

# SASS-y 24

Sept 15



## **SASS-y (SASS young investigators)**

**Who:** Early career sarcoma investigators attending SASS

**Location:** Bethesdan Hotel, Bethesda, MD

**When:** Sept 15, 2024 (Sunday, on the day before SASS): 9:00 am - 5:30 pm; refreshments included

### **Structure: Three main sessions + an off-site social dinner**

#### **Getting to know each other (9:00 am - 11:30 am)**

- Rapid fire introductory presentations for each participant
- Icebreaker game

**Lunch** (11:30 am - 12:30 pm)

#### **Career development panel (12:30 pm - 2:00 pm)**

- Interactive Q&A sessions with 4 early, mid- and senior sarcoma investigators
- Topics: Strategies for grants and other findings, how to publish in impactful journals, establishing productive collaborations and the personal scientific journey of a recently settled researcher

**Coffee break** (2:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

#### **Breakouts for scientific innovation (2:30 pm - 4:30 pm)**

- 90-minute breakout session with 3 breakout groups (topic selection and group assignment based on attendee survey):
  - Drug/therapies: preclinical models, targeted therapies, drug resistance
  - Profiling: multi-omics, tumor heterogeneity, novel biomarkers
  - Immunology and tumor microenvironment
- Goals: shine a light on key sarcoma research directions, provide strong translational opportunities in the next 5 years
- Read-back to SASS

#### **Summarization/Concluding session (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm)**

#### **Evening social dinner (6:00 pm - ?)**

- Interactive dinner party at the heart of downtown District of Columbia

#### **Conference features & aims**

- Foster multi-institutional collaboration between laboratory-based scientists, computational scientists, and clinical investigators
- Learn more about effective approaches for protocols, publications and grant applications
- Define core/pressing challenges/questions in sarcoma sciences to tackle
- Emphasis on potential for innovation

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