## **DIA Student Chapters**



### ABOUT DIA AND OUR STUDENT CHAPTERS

DIA is a global, member-driven organization that mobilizes life sciences and healthcare professionals from all areas of expertise in a neutral environment to discuss global and local challenges facing the life sciences field. Starting with the controversy over the drug Thalidomide, DIA's founders - a group of 30 pharmaceutical professionals, medical writers, and academics - came together to create a platform for necessary global communication and collaboration to solve a healthcare threat to unborn children worldwide.

Today, professionals from 80 countries continue to engage with DIA through our unparalleled membership network, educational offerings, and professional development opportunities. DIA's goal, and our members' hope, is for this collaboration to result in better policies, regulations, science, research and development, and ultimately better patient outcomes worldwide.

Student Chapters are self-enabling organizations that operate under a charter and guidelines delineated by DIA to ensure growth and sustainability. A Student Chapter is comprised of a group of at least five (5) DIA student members, a Student Chapter Advisor (faculty member), and a Hosting Institution whose purpose is to promote an affiliation with DIA and serve the needs of students for multidisciplinary networking and information exchange. If your school doesn't have a student chapter you can start your own!

#### Email students@diaglobal.org for more information.

#### STUDENT-LED EVENTS

Student Chapters host events online and on campus to provide students opportunities to meet and learn from industry professionals and to engage with other students while building their professional network.

### STUDENT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The Annual Newsletter highlights each Chapter and its president, and shares information about their progress and most impactful events through the year.

#### DIA STUDENT CASE COMPETITION

Each year, DIA will issue one or more specific challenges to which students are invited to respond. The competition will be judged by a committee of DIA stakeholders and Fellows, who include our most experienced and engaged members that encompass a broad range of expertise.

Finalists and winners will have the opportunity for very high visibility and engagement within the global regulatory, bio-pharmaceutical and healthcare products, academic, patient, and CRO communities. Representatives from each team of finalists will be given an opportunity to present their work at DIA's Global Annual Meeting in June 2024 (San Diego, CA), with the award presented to the winning team at that time. The Global Annual Meeting typically draws an audience of several thousand attendees in person, with broad representation from industry, regulators, academia, patient advocates, and thought leaders in the life sciences research and development space.

While at the meeting, finalists will have an opportunity to attend learning sessions, network, and participate in professional development workshops. Finalists will also have a dedicated opportunity to meet and discuss their proposal further with leaders from DIA, bio-pharmaceutical and healthcare product companies, CROs, and other related organizations, to increase their exposure to decision makers in the field while also learning more about future career pathways.

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## DIA'S 2023-2024 NATIONAL STUDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DIA's National Student Executive Council is the collaboration of student and emerging professional volunteers actively pursuing the growth and success of the Student Chapters to promote DIA's mission.

