2021 SAPA Career Development Workshop
For Students and Young Professionals

Breaking into the Industry

Virtual Session
Saturday
March 27, 2021, 1pm – 7pm

Registration is complimentary

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SAPA will host an interactive career development workshop exploring various career opportunities in biotech and pharmaceutical industries.

The participants will:
- Gain basic understanding of the biotech/pharmaceutical industry;
- Hear the stories from young professionals of how they broke into the industry;
- Talk to HR professionals, hiring managers, and immigration lawyers about networking and immigration challenges and issues.

If you are a graduate student, a post-doctoral researcher, or someone who just started your career, this half-day workshop will open your eyes and help you explore the industry that can offer vast career opportunities.

Registration is complimentary and now open: click [HERE](#)
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Networking Sessions

Other than the presentation and panel discussions, we have also organized several networking breakout sessions, where the workshop participants will have additional opportunities to discuss and get their questions answered according to their interests:

• Biology and Early Drug Research
• Clinical Science and Development, Regulatory Affairs
• CMC (Process Development, Pharmaceutical Development, and Analytical Development)
• Medical Affairs, Commercialization, and Other Functions
Workshop Instructors

- Xiaodong Chen, PhD, Drug Product Development Team Lead, Bristol Myers Squibb
- Yao (Yvonne) Cheng, MBA Candidate, NYU Stern School of Business, ex-Senior Manager, Novartis
- Alessandra R. Christensen, MS, Head of University Relations, Novartis
- Brian Freeman, Sr. Manager, Talent Acquisition, PTC Therapeutics, Inc.
- Chenchao Gao, PhD, Manager, Regulatory Strategy and Alliance, Daiichi Sankyo
- Sara Ying Gao, MSc, Program Director, Wharton Executive Education, Univ. of Pennsylvania
- Yong Guo, PhD, MBA, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Andy Han, MSc, Marketing/Business Development Manager, Accurant Biotech, Inc.
- Xue Liang, PhD, Senior Scientist, Merck
- John Sun, PhD, MBA, Global Program Lead, Novartis
- Catherine Wadhwani, JD, Partner (focusing on Immigration Law), Fox Rothschild LLP
- Li Wan, PhD, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Alphamab Oncology
- Siyu (Susie) Wang, PhD, Scientist, Proteomics/Chemical Biology, Inzen Therapeutics
- Xiaowen Wang, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Merck & Co
- Yulan Zhang, MS, Associate, Health Economics & Outcome Research, KMK Consulting Inc.
- Jing Zhen, PhD, Senior Scientist, Analytical Sciences, Viela Bio
Organizing Committee

Workshop Lead
Yong Guo

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Shuhui Chen
Xiaodong Chen
Yvonne Cheng
Chenchao Gao
Andy Han
Yanming (Brian) Jiang
Yining Jiang
John Sun
Xiaowen Wang
Yulan Zhang
About SAPA

The Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association (SAPA) was established in 1993 and is headquartered in the center of the pharmaceutical corridor in New Jersey, USA. Since its inception, SAPA rapidly became one of the most active Chinese professional associations in the US with eight chapters and more than 6,000 members.

SAPA's members are primarily from large and mid-sized pharmaceutical and biotech companies in the US, with areas of expertise covering almost every aspect of pharmaceutical research and development as well as production.

The organization’s large membership base and their superb scientific and technical abilities has allowed SAPA to be a key source for knowledge exchange on the latest developments in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and generic drug industries.

As a non-profit organization registered in the US, SAPA receives generous sponsorship and support from numerous multinational companies in the US and overseas. SAPA will continue to provide a broad platform for scientific and technical discussion, talent exchange, and training for the colleagues in the pharmaceutical industry from the US and China.
SAPA Mission

As a global organization, SAPA’s mission is:
• To promote the advancement of pharmaceutical science and biotechnology
• To contribute to public health education
• To promote entrepreneurship, healthcare investment and business cooperation
• To foster the career growth of pharmaceutical professionals

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