov/sex-gender/covid-19) *have been disproportionately impacted during the pandemic, which* [*some say has magnified*](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02183-x) *existing inequalities in science.*

*For the 2021 IEEE BHI-BSN 2021 conference, Gender STI and the BHI Women's Activities Co-Chairs would like to give women researchers a platform to share how their lives and careers were affected during the pandemic. We believe that speaking honestly about these experiences will help others understand the realities women in science face and motivate decision makers to take action to address these challenges.*

*If you are interested in participating, please fill out this questionnaire about your experience. We will share these stories on our websites and social media channels during the conference from July 27-30. Please send along a short bio of yourself and a photo that we can use to share your story. Additionally, feel free to write as much as you wish.*

**Questions**

**1. What research were you carrying out when the pandemic hit in 2020?**

**2. How was your day-to-day work affected by the pandemic? Did you continue going to your research lab or did you work from home?**

**3. If you worked at home, did you have other responsibilities at home, e.g., caring for an older or sick individual, caring for children, doing other household duties etc., while you carried out your research?**

**4. If you worked in a lab, how did you balance your responsibilities at work with your responsibilities at home?**

**5. Did you ever fear for the future of your job?**

**6.** [**Early**](https://www.nap.edu/catalog/26061/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-the-careers-of-women-in-academic-sciences-engineering-and-medicine)[**studies**](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-01294-9) **have found that women’s authorship has decreased significantly in some areas during the pandemic. When it comes to women writing about covid-19 pandemic topics, for example,** [**one analysis**](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.06142) **found that the proportion of women writing as first authors dropped by 44.5% when compared to baseline predictions of anticipated authorship. Overall, regardless of the order, the proportion of women writing about the covid-19 pandemic dropped by 15.4% compared with the baseline. What do you think about that?**

**7. Did you feel that your physical and mental health was affected during the pandemic?**

**8. What effect, if any, would you say the pandemic has had on your scientific career?**