



SLAS Topical Interest Group Charter and Application

SLAS is an international community of more than 22,000 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 Topical Interest Group?

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

Topical 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 TIG must submit a charter application that includes a statement of purpose, justification for formation, detailed plans and proposed activities.

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

- TIGs 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 TIGs.
 - An annual calendar of communications will be provided to all TIG Chairs by the Professional Team to aid in planning, communication, and meeting material distribution (if requested)
- TIGs 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.
- TIGs 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 TIG. Further deliverables might include including journal articles, podcast interviews, white papers, or Conference Track development ideas.

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- TIG 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 TIG to the community and assist with communication as needed.
- TIGs 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 TIG conducting publicity, advertising, or marketing and/or disseminating product or policy statements to the membership or public.

Topical Interest Group Name:

Topical 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)
