



AGENDA

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

Video conference - Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 12:00 noon Eastern / 9:00 AM Pacific

<https://icpdprograms-org.zoom.us/j/86787740632?pwd=zCxOlsn4KJZLUaWbR8MKbij7AnAXBh.1>

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- 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
- Partner Support
 - o **30 scholar/mentor pairs are confirmed (budget is 30) for the 2025 SMDP MedTech; contact Scott May for last-minute sponsorships**
 - o The 2025 sponsorship rate per scholar/mentor pair is \$12,000
 - o Sponsorship information available here: icpdprograms.org/sponsorship
 - o Portal Orientation for recruiters at partner companies, schedule with Scott May
- **Sponsor Updates**
- Virtual programming -
 - o **2024 SMDP Biotech Scholar End-of-Year Virtual Reunion - August 7**
 - o **2024 SMDP MedTech Scholar End-of-Year Virtual Reunion - November 6**
 - 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 Mentor Moments - Over 95 have been published
 - o Career Spotlights - 48 Career Spotlights published, featuring SMDP alumni
 - o Jobs Board - Any member can post; engage recruiters
 - o Project pages; SMDP Gateway membership program
- Planning for 2025 SMDP MedTech training, October 3-8, San Diego, CA
 - o Scholars - **Applications are closed; a Selection Committee is being formed and names for the committee were to be submitted to Scott May and Dustie Savage (dsavage@icpsprograms.org) by August 1**
 - o Mentors – **August 15 is the deadline for the partner companies to send their mentor names to ICPD; DISCUSSION ITEM - Importance of in-person attendance; advice on how the partner companies recruit and support their mentors?**
 - o Agenda and Speaker needs - **This year the program begins Friday evening, October 3 and ends mid-day October 5; submit speaker recommendations to Dusite Savage by August 15**
 - o Venues - **ICPD requests partner companies to: 1. host the training program in the San Diego area for 70 people, all day Saturday, October 4 and the morning of Sunday, October 5; or 2. host a site visit the afternoon of Monday, October 6 or Tuesday, October 7; contact Scott May to discuss**
 - o The Annual Celebration of SMDP MedTech reception - **The evening of Saturday, October 4 in San Diego, RSVP to Dustie Savage by September 12**
 - o The 2025 MedTech Conference - **Early planning announcements; contact Scott May to plan "pop-up" meetings with your executives**



- SMDP enhancements
 - o **Applications for the 2026 SMDPs will go live in September**
 - o **DISCUSSION ITEM - Should we still have these two objective criteria for criteria for scholar selection?**
 - **1. Citizens or permanent residents of United States and Puerto Rico are eligible to apply**
 - **2. Legally authorized to work permanently in the United States without needing a visa or sponsorship?**
 - o The acronym now represents Scholar Mentoring and Development Program
 - o Objective criteria now includes “disadvantaged backgrounds,” as defined here: https://www.era.nih.gov/commons/disadvantaged_def.htm
- SMDP Alumni program
 - o **Debrief about the SMDP Alumni Program in-person and virtual, June 16, Boston**
 - **Agenda -**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CJVRxW8rdu_pIg9fHOaez15s0BWIHxOO2pHNzH8CFI0/edit?usp=sharing
 - **Attendees - 40 were in-person and 45 were virtual**
 - **Venues - The hotel venue worked well; The virtual session was very well produced**
 - o **Governance – SMDP Alumni Program Advisory Council (exists) and SMDP Alumni Program Steering Committee (being formed)**
 - o **App and interactive map in development**
 - o Scholar alumni research reports for SMDP Biotech and SMDP MedTech have been published: smdp.icpdprograms.org
- Scholar updates
- Other ICPD program updates:
 - o **ELISA - 2025 ELISA Business Scholars EBS training session will be held November 18-21 in Hwange, Zimbabwe (near Victoria Falls); partner companies can provide coaches and support an ELISA Scholar for \$6,000 per pair; contact Scott May for more information**
 - o **2026 SMDP Alumni program in-person and virtual event will be Saturday, June 20 in San Diego**
 - o **2026 SMDP Biotech training program will be June 20-25 in San Diego**
- Other/Action items

Please plan on 30 minutes for this call. Visit smdp.icpdprograms.org for more information about SMDP

Upcoming committee meetings:

- **Wednesday, September 10, 9-9:30 am PT**
- **Wednesday, November 5, 9-9:30 am PT**