

**The History of Women at UC Berkeley:  
Collected Studies initiated in Honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Women's Admission to the University**

150 Years of Women at Berkeley



**Dedication:** To all the women of the University of California Berkeley who have made it what it is today, but particularly to the many who have often gone unnoticed, unappreciated, and undocumented, this project serves to illuminate your achievements.

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**Database of Cal Women** <https://edge.berkeley.edu/150w-database/>

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**Description:** Aligning with the goals of 150W to document and preserve women’s contributions to UC Berkeley, EDGE in Tech at the University of California collaborated with the 150W history committee and the broader public to collect the stories of notable women and document

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their contributions in this Database of Cal Women. These women were notable leaders in their respective fields and many were "firsts" and trailblazers who provided and continue to provide inspiration and pathways for other women considering following in their footsteps.

The database organizes these impressive women leaders and innovators across twenty-two different fields including but not limited to degree types, majors, ethnicities, photos, and awards. The platform enables people to sort, filter, and search through over 650 records to discover notable women who have contributed to Cal and society. The information was crowdsourced and the data was researched, vetted and organized by the 150W committee and a dedicated team of Berkeley students in order to verify the information as much as possible. One of the student organizers, Hristiyana Kostova, put together a playbook for other universities seeking to create a similar repository of women to ensure their inclusion in history. If you have suggested additions, please complete this form, or if you identify any inaccuracies, please contact us at [edgeintech@berkeley.edu](mailto:edgeintech@berkeley.edu).

EDGE in Tech at the University of California is focused on expanding diversity and gender equity in tech, and is committed to addressing the challenges faced by women and other under-included identities in engineering and computer science fields by serving as a trusted center and resource that integrates research with action. The 150W database is one way of showcasing representation of women in various fields and making sure that women, and their contributions, are included in the history of the University of California at Berkeley.

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