



AGENDA

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

Video conference - Wednesday, September 23, 2025, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific

<https://icpdprograms-org.zoom.us/j/88126410372?pwd=TS0KQrtMxWFWbk05haib0aa5yHmCmJ.1>

- Welcome & Introductions - **BOLD ITEMS WILL BE COVERED DURING THE CALL;**
For a more in-depth briefing contact Scott May at smay@icpdprograms.org or +1 (202) 441-7370
- **2027 SMDP MedTech training session, October 1-6 in San Francisco**
 - **Scholars - Will begin recruiting in November, after the next Outreach & Planning Committee meeting; DISCUSSION ITEM - Review draft changes to the 2027 SMDP Biotech application and selection requirements**
 - Mentors
 - Venues
 - Site visits
 - Agenda and Speakers
 - Annual Celebration of SMDP Biotech reception
 - Update on The MedTech Conference
- 2025 SMDP MedTech
 - **End-of year reunion call will be November 5, 9-10am PT**
 - **Scholars need to meet monthly reporting requirements to graduate from SMDP, receive certificate of completion and be welcomed into the SMDP Alumni Network**
- **Partner Updates**
 - **Kenvue Virtual Open House - Thursday, July 30**
 - **Feedback from partner companies - SMDP scholars have skills that they don't see as strongly with other new hires; SMDP scholars are inclined to mentor and be mentored, are effective at networking and are more comfortable presenting to senior management; how can the partner companies help quantify this?**
- Alumni program
 - **The Alumni Steering Committee (ASC) and the SMDP Boston Area Alumni Chapter will host an inaugural event in Boston October 19, 5-8 pm, register [here](#):**
 - **The ASC is prioritizing establishing 6 regional chapters including in these areas: Boston, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia**
 - **The ASC is planning a series of virtual professional development sessions**



- **The 2026 SMDP Alumni Networking Event** was held in person and virtually on June 20 in San Diego. Alumni who attended in person were also invited to participate in the opening event for the incoming 2026 SMDP Biotech Scholars and Mentors.
- **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: smdpnetwork.org
- **Virtual programming**
 - **Jobs Board** - ICPD is determining the best way to locate jobs at partner companies and post jobs on the SMDP Portal; ideas include using AI to search partner company career portals, querying primary SMDP contacts, and asking SMDP mentors; to discuss in greater detail contact Dayveon Cooper, dcooper@icpdprograms.org
 - **Virtual Events** - **Desire to have a November Career Networking event?**
 - Weekly email summary - If you would like to feature any of your activities in this email publication, then email Elisabeth Valerio (evalerio@icpdprograms.org)
 - App and interactive map live on portal
 - Mentor Moments - Over 95 have been published
 - Career Spotlights - 48 Career Spotlights published, featuring SMDP alumni
 - Project pages; SMDP Gateway membership program
- **2026 SMDP MedTech Training Program, October 16-21 in Boston**
 - [2026 SMDP MedTech Training Session Events page](#)
 - **2026 SMDP MedTech Scholar applicants** - over 100 applications were received with Biomedical Engineering accounting for nearly half. The pool is academically advanced, with 38 PhD, 19 Master's, 21 Bachelor's, and 3 postdoctoral applicants, and represents more than 60 universities, Scholar orientation virtual meeting will be September 28
 - **Mentors** - Mentor information sheet; Mentor orientation virtual meeting will be September 28, 9-9:45 am PT
 - **Agenda and Speaker needs** - please email recommended speaker names, titles and email addresses to Elisabeth Valerio
 - **Venues** - The training program will be at Lilly's site near the Thomas M. Menino Convention Center; logistics and venue information can be found on the events page here: [2026 SMDP MedTech Training Session Events page](#)
 - **Site Visit** - ICPD requests one partner company to host a site visit 8:30-10am, Tuesday October 20; contact Scott May to discuss this
 - **Annual Celebration of SMDP MedTech Reception** will be the evening of Saturday, October 17; SMDP MedTech O&P Committee members are invited to attend and should RSVP to Elisabeth Valerio by Sept 30th
 - **Update on The MedTech Conference**



- Partner Support
 - **Scott May is beginning to meet with SMDP partner companies to reserve scholar/mentor pair sponsorships for SMDP Biotech and SMDP MedTech in 2027 and confirm executive sponsors**
 - **Opportunities to support scholar/mentor pairs in 2026 SMDP MedTech (Training Session will be held October 16-21 in Boston)**
 - **The 2027 sponsorship rate will be \$12,000 per scholar/mentor pair**
 - **Sponsorship information available here: icpdprograms.org/sponsorship**
 - ICPD will support two emerging companies for no-cost sponsorship for one scholar/mentor pair each; would any partner companies like to support any merging companies engagement
- Other ICPD program updates:
 - **SMDP MedTech - 2026 SMDP MedTech Training Session will be October 16-21 in Boston; 2027 SMDP MedTech Training Session will be October 1-6 in San Francisco**
 - **Enterprise, Leaders & Innovators Society for Africa (ELISA) - to partner with ELISA contact Scott May; the 2027 ELISA Business Scholars Training will be August 4-7; and the ELISA Business Summit will be August 5th, in Hwange, Zimbabwe (near Victoria Falls)**
- Other/Action items

Upcoming committee meetings:

- **Wednesday, November 4, 9-9:30 am PT**