Calling All Women Founders or Co-Founders! Apply for the Second Annual Founders Showcase – Accelerate Discovery, Amplify Returns (Applications Due August 31, 2021)

Women In Bio's Entrepreneur Center is currently accepting applications for women founders or co-founders of life science, start-up companies to be featured live in our Second Annual Founders Showcase. This event is an excellent opportunity for new companies to deliver their pitches to experts and participate in a live Q&A period afterward. We are specifically looking for women founders raising funds for Seed or Series A rounds in two categories: 1) Therapeutics and 2) Diagnostics/Med Device.

All applications and submitted materials will be screened by a diverse selection committee of industry experts. Between 15 and 20 applicants will be chosen and featured in the Founders Showcase on October 21, 2021. As an added benefit, the Founders selected for the showcase will be offered mentoring and advice from industry experts after the showcase has concluded.

Click here for more information. Register below to receive a link to the Founders Showcase application.

Thank You to Our National Sponsors and the Below Event Sponsors:
WIB Entrepreneur Center Seeks Social Media Leader

The Entrepreneur Center is looking for a social media expert to help showcase women founders on LinkedIn and share relevant updates. Please reach out to Sarah Hibbard at EntrepreneurCenter@womeninbio.org if you are interested in volunteering your time. This is a great opportunity to build your social media experience!

WIB Entrepreneur Center Resources

We encourage founders and funders to find us on our dedicated Entrepreneur Center LinkedIn page for timely notices on investor partnering conferences, specific events, and more!

Also, be sure to check out our education and resources page.

Contact us! info@womeninbio.org

Women In Bio Seeks Sponsorship Vice Chair, Membership Co-Vice Chair, & Communications Team Leaders

Applications for the positions below should be submitted online here.

The National Sponsorship Vice Chair works closely with the National Sponsorship Chair and WIB Executive Director to build relationships with potential sponsors, partners, and advocates for WIB. The Sponsorship Vice Chair also works closely with Chapters to create an open dialogue between chapters and establish best practices for fundraising, engaging, and retaining sponsors. For the WIB Sponsorship profile, click here.
The National Membership Co-Vice Chair works closely with the National Membership Chair to develop long-term strategies to increase overall WIB membership numbers, increase member retention, and diversify the demographics of WIB members. Additionally, the Vice Chair works with the Chair of this committee to enhance the networking and educational value of WIB membership, collecting and analyzing data on membership to establish metrics for the organization. For the Membership Vice Chair profile, click here.

Communications Team Leaders help elevate Women In Bio's voice and impact in the life sciences! We are looking for volunteer leaders to help ensure the WIB message is seen through enhanced communication methods including but not limited to the WIB website, video content, social media, and traditional media. As part of WIB’s strategic plan, we'd also like to help improve internal communication across chapters. For more information, please email communications@womeninbio.org. To apply, click here.

Women In Bio Sponsorship Spotlight: Nektar Therapeutics

Nektar Therapeutics is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of novel therapies which selectively modulate the immune system to treat cancer, autoimmune disorders, and chronic inflammatory conditions. The company applies a deep understanding of immunology and unparalleled expertise in polymer chemistry to create one-of-a-kind, highly selective medicines with optimal therapeutic benefit.

Nektar’s success is rooted in four key elements: a proven track record of discovering and delivering a portfolio of life-changing medicines globally commercialized by its pharmaceutical partners; a deep understanding of immunology, and unparalleled, long-standing expertise in polymer chemistry, which fuel its discovery engine; a targeted portfolio of one-of-a-kind, highly-selective therapeutics which modulate the immune system to advance the treatment of cancer, autoimmune disorders, and chronic inflammatory conditions; and a team of dedicated scientists, clinicians, and employees dedicated to bringing new medicines to patients with debilitating diseases.

Women In Bio in the News

The seventh episode of Sidebars by Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP features Jamie Graham, current WIB-National Program Chair and WIB-Atlanta Advisory Board Member. Fantastic! Listen here.

Marissa Kuzirian, WIB-Pittsburgh Chair, recently had the exciting opportunity to speak with Tate Blanchard, Comcast Newsmakers host. During her interview, she discussed Women In Bio, the importance of supporting women in the life sciences, and starting STEM education at a young age. Check it out here.
WIB-National: The Future of Wellness and Wearables, July 14, 2021, Event Recap

Women In Bio members gathered to hear what a wearables future could offer us as individuals and collectively as a society. The discussion was led by Sandy Polu, Co-Chair of the WIB-National Webinar Committee and included speakers Joy Bhosai, MD, MPH, Founder & CEO, Pluto Health, Associate Director, Duke Global Health Innovation Center; Jessica Federer, MPH, Managing Director US, Huma; Gloria Kolb, MBA, Co-Founder & CEO of Eldah; and Camille Nebeker, EdD, MS, Associate Professor, UC San Diego Design Lab & Wertheim School of Public Health and Co-Founder, ReCODE Health.

Click here for the full recap.

The Women’s Health Innovation Summit – Presented by WIB Strategic Partner: Women’s Health Innovation Coalition, September 2021

The Women’s Health Innovation Summit is committed to strengthening the network, tackling unmet needs and championing innovative approaches and solutions. The focus is not just on female-only health challenges, but female-prevalent diseases and those conditions that affect or present differently in women. With so many differing health challenges across a woman’s life, the flagship summit brings together all the critical stakeholders to focus on the intersections and sector-straddling challenges, with the ambition of ‘moving the needle’ toward improved outcomes in women’s health.

This year, the Women’s Health Innovation Summit will include both face-to-face and virtual components to reflect the global community. Attend in person on September 14 to 15 in Boston or join virtually on September 28 for high-level live discussions, on-demand content from across the series, and the opportunity to connect and have meetings with other attendees. Download the agenda to find out more, and remember to email info@womeninbio.org before booking online for a discount code!
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Young Women In Bio Seeks Co-Vice Chair, Communications Chair, & Sponsorship Vice Chair

Applications for the positions below should be submitted online here.

The National YWIB Co-Vice Chair focuses on the Ambassador Program and works closely with the National YWIB Chair and other members of the National YWIB Team (WIB Senior Program Manager, YWIB Programs, and YWIB Communications Chairs) to provide leadership for National and Chapter YWIB initiatives. For the full position profile, click here.

The National YWIB Communications Chair works closely with the National YWIB Chair and other members of the National YWIB Team (WIB Senior Program Manager and other YWIB Committee Chairs) to provide leadership for National and Chapter YWIB initiatives. For the full position profile, click here.

The National YWIB Sponsorship Vice Chair works closely with the National YWIB Chair and Senior Program Manager and other members of the National YWIB Team to provide sponsorship leads for National and Chapter YWIB initiatives. The Sponsorship Vice Chair is expected to abide by WIB’s bylaws, policies, and Code of Conduct. They must respect fellow volunteers and work collaboratively with the other leaders within their sub-committee. For the YWIB Sponsorship profile, click here.

NOTE: We are also seeking volunteers to expand the leadership teams of our 14 chapters. The time commitment is estimated at two to four hours monthly depending upon the initiatives and goals of leadership. Please reach out to your YWIB chapter if interested.

Check Out the Latest YWIB Online Resources

Young Women In Bio empowers today’s girls to become tomorrow’s leaders, helping them effect positive change through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Check out our latest YWIB Online modules, YWIB showcase videos, learning activities, and more here!

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Executive Women In Bio Selects Candidates for 2021 Boardroom Ready Program

Executive Women In Bio (EWIB), an initiative of Women In Bio (WIB) committed to promoting, empowering, and elevating executive women in biopharma and the life sciences, are proud to announce the 25 women selected to participate in the 2021 Boardroom Ready program. Boardroom Ready is EWIB’s exclusive executive development platform, designed to support women’s participation on corporate boards in the life sciences. The goal of the program is to have every graduate serve on a corporate board.

Click here for the full announcement.

Congratulations to the Following Boardroom Ready Alumni on Their Board Appointments!

Cindy Jacobs, Boardroom Ready 2016 Cohort, has been appointed to the board of Renown Pharma, a U.K.-based specialty pharmaceutical company.

Christine Pellizzari, Boardroom Ready 2018 Cohort, has been appointed to the board of Tempest Therapeutics, Inc., a clinical-stage oncology company developing potentially first-in-class therapeutics that combine both targeted and immune-mediated mechanisms. (Full announcement here.) This is her second appointment in two months as she was also appointed in June to the board of Celsion Corporation, a clinical-stage company focused on DNA-based immunotherapy and next-generation vaccines. (Announcement here.)

Mary Thistle, Boardroom Ready 2016 Cohort, has been appointed to Entrada Therapeutics, a biotechnology company focusing on transforming the treatment of diseases using intracellular biologics. (Full announcement here.)

Executive Women In Bio Leadership News
We are thrilled to welcome **Meghan Belotti Eckert** to the National EWIB leadership team as our new Communications Lead. Meghan is new to Women In Bio; however, she has spent her career in the marketing communications field. Meghan will bring her wealth of public relations expertise to greater enhance our program and mission.

**Rong Wang** has graciously agreed to be the EWIB Programs Lead. She was previously the WIB National Programming Co-Vice Chair. Rong is all-around programming expert and will be a tremendous asset to all. Rong has a keen sense of programming that will greatly benefit our executive women.

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**Executive Women In Bio Seeks to Fill National Programs Lead**

EWIB is seeking a Programs Lead to continue providing exemplary professional development experiences. The Programs Lead will work closely with the Senior Program Manager and EWIB Chair to curate plan, promote, and execute National networking and content-based events for EWIB. The Programs Lead is also responsible for creating the EWIB member experience, including event content, planning event logistics, and securing venues/liaise with sponsor venues during event planning. For the Programs Lead profile, click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4576046).

Applications for this position should be submitted online [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4576046).

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**eMAPS (Executive Mentoring) Committee Seeks Five Dynamic Women to Help Lead Executive Virtual Cohorts in 2021**

eMAPS programs offer professional development for rising Directors, VPs, and C-Level executives. Our cohorts meet for a year, creating a culture of support, sharing, and confidentiality for executives. We plan to offer several virtual cohorts to serve professional women living outside of cities where we have active chapters. For more information, including available roles and how to apply, click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4576046).
Women In Bio’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

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WIB-National D&I Leadership Spotlight:
Edith A. Perez, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Bolt Biotherapeutics
& WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Member

"It is important to be purposeful about change; that is the only way for progress to continue. I applaud WIB for being intentional in sharing how leaders are moving the needle. Over time, I realized that I can’t just put my head down and be good at my job; I have to speak up for myself, my peers, and the new scientists who are mentees of mine. Equality is not something that has been reached; it is something we can think about on a day-to-day basis."

Click here for the full spotlight.

WIB-National Diversity and Inclusion Resource Group Leadership News

Onyeka Agwu
Alicia Hemphill
Alanna Kaplan Munoz
Cathy Solovay

Thank you so much to Onyeka Agwu, Alicia Hemphill, Alanna Kaplan Munoz, and Cathy Solovay for your volunteer work as part of the inaugural National D&I Resource Group! You each gave your time and energy to launching this group. We appreciate you sharing your backgrounds, experiences, and areas of expertise. With your help, we continue to move the needle on inclusion throughout our organization. WIB appreciates your contribution!

Diversity and Inclusion Resources

Women In Bio offers a multitude of inclusion resources on inclusive language, diversity and inclusion in the life sciences, professional development and inclusion in the workplace, and more on our Diversity and Inclusion Resources page. Keep checking back as this page is updated frequently.
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WIB-National MAPS Webinar: Pathways from Academia to a Career in Industry, August 26, 2021

Rachel Cammarata  
The Stevenson Group

Melissa Singer Weiss  
The Stevenson Group

With growing focus on translation of research for collective benefit, there is increasing recognition of the way industry and academia are intertwined. Other than taking the bench research to the bedside, a career in industry also serves to be a place where many may be better suited. However, the skillsets of most of academics are often not aligned with the needs of the industry. Not sure of the path that lies ahead? Not sure of the best fit or ways to align the needs of a career in industry? This webinar aims to address this gap. Through this program, we hope to give STEM academics insights into the basic differences and similarities between academia and industry, and the best way to prepare themselves for a successful career in industry.

Thank You to Our Event Sponsors:

Check Out the Excellent Mentoring Programs WIB Offers at the Chapter Level

Women In Bio's mentoring programs support women in various stages of their career and personal development. Many chapters have implemented and continue to develop exciting new programs that will grow within the Women In Bio community.
If you are interested in joining your local chapter's mentoring program, please complete the form [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4576046) to submit your inquiry or check out our chapter-specific options [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4576046).

### CHAPTER EVENTS

- **WIB-Philadelphia Metro:** Ladies Golf Clinic, August 12, 2021
- **WIB-Chicago:** Annual Leadership Summit, August 12, 2021
- **WIB-Pittsburgh:** Your Career Path – a Medical Science Liaison From the Ivory Tower to the Dark Side, August 19, 2021
- **WIB-San Francisco Bay Area & West Coast PDA:** 6th Annual Women in Life-Sciences - Believe & Achieve, August 19, 2021
- **WIB-Greater Boston:** Golf Clinic Social, August 24, 2021
- **WIB-National MAPS Webinar:** Pathways from Academia to a Career in Industry, August 24, 2021
- **WIB-Texas:** Yes, You Can Contribute! Learn About Our Chapter Leadership and How You Can Get Involved, August 31, 2021
- **WIB-Metro New York:** Virtual Tea Party and Membership Drive, September 21, 2021

Thank you for all you have done to engage, educate, and empower women in the life sciences!
Featured Resource: AmazonSmile

Back to school shopping? Grab school essentials [here](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to WIB at no cost to you.

Thank you for your support!

WOMEN IN BIO WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

Have a Speaker or Topic Idea?

Please share your ideas for an upcoming event topic, an idea for an event, or recommend a speaker by filling out the form [located here](https://www.smile.amazon.com). WIB will share your ideas with National & Chapter leaders to determine future events.

Have a success story from your time with WIB?

Were you able to land your dream job through networking at a WIB event? Were you able to earn a promotion thanks to guidance from a WIB presentation or WIB Mentorship? Tell us about the connections WIB has helped you make! We would love to hear from you and share your WIB story of success! We are also looking for brief quotes from members willing to share their testimonials.

Email [communications@womeninbio.org](mailto:communications@womeninbio.org).

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