

October 15, 2026

8:30 a.m.	Check-in and Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	<i>Introduction to AIMBE</i> Dawn Beraud, Ph.D., AIMBE Executive Director
10:00 a.m.	<i>Health Policy 101</i> Erin Darbouze, MPH, Senior Director of Policy & Advocacy, Research!America
10:45 a.m.	Networking Break
11:00 a.m.	<i>Science Diplomacy in an Era of Disruption</i> Kimberly Montgomery, Ph.D., Director, International Affairs and Science Diplomacy, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:45 p.m.	<i>Perspective from a Congressional Staffer</i> Meghan Mott, Ph.D., Senate Appropriations Committee, Minority Staff
1:45 p.m.	<i>Misuse or Subjugation of Science in Public Policy</i> Darya Minovi, MPH, Senior Analyst, Center for Science and Democracy Union of Concerned Scientists
2:45 p.m.	<i>The Role of Lobbying in Science Policy</i> Michael Ledford, President of Lewis-Burke Associates LLC
3:45 p.m.	<i>Panel: Pursuing a Career in Science Policy</i> Steven Zehnder, Ph.D., Program Director, Directorate for Engineering, National Science Foundation Lara Larson, Science Policy and Advocacy Intern, Research!America
5:00 p.m.	Reception

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8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	<i>Technology Transfer and Commercialization</i> Brian Coblitz, Ph.D., RTTP, Executive Director, Technology Commercialization Office, George Washington University
10:00 a.m.	<i>Policy Considerations for New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)</i> Naomi Charalambakis, Ph.D., Director of Science Policy & Communications Americans for Medical Progress
11:00 a.m.	<i>Regulatory Science at the FDA</i> Ed Margerrison, Ph.D., Director, Office of Science and Engineering Laboratories, Centers for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	<i>A Look Inside Federal Government Careers for Scientists</i> Grace Peng, Ph.D., Director of Mathematical Modeling, Simulation and Analysis, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)
2:15 p.m.	<i>Bus to US Capitol Tour</i>
3:00 p.m.	<i>US Capitol Tour (Optional)</i>
4:00 p.m.	<i>End</i>