



I2EyE Scholars Cohort Program FAQ's

1. Are I2EyE Scholars' academic mentors/advisors involved in the I2EyE Program in any capacity (particularly for graduate students and postgraduate trainees)?

Only if the Scholar desires the involvement of their academic mentor/advisor, and if so, how that involvement is expected might be outlined in that Scholar's mutual agreement.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for the I2EyE Ambassador?

Any APS member in good standing can apply to be an ambassador, and the ambassadorship is open to all membership levels. Ambassadors must acknowledge a commitment to the two-year Cohort travel award term and the program's expectations of its I2EyE Ambassadors and Scholars.

3. Is there a way to get I2EyE Scholars connected with APS SIGs?

Yes, of course! This program aims to create authentic belonging and scientific value for underrepresented talent trained in health-related sciences and engaged in clinical and research areas aligned with the APS mission. Doing that through connections with APS SIGs will be critical, and facilitating those connections is one expectation/responsibility of the ambassadors and the I2EyE program.

4. How long is the flash talk, and what is meant by "describing what they will contribute to their Cohort's experience in the program?"

Flash talks will be 5-7 minutes and required of Scholars and Ambassadors. The flash talks will be one way the program will support the Cohort's evolution into a community. Each person in the Cohort, including ambassadors, is requested to contribute to the greater good of the collective.

5. What is the travel stipend to offset in-person participation in the APS annual meeting?

The travel stipend for I2EyE Scholars and Ambassadors is \$750 US for the 2024 APS Annual Meeting.

6. Is the preconference I2EyE session the same as the preconference mentorship workshop?

No. The preconference I2EyE session will be held in the morning and followed that same afternoon by the preconference APS mentorship workshop. The mentorship workshop is open to anyone who registers, and I2EyE Scholars and Ambassadors are expected to attend.

7. What are the selection criteria for the APS I2EyE Scholar of the Year?

Great question, and to be determined. 2nd-year I2EyE Scholars will develop the purpose/spirit and criteria for it and the I2EyE Ambassador of the Year. It is hoped that the Scholars will resonate with creating criteria prioritizing service, engagement, and collectivism over individual achievements. Both are intended to be notable awards of appreciation and service to the I2EyE

Cohort.

8. Will I2EyE Scholars have virtual and in-person informational interview options with those in the I2EyE Ambassador pool, or will there only be one option?

It is a tiered process. We host mini-informational meetings between Scholars and Ambassadors during the program's virtual orientation before the APS Annual Meeting. From that process, the Scholar will be asked to narrow their in-person interview options to no more than three from the ambassadorship pool. Scholars will hold in-person informational interviews with their top three at the APS Annual Meeting and make their selections.

9. Does the 2nd-year I2EyE Scholar also need to have an abstract accepted to attend the APS Annual Meeting?

No. Each year requires an APS Annual Meeting abstract submission, yet the outcome has no bearing on being accepted as an I2EyE Scholar and returning the second year.

10. What is the purpose/goal of completing at least one (1) one-on-one in-person session with your I2EyE Ambassador at the Annual Meeting during a Scholar's second year in the program?

The Scholar and Ambassador should determine the goal of the meeting. It should be an outgrowth of the fruits of the first-year mutual agreement or an arrangement to prepare for the second-year mutual agreement. It should specifically serve the individual needs of individual Scholars. The meetings allow the Scholar to drive their agenda and shape what they feel most benefits them.

11. Can more information be shared about the service and leadership expectations during the I2EyE Scholar's second year?

These expectations reflect our vision for creating leadership and peer professional development opportunities for 2nd-year Scholars, with support from the I2EyE Program, Ambassadors, and other APS SIGs or committees. The expectation to (1) serve as an I2EyE programming planning committee member, speaker, moderator, or host during the Annual Meeting and (2) lead or contribute to developing content for and presenting at the quarterly I2EyE virtual events are ways second-years can participate in shaping the Cohort's vitality and engagement in its successes.

12. Will my application be unfavorably reviewed if I have not attended an APS annual meeting or if I cannot offer the names of APS members I want to interview?

No, not at all.

13. Will my application be unfavorably reviewed if I regularly attend the APS Annual Meeting?

No, not at all.