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### 2025 SMDP Training Sessions:

**SMDP Biotech:** Jun 14-19, 2025, Boston, MA

**SMDP MedTech:** Oct 3-8, 2025, San Diego, CA

The career mentoring program pairs economically disadvantaged or underrepresented 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.



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## UNIVERSITIES WE HAVE WORKED WITH OVER THE YEARS

Alabama A&M University  
Alabama State University  
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Hunter College  
Illinois State University  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
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Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Keck Graduate Institute  
Little Priest Tribal College  
Loma Linda University  
Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute  
LSU Health and Sciences Center



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Marshall University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Medical Scribe America-Fenway Health  
Meharry Medical College  
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College  
Mississippi University for Women  
Morehouse College  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
New York City College of Technology  
New York University School of Medicine Sackler Institute  
Norfolk State University  
North Carolina Central University  
North Carolina AT&T University  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine  
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico  
Ponce School of Medicine  
Prairie View A&M University  
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Salk Institute for Biological Sciences  
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Stony Brook University  
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Texas A&M University  
Texas Southern University  
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University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)  
University of California Berkeley  
University of California Davis  
University of California Merced  
University of California Los Angeles  
University of California Riverside  
University of California San Diego  
University of California San Francisco



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University of Chicago  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Houston College of Pharmacy  
University of Illinois, Chicago  
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maryland  
University of Maryland Baltimore County  
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University of Texas, Austin  
University of Texas / MD Anderson Cancer Center  
University of Texas El Paso  
University of Texas Health Science Center  
University of Texas San Antonio  
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
University of Wisconsin Madison  
University of Wisconsin Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Tech  
Wake Forest University Health Sciences  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
Wayne State University  
Wayne State University School of Medicine  
Weill Cornell Medical College  
West Coast University  
West Virginia University  
Wistar Institute  
Woodbury University  
Xavier University of Louisiana  
Yale University  
York College / City University of New York  
CUNY



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## PROGRAM GOALS & BENEFITS

### *For Students*

- Extensive exposure to the medical device or biotechnology industries
- Career guidance
- All expenses paid to participate in the program
- One year of mentoring from an industry executive
- 5-day training session including participation in a major international industry conference

### *For Universities*

- Benefit for their students
- Zero costs for universities
- Augments career development/placement activities



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## PROGRAM GOALS & BENEFITS

Scholars –

### *Career coaching and personalized mentoring plan*

- Understand what industry is about including markets served, products and services offered, and current and future trends in R&D
- Learn about career opportunities and paths in industry
- Prepare for a successful career by developing social media strategies, “elevator” pitch, and high-impact resume, improving networking skills and learning how to benefit from industry conferences

### *Benefits to the SMDP Scholars*

- The SMDP Training Session (meals included)
- Registration for a major industry conference (meals included)
- 1 year of ICPD support and networking opportunities on the SMDP Mentoring Portal
- A personalized profile and project pages on the SMDP Portal
- Lodging for the SMDP Training Session and industry conference
- Travel cost reimbursement



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## PROGRAM GOALS & BENEFITS

Mentors –

*Executive development for senior and mid-level leaders*

- Enhance coaching and mentoring skills
- Improve skills at identifying high-potential talent
- Greater support of organization's emerging talent strategy
- Stronger awareness of the importance of engaging underrepresented talent
- Network with industry peers and gain greater awareness of emerging research
- Greater understanding of the industry





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## PROGRAM GOALS & BENEFITS

### Sponsor Companies –

#### *Partner with SMDP on diversity and executive development*

- Talent acquisition access to top tier underrepresented/disadvantaged talent from current programs and SMDP alumni
- Executive development for high-potential leaders
- More heterogenous technical workforce - Better solutions to complex problems when addressed by diverse groups
- Leverage organizations emerging talent strategies
- Recognition of support at events and virtual resources
- Messaging to internal and external stakeholders about the importance the company places on supporting underrepresented/disadvantaged talent
- Tax-deductible sponsorship



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