November 2, 2023

Dear WIB Community,

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter! As the air gets crisper and the leaves begin to fall, we are reminded that this month is not just about the changing seasons—it’s also National Entrepreneurship Month, a time to celebrate the spirit of innovation, resilience, and creativity that drives entrepreneurs like you to pursue your dreams and make a difference in the world.

Whether you’re a seasoned business owner, a budding entrepreneur, or someone with a passion for innovation, we hope you find the resources in this newsletter useful and insightful. We encourage all members interested in entrepreneurship to join us at this month’s Founders Forum meeting and our National Webinar.

Again, thank you for being part of our community and helping to create spaces that foster creativity, innovation, and collaboration. Cheers to you, entrepreneurs!

Happy reading,
WIB National

ENGAGE

A Conversation Around Company Best Practices & Stages of Funding
It's WIB Entrepreneur Month! Join us for a conversation about best practices and funding cycles from the ask to the audit. The panel will discuss how early-stage companies, or those wanting to improve their practices, can best prepare for the various funding stages.

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET / 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. PT

Register Here

Help WIB Make an Impact

We are thrilled to announce the inaugural Women In Bio annual donor campaign.

Our goal is to raise $20,000 to enable WIB to expand its reach, enhance member experience, and continue to deliver high-quality impactful programming.

For over 20 years, WIB has created spaces for all women and allies in the life sciences to engage, educate, and empower. As we near the end of the year and we reflect on our impact, we are so proud of what we have achieved. Your contribution will play a vital role in driving our initiatives forward and enabling us to make a more profound impact on women in the life sciences.
UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

Executive Readiness – Inspiring Journeys and Insights, November 13

San Francisco Bay Area Mentorship Program Information Session, November 16

RTP New Member Welcome & WIB Benefit Showcase, November 17

Member Exclusive – Virtual Holiday Speed Networking, December 14

EDUCATE

WIB’s Founders Forum Educational Series (Virtual)

Women In Bio's Founders Forum is for WIB members who are first-time and serial women founders and CEO's of startup life science companies with IP or a business entity, including those seeking funding. We focus on company, accountability, and support for companies of 1–15 people in size.

Our next Founders Forum meeting is November 6, 2023. Our recurring meetings take place on the first Monday of every month from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. PT (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. ET).
You must be a WIB member to participate. If you are interested in finding out more about the program or want to join us, please email Ginger Johnson and Sarah Hibbard at EntrepreneurCenter@womeninbio.org.

Tips from a Biotech Business Owner

Learn from a woman who has been through the process! Amanda Schalk of Enzyme by Design explains that it takes more than just a good idea to build a business and why tenacity and eagerness to learn are critical attributes for success. Read more.

The Intellectual Property Gender Gap

Only about 16% of patent applications are filed by women, but by taking action now, we can grow this number. Learn how women innovators are receiving support to drive economic growth and strengthen innovation. Read more.

Applications Open for Our 2024 President-Elect

Are you looking for your next leadership role with Women In Bio? Are you passionate about elevating women in the life sciences and furthering our mission of supporting women through every stage of their careers? If so, we encourage you to apply to be the WIB National 2024 President-Elect.

View the position description and submit your application by November 7, 2023.
Last week, the 2023 Boardroom Ready cohort and program alumnae gathered in Boston for a series of applied learning and networking sessions. Over the course of the week, alumnae from each cohort year met in person to share best practices for advancing in the C-suite and the boardroom. Thank you to everyone who attended, as well as our sponsors, for helping us close out yet another incredibly successful Boardroom Ready cohort.

The next Boardroom Ready application cycle will begin on January 15. We will send out relevant information in the new year.

WIB Volunteers of the Month

Congratulations to our November 2023 WIB Volunteer Award Winners! Their time and energy have been invaluable, and we are deeply appreciative of everything they've done.
Thank You to Our Renewing National Sponsors

Thank you to Abbvie, a renewing National Silver Sponsor.

Thank you to Chartwell Partners, a renewing Boardroom Ready Sponsor.

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