



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.

2020 SMDP Training Sessions:

SMDP Biotech: June 6 - 10, 2020 in San Diego, CA

SMDP MedTech: October 3 - 7, 2020 in Toronto, Canada



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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



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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



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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
- Leverage inclusion and diversity 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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