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2026 SMDP Training Sessions:

SMDP Biotech: June 20-25, 2026, San Diego, CA

SMDP MedTech: Oct 16-21, 2026, Boston, MA

The career mentoring program pairs disadvantaged background 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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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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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 talent from disadvantaged background
- Network with industry peers and gain greater awareness of emerging research
- Greater understanding of the industry



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Sponsor Companies –

Partner with SMDP on emerging talent and executive development

- Talent acquisition access to top tier disadvantaged background 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 talent from disadvantaged background
- Tax-deductible sponsorship



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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