



SLAS Special Interest Group Charter and Application

SLAS is an international community of more than 16,000 life sciences discovery and technology professionals from across the globe, including scientists, innovators, researchers, academics and students, engineers, informatics specialists, and business leaders.

What is a Special Interest Group?

SLAS members with a common interest in a specific discipline or topic may be identified as a SIG. SLAS encourages the creation of SIGs to foster and promote emerging areas of interest from the grassroots level within the educational scope and strategic vision of the organization. SIGs also may serve as vehicles to determine the member interests, create new educational content, and/or develop new pursuits for the organization.

Special Interest Group Guidelines

In order to be reviewed and approved by the SLAS Knowledge Content and Delivery Council (KCDC), groups interested in organizing a new SIG must submit a charter application that includes a statement of purpose, justification for formation, detailed plans and proposed activities and, when applicable, signatures from current SLAS members who pledge to participate and support the group's activities.

The purpose of the petition is to verify that the group has an established sense of purpose and a core of individuals that are interested in its formation and are willing to actively participate in the group on an ongoing basis. Non-SLAS members may be members of a SIG.

To remain as a recognized SIG, SIG Chairs are required annually to agree to the policies and procedures set forth within the SIG Planning Manual. The SLAS Professional Team will work with individual SIG chairs on an annual basis to evaluate a given SIG's relevancy. SIGs no longer deemed relevant or necessary to SLAS members may be disbanded at any time.

- SIGs are authorized and maintained within the legal and organizational framework of SLAS, which provides authorization, financial, and Professional Team support.
- A designated member of the SLAS Professional Team is available for all administrative support of the SIGs.
 - An annual calendar of communications will be provided to all SIG Chairs by the Professional Team to aid in planning, communication, and meeting material distribution (if requested)
- SIGs may request project funding through the SLAS Professional Team for Board of Directors approval. A complete and detailed project proposal and budget will be required.
- SIGs are required to provide the KCDC with proposed educational deliverables. At a minimum, these would include a meeting report after each in-person meeting of the SIG. Further deliverables might include including journal articles, podcast interviews, white papers, or Conference Track development ideas.

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- SIG Chairs are requested to utilize the SLAS online community platform, CONNECTED, for all communication to its members. The SLAS Professional Team contact will assist in inviting all participants of the SIG to the community and assist with communication as needed.
- SIGs are not authorized to raise money, sponsorships, expend funds, make legal commitments, or speak as a group with any outside bodies without prior approval of the SPAC.
- SLAS approval is required prior to any SIG conducting publicity, advertising, or marketing and/or disseminating product or policy statements to the membership or public.

Special Interest Group Name:

Special Interest Group Chair (Must be a current SLAS Member in good standing):

Name: _____

Company: _____

Telephone: _____

Alternate, or Co-Chair Contact Information (Optional)

Name: _____

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Telephone: _____

Statement of Purpose (Approximately 50 words, possibly include information about annual goals, metrics for success, and long-term objectives):

Justification for Forming (50 words or less)
