



# AGENDA

## Scholar Mentoring & Development Program for Medical Technology (SMDP MedTech) Outreach & Planning Committee

Video conference - Wednesday, April 29, 2025, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific

<https://icpdprograms-org.zoom.us/j/84577078409?pwd=lgae5X8HCaCP578MjBarfrcCTR32Pe.1>

- 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 2026 SMDP MedTech training program, October 16-21 in Boston
  - **Scholars - over 100 applications were received; please email your selection committee names and email addresses to Scott May and Dustie Savage ([dsavage@icpdprograms.org](mailto:dsavage@icpdprograms.org)) by August 1**
  - **Mentors - Please email your mentor names, titles and email addresses to Scott May and Dustie Savage by August 14; ICPD is compiling a list of best practices for supporting the mentors at the partner companies; DISCUSSION ITEMS - advice on how the partner companies recruit and support their mentors, how to ensure their mentors attend the in-person training, ICPD communications with the mentors, pre and post-training program**
  - **Venues - Seek a site for the training program in Boston, with approximately 70 participants, all day, Saturday, October 17, and 7am -1pm, Sunday, October 18**
  - **Agenda and Speaker needs - please email recommended speaker names, titles and email addresses to Elisabeth Valerio ([evalerio@icpdprograms.org](mailto:evalerio@icpdprograms.org)) and Dustie Savage by August 14**
  - **Annual Celebration of SMDP MedTech Reception, the evening of Saturday, October 17; SMDP MedTech O&P Committee members are invited to attend and should RSVP to Dustie Savage by Sept 11**
  - **Update on The MedTech Conference**
- Partner Support
  - **Thank you to the companies that have already confirmed their 2026 sponsorship**
  - **Please confirm your 2026 support with Scott May by June 30**
  - **Seek two emerging companies for no-cost sponsorship for a scholar/mentor pair; please provide introductions to Scott May**
  - **The goal is to have 35 sponsored scholar/mentor pairs**
  - **The 2026 sponsorship rate will be \$12,000 per scholar/mentor pair**
  - **Sponsorship information available here: [icpdprograms.org/sponsorship](https://icpdprograms.org/sponsorship)**
- **Partner Updates**



- Virtual programming
  - o **Jobs Board - Demonstration of how to post opportunities, any member can post (you just need to be logged into the portal); engage recruiters; portal orientation for recruiters at partner companies can be scheduled with Scott May**
  - o **Virtual Events - "Belonging In Industry" by AstraZeneca, April 30; "SMDP MedTech Career Networking", May 12; "J&J Innovative Medicine R&D Roundtable with Snr Leaders", May 21; "SMDP Biotech Career Networking", May 28**
  - o **Weekly email summary - If you would like to feature any of your activities in this email publication, then email Elisabeth Valerio (evalerio@icpdprograms.org)**
  - o App and interactive map live on portal
  - o Mentor Moments - Over 95 have been published
  - o Career Spotlights - 48 Career Spotlights published, featuring SMDP alumni
  - o Project pages; SMDP Gateway membership program
- 2025 SMDP MedTech
  - o Scholars - 30 scholars sponsored
  - o Mentors - follow-up meetings as needed
- Alumni program
  - o **SMDP Alumni Program Steering Committee (ASC) has been formed and they meet monthly**
  - o **SMDP ASC has a budget for 2026 and they are prioritizing establishing 6 regional chapters and providing in-person and virtual programming**
  - o **The 2026 SMDP Alumni Networking event will be an in-person and virtual event occurring Saturday, June 20 in San Diego; the alumni attending in-person are invited to participate in the opening event for the in-bound 2026 SMDP Biotech Scholars and Mentors; SMDP partners are invited to attend and should RSVP to Dayveon Cooper (dcooper@icpdprograms.org) by May 22**
  - o **The ASC will host an Alumni Event coinciding with SMDP MedTech in Boston**
  - o **Scholar alumni research reports for SMDP Biotech and SMDP MedTech are being updated to include job history of alumni; the past reports are available here: <https://smdp.icpdprograms.org>**
- Other ICPD program updates:
  - o **SMDP Biotech - the 2026 SMDP Biotech Training Session will be June 20-25 in San Diego**
  - o **Enterprise, Leaders & Innovators Society for Africa (ELISA) - the 2026 ELISA Business Scholars Training Session and ELISA Business Summit here held on March 19-22 in Hwange, Zimbabwe (near Victoria Falls); to partner with ELISA contact Scott May**
  - o **Sage Clubs K-12 program launched with 8 pilot schools: a new school-based program that equips students with practical skills, confidence and opportunities to contribute positively where they live and learn**

- Other/Action items

Upcoming committee meetings:

- **Wednesday, July 29, 9-9:30 am PT**
- **Wednesday, September 23, 9-9:30 am PT**
- **Wednesday, November 4, 9-9:30 am PT**