



## **AWARE: ACCESS**

*Advancing Women and Underrepresented  
Entrepreneurs*

### COMMERCIALIZATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUMMIT

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

Indiana University | Indianapolis, IN

Are you interested in commercializing your scientific discoveries or inventions and networking with women and underrepresented researchers? The [AWARE: ACCESS program](#) is a National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded partnership of the University of Louisville, Indiana University and the Missouri University of Science and Technology that aims to help female and minority faculty, staff and student innovators improve their success in securing money to commercialize their research. As part of the program, Indiana University is hosting a commercialization and entrepreneurship summit on Oct. 5 at its IUPUI campus in downtown Indianapolis.

The commercialization and entrepreneurship summit will feature engaging and informative talks on how to use SBIR/STTR funding mechanisms to commercialize technologies, how to pitch your idea to a management team or investors, and case studies from successful investigator-entrepreneurs. The event also will include keynotes from Dr. Jesus Soriano, PhD, program director at the NSF, and Dr. Aoy Tomita-Mitchell, PhD, a Midwest entrepreneur and recipient of an NSF award through the University of Louisville; updates about the SBIR/STTR program; poster presentations by faculty highlighting their technologies; and networking opportunities for participants interested in expanding their research scope and commercialization opportunities.

Please [register by Friday, Sept. 15](#), to reserve your space at the summit.

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