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The Problem

Although much progress has been made in recent decades, there are persistent hurdles to the advancement of women in the sciences. The "leaky pipeline" model shows that women "on-track" to become top scientists are leaving STEM at each step of the ladder, from college through PhD programs, postdocs, and both higher level academic and non-academic positions. In biology, for instance, women in the United States have been getting Master's degrees in the same numbers as men for two decades, yet fewer women get Ph.D’s; and the number of women P.I.s has not risen. While many organizations target professional women, or young girls, no national organization focused on the specific needs of female college and graduate students. **Scientista** changed that!
Our Mission

The Scientista Foundation is a national organization that empowers pre-professional women in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through content, communities, and conferences. Currently, the largest network of campus women across STEM disciplines, Scientista serves to connect all communities of women in STEM at campuses across the nation. They give these important organizations more visibility and resources, and build a strong, cohesive network of women in science that can act as one voice.
Scientista was started out of Harvard College in 2011 by sisters and biology majors, Julia and Christina Tartaglia. They sought to address the lack of resources, community, and role models for college women in STEM fields. After placing as a Harvard College Innovation Challenge semi-finalist and winning a Harvard TECH prize, they launched ScientistaFoundation.com, a platform and national network for pre-professional women in STEM.

Scientista now has 60+ chapters at 40+ campuses, and has partnered with major organizations and media companies, such as The Huffington Post and the Association of Women in Science. Scientista currently has the largest network of campus women in STEM, with chapters and affiliates at top universities across the nation. In 2012, Scientista was named by Enable Education as a “Top 12 Amazing Organization for Women in STEM.”
What We Do

Community

The Campus Network: Scientista helps create and support Scientista Chapters. These are student-led campus organizations for women in STEM. Scientista facilitates intercollegiate networking by bringing chapter directors together for monthly video conferences.

Content

ScientistaFoundation.com: offers free, online content written by our student bloggers that contains academic & career advice, job opportunities, women in science news, lifestyle pieces, and inspirational stories.

Conferences

The Scientista Symposium: An annual 3-day conference that gathers undergraduates, graduates, and young professionals for professional development workshops, a poster fair, a pitch competition, and invaluable networking at our career fair.
Our Reach

- **Community**: 40+ Campus Chapters, 2000+ Campus Members
- **Content**: 2000+ Newsletter Subscribers, 10000+ Facebook Fans, 3000+ Twitter Followers
- **Conferences**: 5 Successful Symposiums, 1500+ Symposium Attendees in 5 years, 300+ Poster Presenters, $10000's of Scholarship Money Awarded
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The Scientista Symposium

In 2014, The Scientista Foundation launched its inaugural Scientista Intercollegiate Research Symposium, which took place at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Since the inaugural event, The Scientista Foundation has expanded the event and had two more symposiums, hosted and sponsored by Microsoft in Times Square, NYC. In 2018, we welcomed over 500 attendees and awarded over $15,000 in scholarships to women in need from across the nation.

The Symposium provides students with:

- Intercollegiate networking opportunities
- Research poster session and scholarship awards
- A chance to pitch an innovative idea to investors
- Academic and professional growth
- Professional networking opportunities
Scientista Symposium Events

**Friday**

**Scientista Career Fair**
We welcome STEM-focused organizations to register for this great opportunity to interact with participants at the Career Fair. Sponsors can be featured in our marketing materials, collect resumes on site or from our resume drop, as well conduct on-site interviews. For more information on sponsorship levels, go to page 15.

**Saturday**

**Research Poster Session**
Undergraduate and graduate students present their original research at a judged poster session with a chance to win cash scholarships.

**Sunday**

**Pitch Competition**
Participants put what they've learned to the test in our pitch competition. Their pitches are judged by investors for a chance to win cash prizes.

**Workshops and Expert Panels**
Scientista welcomes the movers and shakers of the STEM community to hold workshops on technical and professional skill development for women in academic, industry, or non-profit work.
Scientista Symposium 2018
Career Fair 2018
#SciSymp18 Statistics

- 567 total participants
- 113 presented research posters
- 60+ universities represented
- Awarded $15000 in scholarships
Thank you to our 2018 Sponsors
Join us in empowering women in STEM!

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