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Building upon the success of the [WiSci \(Women in Science\) Girls STEAM Camp held in Peru](#) in 2016 and in [Rwanda in 2015](#), this year's WiSci Girls STEAM Camp will take place in [Malawi, July 30–August 14](#). A public-private partnership designed to expand science, technology, engineering, arts and design, and mathematics (STEAM) exposure and opportunities for adolescent girls, the 2017 camp brings together 100 students from Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda, Liberia, Tanzania, Zambia, and the United States.

Led by industry experts, WiSci 2017 focuses on the applications of science and technology in creating a safer, more prosperous, and secure world. Campers will learn about coding and app development, engineering and robotics, micro- and molecular biology, satellite mapping, and sustainable development. They will have the opportunity to present project ideas and designs that use the skills and tools they gained to address a social or development challenge. The camp will also provide the girls with leadership and communication skills, teamwork opportunities, cultural exchange, educational excursions, mentorship, and professional development and networks extending beyond the camp to continue participants' engagement in STEAM fields.

The 2017 WiSci Girls STEAM Camp is led by founding partners the [U.S. Department of State](#), [United Nations Foundation's Girl Up campaign](#), and [the Intel Corporation](#), and sustaining partner [Google](#). Additional programmatic support is provided by [Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany](#), [American Society for Microbiology](#), and [NASA](#). The implementing partner for WiSci 2017 is [World Learning](#).

The WiSci Girls STEAM camp is part of the U.S. government's efforts to empower adolescent girls, especially in the STEAM fields, and to prevent and respond to gender-based violence

For more information on the WiSci Girls STEAM Camp, visit girlup.org/wisci, follow [#WiSci2017](#) on social media, or contact Alex Campbell, CampbellAM2@state.gov or Anita Ostrovsky, Ostrovskya@state.gov.

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