



# AGENDA

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

**Video Conference Call:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 12:00 noon Eastern | 9:00 AM Pacific

<https://icpdprograms-org.zoom.us/j/89030571631?pwd=NTZycFVrVURhekQ4bWh2bIBaQWZEdz09>

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- Welcome & Introductions - **BOLD ITEMS WILL BE COVERED DURING THE CALL;** For a more in-depth briefing contact Scott May ([smay@icpdprograms.org](mailto:smay@icpdprograms.org)) or +1 (202) 441-7370
- Virtual programming
  - **2022 SMDP MedTech virtual end-of-year reunion was December 7**
  - **Career Networking virtual events - SMDP Biotech, March 6, featured Amgen, AstraZeneca and Kenvue; SMDP MedTech, March 7 featured Edwards Lifesciences, Johnson & Johnson MedTech and Smith+Nephew; SMDP Biotech, April 4, the companies will be Bristol Myers Squibb, Genentech, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine and Merck; SMDP Biotech and SMDP MedTech scholars are invited to both; demand for an additional session?**
  - Project pages; SMDP Gateway membership program
- Sponsor updates
  - SMDP related announcements
    - **Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine Open House was November 7-8 in Springhouse, PA - Scott May attended**
    - **Lilly hosted a program for their SMDP Peer Mentoring Network on December 12**
  - **Diversity and inclusion activities**
    - **J&J Scholars of Diversity Engagement Program - immunology program is accepting applications until April 16**
    - **Leaders of Color M Scholars Program by Merck KGaA opening soon for internal applicants**
- Planning for the 2024 SMDP Biotech training program, June 1-6 in San Diego
  - **Mentor Selection - Partner companies select their own mentors by April 12; thanks to the companies that have already selected their mentors; Mentor orientation call May 8;** guidance for mentors is here: <https://smdp.icpdprograms.org/mentoring/>; request mentors or surrogate mentors from the sponsor companies be available in-person at the training program
  - **Scholars - Send Selection Committee member names and email addresses to Dustie Savage ([dsavage@icpdprograms.org](mailto:dsavage@icpdprograms.org)) and Scott May by April 5;** the deadline for students to apply for both programs is April 5. The application is here: <https://smdp.icpdprograms.org/>
  - **Venues - ICPD is finalizing meeting space for the training; casual dinner on June 1 will be at Social Tap; site visit and lunch on June 3 will be at Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine La Jolla campus**



- **Celebration of Mentoring Diversity Reception will be 6:30-9:30 pm, June 2 on the Inspiration Yacht; all committee members are invited to attend and should RSVP to Dustie Savage by May 3**
- **BIO International Convention - Partner companies can host events for the scholars in the mornings and evenings during the convention and these times are still available - June 4, 7:30-8:30 am, June 5, 7-8 am, 5-6 pm, and June 6, 7-8 am, and please contact Scott May to reserve one of these sessions;** SMDP will be partnering with the Women in BIO organization during the convention
- Partner Support
  - **Thank you to the partner companies for their support; 105 scholar/mentor pairs are confirmed for SMDP Biotech and ICPD will accept up to 110**
  - **Opportunity to be engaged with SMDP MedTech; contact Scott May to discuss sponsorship**
  - Sponsorship information available here:  
<http://www.icpdprograms.org/sponsorship/>
  - Portal Orientation for recruiters at partner companies - schedule with Scott May
- **Scholar updates**
- Alumni program - Developing a cohesive alumni program; staff dedicated to alumni activities; update of survey of past scholars
- Other ICPD program updates:
  - **ELISA - ELISA Scholars program will be November 13-14, 2024, in Hwange, Zimbabwe (arrival in Victoria Falls); Corporate memberships are available to join ELISA;** 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:

- **Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific**
- **Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific**
- **Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific**