

2021 HHS Small Business Program Conference:
Diverse Perspectives SEEDing Impactful Innovations
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)
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REGISTRATION & ATTENDANCE

Who should participate in this virtual conference?

The conference is appropriate for life science entrepreneurs from varied backgrounds and biomedical researchers new to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Attend this conference to learn about the value of diversity in biotechnology, how to apply for small business funding, and resources to help navigate your journey to commercialization.

How much does it cost to attend?

This virtual event is free!

Is there a deadline to register for this conference?

Not at this time. However, it is advised you [register](#) as soon as possible to ensure your space.

I am currently registered for the conference. What do I do now?

No action is required on your part. You should have received an email confirmation with your login information. If not, please email us at Seedinfo@nih.gov.

Can I share my login information with my colleagues since this is a free event?

No. The login link you will receive is unique and should not be shared.

AGENDA & NETWORKING

What time zone will the conference be presented in?

The entire conference will be presented in Eastern Daylight Time.

Do I have to attend the entire event?

No. You have the freedom to pick the sessions you attend.

Can I post about the conference on social media?

Yes. Feel free to share using #HHSsmallbizconf on Twitter!

When will the appointment schedule open to meet with a small business program expert?

Approximately 2 weeks before the event starts, a Welcome Letter will be emailed to you that includes details on finding the right contact and how to arrange your appointment.

Do I have to complete the profile on the conference site once I register?

No. The profile page is optional. The purpose is to maximize networking and engagement opportunities with other attendees.

TECHNICAL NEEDS

Do I need to download Zoom or any other online platform to participate in this conference?

No. The video streaming is integrated into the online platform, Socio. You will just need to click the link to the session provided in the agenda.

Do I need to have a webcam for the event?

No. Although you do not need a webcam to attend virtual events, you are encouraged to use your webcam to allow for a face-to-face experience with other participants and 1-on-1 meetings with our small business program staff and special topic experts.

Can I access the conference using a mobile device instead of a computer?

Yes! You can keep up even when you're on the go via any mobile or tablet device with an internet connection. You may also download the Socio app from the Apple Store and Google Play Store. Be sure to sign into the Socio app using the same email used to register for the conference.

Will there be captioning available?

Yes. Closed captions will be available for all live sessions and recorded videos.

Where do I find the caption link for the live sessions?

Each session will have a unique link for captioning. This will be provided with the session descriptor near the time of the event.

RESOURCES & FUTURE EVENTS

Will the presentations be available post-conference?

Yes. The presentations will be available for 30 days following the conclusion of the virtual conference on the conference website. Beyond the 30 days, many of the videos will be available on the SEED playlist on the [NIH Grants YouTube Channel](#).

How can I find out about future small business program events and information?

[Subscribe or Unsubscribe](#) to the LISTSERV and stay updated on the NIH SBIR/STTR's upcoming events, initiatives, funding announcements, reauthorization updates, and important deadlines.

Does the conference offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs)?

No. The 2021 HHS Small Business Program Conference is not offering CEUs for attending this event.

I need verification of my participation in the conference to meet employer requirements. Is this possible?

No. Unfortunately due to limited resources and the high volume of attendees for this conference, we are unable to fulfill individual requests for certificates of participation.

Are there exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities for the conference?

No. This event does not include exhibit booths. Each NIH Institute or Center is providing a small business-focused page available on the conference website.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

Feel free to contact us at Seedinfo@nih.gov.