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# **Scientist Mentoring**& Diversity Program (SMDP)

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#### **SMDP OVERVIEW**

The career mentoring program pairs ethnically diverse post baccalaureate and graduate students with mentors who work at biotech, consumer healthcare and medtech companies.

With their mentors, SMDP Scholars attend a training session to learn about career opportunities in industry and receive career development coaching. They also attend a major industry conference.

For one year after the training session, SMDP Scholars carry out a personalized mentoring plan which helps to prepare them for industry careers.

### **2019 SMDP Training Sessions:**

SMDP Biotech, June 1 - 5, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA SMDP MedTech, September 21 - 25, 2019 in Boston, MA





**Program Goals** 

## Scholars – Career coaching and professional plan developed and implemented

- Understand what industry is about
- Learn about career opportunities and paths in industry
- Prepare for a successful career





**Program Goals** 

## Mentors – Executive development for senior and mid-level leaders

- Enhance coaching and mentoring skills
- Improve skills at identifying high-potential talent
- Leverage diversity and cultural awareness
- Network with industry peers and gain greater awareness of emerging research





**Program Goals** 

## Sponsor Companies – Partner with SMDP on diversity and executive development

- Get access to top talent from current programs and SMDP alumni
- High-potential executive development
- Complement diversity and inclusion strategies
- Gain more heterogenous technical workforce Better solutions to complex problems when addressed by diverse groups
- Recognition of support at events and virtual resources





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