iJOBS
2023 In-Person Symposium
Meeting Agenda & Logistics

October 25, 2023

Registration link: https://iJOBSannualsymposium2023.eventbrite.com
Location: Busch Student Center, 604 Bartholomew Road, Piscataway, NJ

8:45AM – 9:00 AM **Registration and breakfast**

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM **Welcome and iJOBS Program Update**
Janet Alder, Co-Director, iJOBS Program

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Keynote Speaker**

Brandon Higgs, PhD, VP, Head of Translational & Clinical Data Sciences at Genmab "Artificial Intelligence in Drug Development and the Impact on the Future Workforce"

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Break**

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM **Let's Hear from Our Phase 3 Trainees!**
Facilitated by Doreen Badheka, Co-Director iJOBS Program

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM **Workshop on Teamwork Skills**
Supreet Bains-Sharma, PMP, SCP(SHRM) "Effective Teamworking"

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM **Round Table Mentoring Session and Lunch**
Industry Professionals share advice with current trainees during networking lunch.

Brandon Higgs, PhD has over two decades of hands-on experience in data science and biomarker development. Prior to joining Genmab, he was Head of Translational Bioinformatics at Immunocore, where he led discovery of biomarkers for TCR-based bispecific treatments in oncology, specifically tebentafusp (Kimmtrak®). Before this, he developed the Translational Bioinformatics function at MedImmune/AstraZeneca supporting precision medicine strategies for drug programs in autoimmunity, respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, and oncology, notably a type I IFN signature in lupus for anifrolumab (Saphnelo®) and blood-based tumor mutational burden for durvalumab (Imfinzi®) and tremelimumab (Imjudo®). Prior to this, he worked for a U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) institute, MITRE, deriving modeling approaches for the CDC and DoD for biothreat identification and syndromic surveillance. Earlier, he also developed predictive models in toxicogenomics at Gene Logic and conducted HIV/Hepatitis C sequencing at SRA Life Sciences. At Genmab, Brandon leads the Translational Data Science team, using AI and advanced analytics to support biomarker strategies for clinical programs. He is adjunct faculty at Johns Hopkins University. Brandon received his BS from Indiana University, MSc from Johns Hopkins University, and PhD in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics from George Mason University. He has published >95 scientific articles and multiple book chapters.

Supreet Bains-Sharma is a speaker, management consultant, an experienced practitioner, independent business owner and an adjunct faculty at Montclair State University. She has extensive experience working in global project management in a matrix environment, and her areas of expertise are people, L&D, project, PMO and change management. She is a business professional focused on helping C-Suite deliver results through strategic project implementation and change management. Currently, she is working as a strategic partner delivering change and project management to a non-profit organization. Supreet's certifications include PMP (PMI), SCP (SHRM), APM (APM, UK) and CMP (ProSci).