



AGENDA

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

Video conference - Wednesday, February 4, 2025, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific

<https://icpdprograms-org.zoom.us/j/89764697755?pwd=dbKZ4NcTbEQiNrgmUNEcnsb0g4fgQr.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
- **Sponsor Updates**
- Virtual programming
 - **Jobs Board - Demonstration of how to post opportunities, any member can post (you need to be logged into the portal); engage recruiters; portal Orientation for recruiters at partner companies, schedule with Scott May**
 - **Indicate interest for Career Networking online event**
 - App and interactive map live on portal
 - Weekly email summary - If you would like to feature any of your activities in this email publication, then email Elisabeth Valerio (evalerio@icpdprograms.org)
 - Mentor Moments - Over 95 have been published
 - Career Spotlights - 48 Career Spotlights published, featuring SMDP alumni
 - Project pages; SMDP Gateway membership program
- SMDP enhancements
 - **The acronym now represents Scholar Mentoring and Development Program**
 - **Objective criteria now includes "disadvantaged backgrounds," as defined by the National Institutes of Health 2025**
 - **Objective criterion also includes: Is currently enrolled at or received a degree from an accredited United States of Puerto Rico based institution of higher education, and the applicants will be required to submit their most recent transcript and it should be no more than 3 years old**
- Planning for the 2026 SMDP MedTech training program, October 16-21 in Boston
 - **Scholars - Applications are live here and applications are being accepted here: smdp.icpdprograms.org; Recruitment at society meetings and universities: NSBE will be in Baltimore March was 18-20; Fireside Chat on January 23rd had around 100 attendees; Dustie Savage will be having informational sessions for USC, Dartmouth, Cornell, University of Cincinnati and Rutgers; please email your selection committee names and email addresses to Scott May and Dustie Savage (dsavage@icpdprograms.org) by **August 1****



- o Mentors - **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; please email your mentor names, titles and email addresses to Scott May and Dustie Savage by **August 14****
- o 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**
- o Agenda and Speaker needs - **please email recommended speaker names, titles and email addresses to Elisabeth Valerio (evalerio@icpdprograms.org) and Dustie Savage by **August 14****
- o **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****

- Partner Support
 - o **Thank you to the companies that have already confirmed their 2026 sponsorship**
 - o **Scott May will continue to schedule meetings with committee members to debrief about 2025 and plan for 2026**
 - o **If you have not already confirmed your 2026 support, please let Scott May know by **February 27****
 - o **Seek two emerging companies for no-cost sponsorship for a scholar/mentor pair; please provide introductions to Scott May**
 - o **The goal is to have 35 sponsored scholar/mentor pairs**
 - o The 2026 sponsorship rate will be \$12,000 per scholar/mentor pair
 - o Sponsorship information available here: icpdprograms.org/sponsorship

- 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 have had 2 meetings; they have adopted a budget for 2026 and each ASC lead plans to prioritize identifying and addressing alumni needs relevant to their respective roles**
 - o **The 2026 SMDP Alumni Networking Event to be held in-person and virtual, the event will occur on Saturday, June 20 in San Diego culminating with a networking event with in-bound 2026 SMDP Biotech Scholars and Mentors; **partners invited to attend** and should RSVP to Dayveon Cooper (dcooper@icpdprograms.org) by **May 22**; The ASC leads will be in attendance**



- **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:
 - **2026 SMDP Biotech Training Session will be held June 20-25 in San Diego**
 - **Enterprise, Leaders & Innovators Society for Africa (ELISA) - the 2026 ELISA Business Scholars Training Session and ELISA Business Summit will be held March 19-22 in Hwange, Zimbabwe (near Victoria Falls); to partner contact Scott May**
 - **Sage Clubs K-12 program launched - 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, April 29, 9-9:30 am PT**
- **Wednesday, July 29, 9-9:30 am PT**
- **Wednesday, September 23, 9-9:30 am PT**
- **Wednesday, November 4, 9-9:30 am PT**