



# AGENDA

## Scientist Mentoring & Diversity Program for Biotechnology (SMDP Biotech) Outreach & Planning Committee

**Video Conference Call:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 12:00 noon Eastern | 9:00 AM Pacific

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- Welcome & Introductions - **BOLD ITEMS WILL BE COVERED DURING THE CALL;** For a more in-depth briefing contact Scott May at [smay@icpdprograms.org](mailto:smay@icpdprograms.org) or +1 (202) 441-7370
- Planning for the 2024 SMDP Biotech training program, June 1-6 in San Diego
  - **Scholars - The application deadline is April 5, 2024. ICPD is accepting applications at: <https://smdp.icpdprograms.org/>; DISCUSSION ITEM - committee input on description of academic focus areas and fields being completed by students in the application form (please provide comments in this Google document: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LtnPKcthvX12B8NbBaOK3n6juUdanvAUHotpQ476ISg/edit?usp=sharing> by November 17; Please share the call for applicants: [https://smdp.icpdprograms.org/assets/y1lyu45dj3qh/page\\_widgets/2024-SMDP-Call-for-Applications.pdf](https://smdp.icpdprograms.org/assets/y1lyu45dj3qh/page_widgets/2024-SMDP-Call-for-Applications.pdf); ICPD staff and scholars continue to attend professional meetings for 2024 scholar recruitment; Virtual Fireside chat scheduled for December 8**
  - **Venues - ICPD is seeking meeting space for 220 people all day Sunday on June 2 and for morning sessions on Monday, June 3, ICPD is also checking on university facilities**
  - Group size - Will accept no more than 110 scholar/mentor pairs in 2024
  - **BIO International Convention** - ICPD seeks to grow its partnership with the Biotechnology Industry Organization; ICPD's alliance with AdvaMed is robust for SMDP MedTech; ICPD requests that sponsors/partners provide introductions to key staff at BIO for Scott May
- Partner Support
  - **Scott May is sending emails to SMDP Biotech and SMDP MedTech partner companies requesting: 1. the number of scholar/mentor pairs each company would like to support in the two programs in 2024; NOTE: requests to increases in the number of scholar/mentor pairs sponsored will be handled on a "waitlist" basis and ICPD will respond to these requests on a first-in basis in February; and 2. a Zoom meeting between now and January 31, 2024 to review each company's partnership in 2023 and plan for 2024**
  - Sponsorship information available here: <http://www.icpdprograms.org/sponsorship/>
  - **Portal Orientation for recruiters at partner companies - schedule with Scott May**



- Virtual programming
  - **ICPD hosted a virtual event for Amgen September 20 titled "Live Win Thrive - An Evening with Amgen;" 2023 SMDP Biotech scholars were invited to attend**
  - **2022 SMDP MedTech virtual end-of-year reunion call will be on December 7**
  - **SMDP Biotech and SMDP MedTech Career Networking virtual event will be conducted January 11 and January 25, respectively - Incyte and Smith+Nephew are confirmed; to reserve a spot, email Scott May**
  - Project pages; smart phone app for the portal; SMDP Gateway membership program
- Sponsor updates
  - SMDP related announcements
    - **On October 18, Astra Zeneca hosted a virtual session for 2023 SMDP Biotech and SMDP MedTech Scholars titled "Belonging in Industry: Overcoming Imposter Syndrome"**
    - **Janssen Pharmaceuticals Open House will be November 7-8 in Springhouse, PA - Scott May will attend**
  - **Diversity and inclusion activities**
- **Scholar updates**
- Proposed Alumni program - Plan to launch in conjunction with 2024 SMDP Biotech and 2024 SMDP MedTech; overview of the proposed program and feedback from the committee; alumni will be engaged in program planning and running the program
- Other ICPD program updates:
  - ELISA - **ELISA Scholars program will be November 13-14, 2024, in Hwange, Zimbabwe (arrival in Victoria Falls);** Online tours and briefings about ELISA are available by contacting Scott May
  - **2024 SMDP MedTech will be October 12-17 in Toronto, Canada**

Upcoming SMDP Biotech O&P Committee calls: 2024 dates to be announced in November