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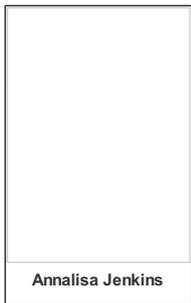
## Preparations for BIO 2014 Pick Up Steam as a Stellar May Winds Down!

WIB and YWIB chapters continue providing a wide variety of events across North America with fifteen events in May. As we wind down a busy month, we gear up for another jam-packed month full of WIB events. All this and we haven't even started talking about [BIO 2014](#) yet! This newsletter continues our coverage of BIO 2014 preparations, and includes links enabling you to register for meet up sessions at the conference. Read on!

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## Reserve Your Spot Now for the WIB Annual Celebration!

[Join us for an exciting evening at the Women In Bio Annual Celebration Reception](#) on June 23, 2014 at [BIO 2014](#)! At this event you will have the opportunity to network with influential women leaders from around the world. Additionally, our event will feature keynote speaker, Annalisa Jenkins MD, a leading figure in the biopharmaceutical industry. Reserve your spot at our Annual Celebration and listen first-hand to Dr. Jenkins' personal story and rise to success.



Annalisa Jenkins

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## Join Us in San Diego at BIO 2014!

This year WIB has a stellar line-up of events at [BIO 2014](#)!

- We start off with our first planned Meet-Up session, "Women In Bio-Southern California Area Professionals and Executives in the Life Science Industry," on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Booth #255. While this informal gathering is open to all BIO attendees, it should be particularly valuable for attendees based in Southern California - providing a low-key setting for current and prospective WIB-Southern California chapter members to meet industry peers and discuss professional interests. Interested in attending? [RSVP here!](#)
- Next, we have a second Meet-Up session, "Speed Networking Session for Existing and Prospective WIB Members," on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Booth #255. At this gathering, current and prospective WIB members will have the opportunity to speed network with industry peers and discuss professional interests. This Meet-Up is open to all BIO attendees. [RSVP now!](#)

A Women In Bio booth will be located in the BIO 2014 Exhibit Hall A (Booth #2403). Stop by, say hello, and learn more about our rapidly growing organization!

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## Women In Bio Partners with SmartBrief

WIB has partnered with SmartBrief to produce a weekly e-mail newsletter, *WIB SmartBrief*, which brings the most important and timely news stories about women in all areas of the life sciences. WIB President Simone Fishburn states, "Women In Bio is delighted to partner with SmartBrief and to bring this valuable informative resource to industry professionals and scientists across the life sciences. We are thrilled about the opportunity to shine a light on the contributions made by women in the field and the issues important to them. Advancing gender equity in the life sciences is an important part of our mission." [Learn more about WIB SmartBrief and to sign up for this free newsletter!](#)

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## Support Women In Bio While Shopping at Amazon.com

Did you know you can support us while shopping at AmazonSmile at no cost to you? The next time you visit Amazon, be sure to designate Women In Bio as the recipient organization of AmazonSmile's donations. [The link can be found here.](#) By doing so, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to WIB. Thanks for your support!

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## Check Out WIB's Job Board!

Women In Bio has a job board! Visit <http://wibcareercenter.com> to get started. The job board platform can link to your LinkedIn profile, enabling you to upload information directly to the platform from your profile. You can also see who in your network works at companies you are interested in. Whether you are a job seeker, or looking to fill a position, this is the resource for you!

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## WIB's Social (Media) Butterflies

Help WIB grow our social media footprint! Remember to participate on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) accounts, and post about events and news. Thanks for helping spread the word about WIB and your local WIB chapter!

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## Volunteers needed for National Committees!

The National Mentors, Advisors, and Peers program is expanding, and we need volunteers to help on the committee. Volunteer roles will include: helping to expand [MAPs or MAPs-University](#) to more chapters, establishing a virtual MAPs program, and setting up a database of topics and articles to be used during MAPs meetings. You don't need a current MAPs group affiliation to help! If you are interested in joining the MAPs committee, please send an email to the [National MAPs Program Chair](#).

We also need volunteers in two areas: First, we need people to help us identify and apply for grants that are applicable to WIB. As our organization grows and expands its reach, we will become eligible for more grant opportunities – and we need your help! Second, we need social media volunteers to assist the National Communications staff with finding and creating engaging and relevant content for Facebook and Twitter. If you are interested in helping in either of these areas, please [contact Jamie Strachota](#) for more information.

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## CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

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### [Seattle Chapter](#)

#### **Navigating Career Twists and Turns**

Navigating the twists and turns of an ever-changing job market is an art form. [Come listen on May 28, 2014](#), to a panel of women who have successfully maneuvered challenges and leveraged opportunities along their professional paths, and learn which tools helped them to build their careers.

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### [Montréal Chapter](#)

#### **Mini Programme de mentorat aux étudiants mai, 2014**

Vous êtes dans les débuts de votre carrière et intéressés à acquérir les compétences nécessaires pour assurer une bonne transition du milieu universitaire à l'industrie? [Le chapitre du Grand Montréal des femmes en bio offre un atelier interactif pour vous aider à y parvenir!](#)

#### **WIB-Greater Montreal – Student Mentorship Mini Program May, 2014**

Are you in the early stages of your career, and interested in developing the skills necessary to transition from academia to industry? If so, [WIB-Greater Montreal offers a 3-part interactive workshop to help you develop those skills!](#)

#### **WIB du Grand Montréal présente «Les relations –Une stratégie gagnante pour atteindre le succès professionnel" 17 juin, 2014**

Les relations sont la base de nos échanges les uns avec les autres, et être capable d'établir de bonnes relations est un atout important pour réussir sur le plan professionnel. Les relations que nous forgeons peuvent affecter notre travail, notre performance, notre estime de soi ainsi que notre capacité de réaliser nos aspirations professionnelles. [Frema Engel](#), consultante en développement organisationnel et spécialiste en résolution de conflits aux travail et dans le développement de l'esprit d'équipe, tiendra une conférence qui nous mettra au défi de réfléchir différemment à nos relations au travail et nous aidera à les améliorer.

#### **WIB-Greater Montreal Presents "Relationships – Your key strategy for achieving professional success" June 17, 2014**

Relationships are the basis of every human transaction, and relationship building is our greatest asset and strategy for building professional success. Relationships affect our work, performance, self-esteem, and ability to achieve professional aspirations. [Join Frema Engel](#), an organizational consultant and coach who specializes in addressing work conflict and building healthy teams and organizations, as she challenges us to think differently about our relationships and helps us brush up on the skills to improve them.

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### [Chicago Chapter](#)

#### **Precision Medicine Strategies: Designing Individual-Specific Care**

The adoption of precision medicine is regarded as one of the most significant changes in healthcare. Although many opportunities lie ahead, tailored healthcare implementation and delivery based on individual-specific molecular data has challenges to overcome. [Join us on May 29, 2014](#), for a great program with our expert panelists to discuss the implications and strategies shaping the evolving field of precision medicine.

#### **Symphony in the Park with WIB-Chicago!**

Celebrate the summer with WIB! [Join us on June 18, 2014](#), for an evening of informal networking in beautiful Millennium

Park followed by a symphony performance at Jay Pritzker Pavilion including Mozart's Concerto No. 5, Dvořák's Symphony No. 3 and the Merry Wives of Windsor overture. Networking begins at 5:45 p.m. followed by the symphony performance at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own snacks, a blanket to sit on, and meet at the Southeast corner of the pavilion.

## Call for Volunteers for MAPS program

WIB-Chicago seeks volunteers interested in participating in to help organize MAPs (Mentors, Advisors, Peers) groups in the Chicagoland area. MAPs groups have informal meetings of six to ten women who have an interest in discussing topics of common professional interest. The program strives to bring together people of different career stages, paths, and backgrounds in a professional yet social atmosphere – group mentoring at its best! This is a great way to get involved in WIB-Chicago and meet other dynamic women in the local life sciences community. Interested? Contact [Chicago@womeninbio.org](mailto:Chicago@womeninbio.org) for more information.

## Looking to Get Involved in WIB-Chicago? The Membership Committee wants you!

Our Membership Committee is looking for motivated volunteers to help register attendees at WIB programs, expand our reach in the Chicagoland Bio community, and grow our membership. If you are interested in becoming part of the WIB-Chicago Membership Committee, please contact [chicago@womeninbio.org](mailto:chicago@womeninbio.org).

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## Atlanta Chapter

### WIB-Atlanta Midtown Potluck Near Piedmont Park!

Summer is right around the corner - the perfect time for gathering together and enjoying the warm, sunny weather... So come [join us on June 1, 2014](#), for an evening outdoors! We will gather at one of our WIB member's homes in Midtown for food and drinks. You will enjoy the lazy summertime weather on her large open front porch while chatting with other WIB members. There will also be opportunities to partake in outdoor activities near Piedmont Park. Sound like fun? Then sign up and come on over with a dish to share with your Women In Bio friends!

### WIB-Atlanta Book Club Discusses Biography of Maria Sibylla Merian

[Join us on July 10, 2014](#), for the next WIB-Atlanta book club meeting! We will discuss *Chrysalis: Maria Sibylla Merian and the Secrets of Metamorphosis*, a biography of the extraordinary Eighteenth Century woman entomologist, botanist, and artist. Maria Sibylla Merian was an exemplar who showed other women that they could follow their dreams at a time when pursuing careers in science was forbidden for women. Her story brings perspective on how one can carve out a career during challenging times.

### Interested in Joining a MAPs Group? Complete Our Questionnaire!

WIB-Atlanta is launching MAPs and MAPs-University Groups! MAPs (Mentors, Advisors and Peers) Groups are informal meetings of six to ten women who share an interest in discussing topics of common professional interest. WIB-Atlanta is also bringing MAPs to local colleges and universities: MAPs-U Groups will be established in various campuses across Metro-Atlanta, serving the students and post-docs and helping them in their career decisions. Interested in joining a MAPs Group? [Complete this questionnaire](#). Interested in joining a MAPs-University group instead? Then [complete this questionnaire](#).

### Support the WIB-Atlanta Mission by Volunteering!

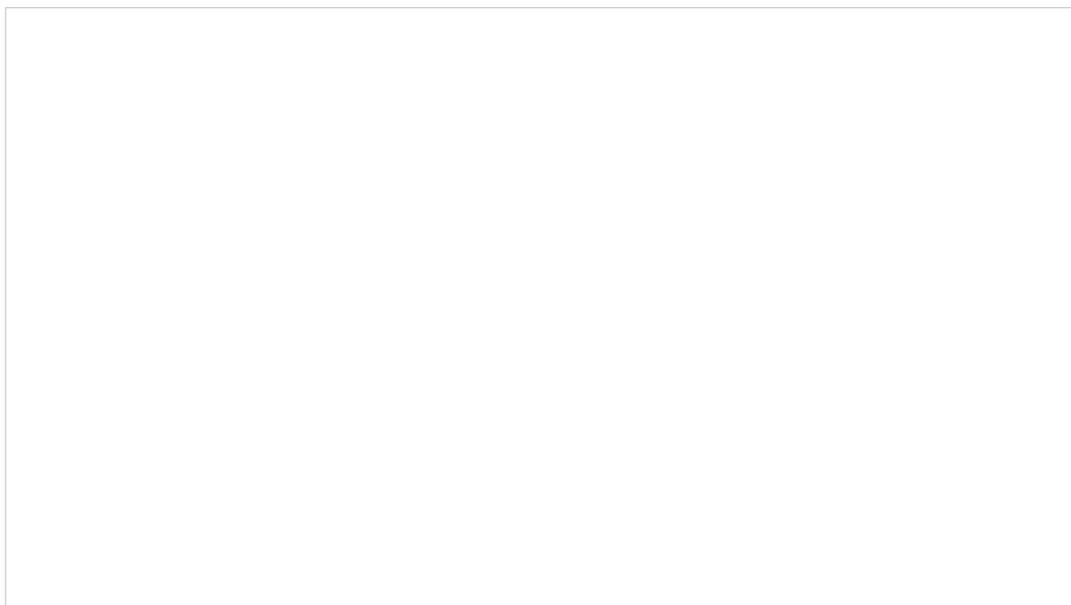
Women In Bio-Atlanta wants to help our women build their networks and excel in their careers! We do this by providing community and informational seminars, awarding scholarships, mentoring, and organizing community outreach. Opportunities to help us achieve our mission are available in the Programming, Communications, Sponsorship, YWIB, MAPs and Membership committees. Email [Atlanta@womeninbio.org](mailto:Atlanta@womeninbio.org) and get involved today!

### Outsourced Pharma Speaks With WIB-Atlanta Co-Chair, Mithra Bindhu

The online periodical, *Outsourced Pharma*, recently interviewed WIB-Atlanta founding member and Co-Chair, Mithra Bindhu, to discuss her company, Asiatic Clinical Research, and the challenges/opportunities for companies conducting clinical trials in India. [You can read the entire interview here!](#)

### WIB-Atlanta Participates in the March of Dimes' March For Babies Walk

WIB-Atlanta annually participates in a fundraiser and race/walk to support an important cause. This year we formed a team to support the March of Dimes, which funds research that helps premature babies survive and live healthy lives. For this charity, we accomplished our fundraising goal and raised a total of 600 dollars! The 4.3 mile March for Babies course took about an hour to complete; and our team felt a great sense of accomplishment when all was done! Do you feel passionate about a particular charity? Then please contact WIB-Atlanta's officers with your suggestions and tell them the charity you want us to support next year!



Mithra Bindhu, Mamie Levine, and Kristina Clark from the WIB-Atlanta March for Babies team

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## **[RTP Chapter](#)**

### **WIB-RTP Kicks Off Summer With Networking at UnVined!**

Want a fun way to start your summer? [Join us on June 2, 2014](#), for a sip from a great selection of wines at UnVined, while participating in engaging conversations with friends of WIB-RTP chapter. Our signature semi-structured networking will get you started, and you are sure to make wonderful connections!

### **Summer Book Club June Book: *How Will You Measure Your Life?* by Clayton Christensen**

In his bestselling book, Christensen poses several challenging questions to readers. Using lessons from some of the world's greatest businesses, Christensen provides incredible insights into these challenging questions. This book isn't a prescription for a set path to happiness. Rather, it will equip you to lead the type of life to which you truly aspire. Please [join us on June 19, 2014](#), for a discussion about the ideas and advice presented in this book.

### **Summer Book Club July Book: *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain**

We live in a nation that values extroverts—the outgoing, the lovers of crowds—but not the quiet types who change the world. In *Quiet*, Cain argues that we dramatically undervalue introverts, and shows how much we lose in doing so. Introverts bring extraordinary talents and abilities to the world, and should be encouraged and celebrated. This book has the power to permanently change how we see introverts and how they see themselves. Please [join us on July 10, 2014](#), for a discussion of Susan Cain's provocative book!

### **Summer Book Club August Book: *Bend, Not Break: A Life in Two Worlds* by Ping Fu**

Honored in 2005 by *Inc. Magazine* as "The Entrepreneur of the Year," Ping Fu describes herself as an artist and a scientist whose chosen expression is business. Her book is a true story of survival, courage, guts, and sheer determination. Her road to success is one of inspiration, and this tale of compassion and undaunted curiosity reveals the life of a genuine hero who remains committed to making the world a better place. [Join us on August 7, 2014](#), for a discussion of this inspiring book!

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## [Metro New York Chapter](#)

### **SAVE THE DATE: Neurobiology of Frazzled: Loss of Prefrontal Cortical Function During Stress, June 11, 2014**

Stressed out? Experts agree that lowering stress is good for your health! And too much stress can be extremely harmful, potentially raising your risk to a myriad of mental illnesses and age-related cognitive disorders. Learn more from brain expert [Dr. Amy F.T. Arnsten](#), Professor of Neurobiology, Yale University School of Medicine, as she shares the latest information and research on the impact of stress on the brain. More details to follow.

### **Coming in July! – SoulCycle Spin Class**

Women In Bio-Metro New York plans to promote cardio fitness, have fun, AND network at NYC's hottest workout center, SoulCycle. Details to follow shortly, so please stay tuned!

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## [Pittsburgh Chapter](#)

### **SAVE THE DATE: Roundtable Discussion on Mentoring Relationships**

Mentoring matters! Ever wondered how your professional life could be enhanced if you became a mentor or if you were mentored? We invite you to participate in a roundtable discussion on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at the Pittsburgh University Club where you will also learn from two women who are passionate about mentoring - Mary Del Brady and Dr. Kacey Marra. Ms. Brady and Dr. Marra will share their experiences of the benefits of both sides of the mentoring relationship, as well as techniques for getting the most out of the practice. Interested in attending? Then [please complete this online survey](#) by Wednesday, June 11, 2014, so that participants can be grouped appropriately for the breakout session. Registration for this event will open soon!

### **SAVE THE DATE: Book Review Rendezvous!**

On July 9, 2014, gather at the WIB-Pittsburgh Book Review Rendezvous to discuss *Inspired Entrepreneurs: A Collection of Female Triumphs in Business and Life* with fellow WIB members and the book's author, Beth Caldwell. More details will follow.

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## [San Francisco Bay Area Chapter](#)

### **WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Creates a MAPs Program**

Our chapter offers a Mentors, Advisors and Peers (MAPs) program – a unique initiative available free of cost to members living in the Bay Area. During a MAPs meeting, six to ten women meet informally to discuss topics of common professional interest, or individuals are matched with mentors. This is a great opportunity to meet, connect, and learn from women with experience in the Biotech world! Discussion topics include career planning, transitioning careers, work/family balance, managing a team or department, leading or running a company, entrepreneurship, raising capital, and promoting women at work. Interested? To become a WIB member, learn more about the MAPs program, or enroll in the SF-chapter MAPs program, [contact us!](#)

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## [DC/Baltimore Chapter](#)

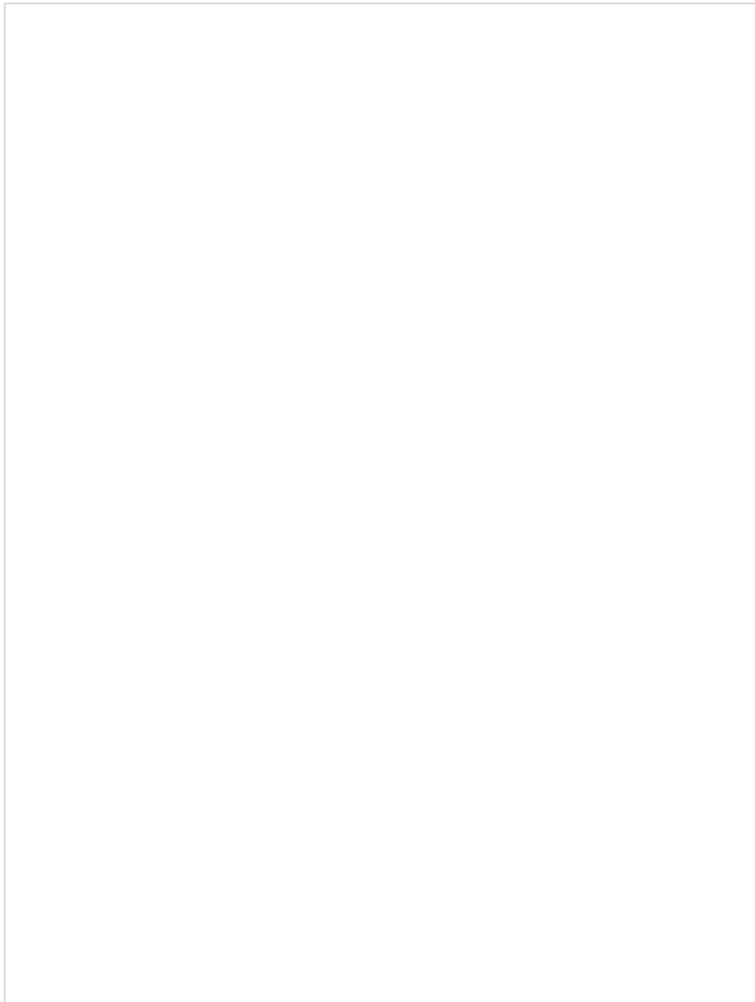
### **Vice-Chair Position Open on DC/Baltimore MAPs Committee**

We are looking to fill a Vice-Chair position for the DC/Baltimore Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) program. The Vice-Chair will oversee local mentorship groups for WIB members and work closely with the MAPs Chair to expand our MAPs program, increase member involvement, and spearhead new initiatives in this successful program. If you are interested in this position, please contact Priyanka Oberoi ([poberoi@womeninbio.org](mailto:poberoi@womeninbio.org)) for more information.

### **MAPs-UMD Happy Hour and “Science and Craft Beer” Events**

The [WIB Mentors, Advisors, and Peers - University \(MAPs-U\) Program](#) at the University of Maryland in College Park held their last two meetings of the semester on April 2 and May 6, 2014: The April event was a MAPs-UMD/WIB-sponsored happy hour for graduate students where students gave their comments and suggestions for the upcoming year. Our May

event hosted Ben Chambers, QA Director of Flying Dog Brewery, who talked about the science involved in the craft beer industry. The meeting was a great end to this semester, and we look forward to meeting new professionals and mentors in the fall. If you are interested in participating in this program as a mentor or mentee, please send an email to Susan Park Ochsner at [spark112@umd.edu](mailto:spark112@umd.edu) or Sarah Ahlbrand at [sahlbran@umd.edu](mailto:sahlbran@umd.edu).



Sarah Ahlbrand, Margo Gebbie, Susan Park Ochsner, and Ben Chambers of Flying Dog Brewery

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## **[Southern California Chapter](#)**

### **WIB-Southern California Welcomes New Membership!**

Our chapter has had a stellar year with a significant rise in membership, rise in community involvement, and sponsored events. [We are proud to announce new leadership for the 2014-2015 year.](#) With BIO only 6 weeks away in our region, we hope to meet our fellow WIB members from chapters around the nation! We thank all our new members and the continued support from local SoCal law firms and life science companies who sponsor our community events. [We hope to see you at BIO 2014!](#)

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## **OTHER INTERESTS**

### **[Nominations Are Open for 2014 BioProcess International Awards!](#)**

The 2014 BioProcess International Awards recognize the People, Organizations, and Technology Applications that have significantly changed, impacted, and advanced the efficiency of biotherapeutic development and manufacturing processes. [Award nominations are Now Open! The nomination deadline is June, 2014.](#) The awards ceremony will be held on October 22, 2014. [For more information, click here!](#)

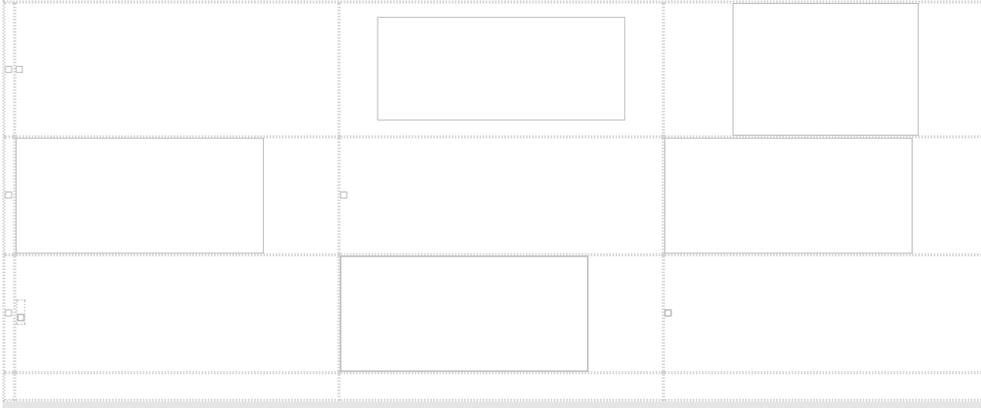
### **[Applications Now Open for Springboard's Life Science Accelerator](#)**

Springboard is recruiting for Springboard: Life Science 2014 - a community-driven accelerator designed to promote and support women-led, life-science companies seeking equity investments or strategic partnerships. Companies that apply

will undergo a rigorous screening process before being selected to participate in the program which includes a targeted, hands-on coaching process with industry experts and a two-day intensive Bootcamp workshop in Boston this coming May. Participants gain unique exposure to Springboard's nationwide network of VCs, angels, corporate investors, seasoned entrepreneurs, and strategic partners through a variety of virtual and in-person events, and presentation assessment opportunities. [Click here to learn more!](#)

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