

NIH S-Index Challenge Innovation Event

Advancing Data Sharing Through Innovation, Collaboration, and Implementation

Location: Building 45, Natcher Auditorium, NIH – Bethesda, MD

Virtually: [sindex-innovation-event](#)

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 (Open & Publicly Streamed)

9:00 – 9:15 AM | Arrival

9:15 – 9:30 AM | Welcome & Opening Remarks – Dr. Michael Chiang

9:30 – 9:35 AM | Speaker Introduction – Ms. Amber Reed

9:35 – 10:15 AM | Keynote Address (40 minutes) – Speaker: Dr. Jay Bhattacharya

10:15 – 10:25 AM | Break

10:25 – 10:40 AM | Winner Announcement & Awards

10:40 – 11:25 AM | Winner Presentations (12 minutes per winning team)

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Panel 1: Translating Innovation into Practice
Moderator: Dr. Ishwar Chandramouliswaran

12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lunch Break

1:30 – 2:30 PM | Panel 2: Scaling S-Index Across the Ecosystem
Moderator: Dr. Heidi Sofia

2:30 – 3:30 PM | Panel 3: Community Adoption & Culture Change
Moderator: Dr. Lori Scott-Sheldon

3:30 – 3:40 PM | Break

3:40 – 4:00 PM | From Challenge to Implementation: The NIH Vision for the S-index
Dr. Michael Chiang