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Life Science Connect and Tufts CSDD Expand Research Partnership Supporting the CDMO Leadership Awards

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For nearly a decade, the CDMO Leadership Awards have served as a recommendation-based benchmark grounded in recent pharma experience with contract development and manufacturing organizations, not commercial relationships or sponsorships.

Produced by Life Science Connect, the awards are grounded in recent, real-world pharma experience and are based on recommendations from companies that have directly worked with the CDMOs they evaluate, not on sponsorships, advertising, or commercial relationships.

The awards are a longstanding fixture during DCAT Week and expanded internationally in October 2025 with the launch of the CDMO Leadership Awards Europe, using the same underlying dataset and evaluation framework.

“The CDMO Leadership Awards are grounded in direct, verified feedback from biopharma professionals who have recent outsourcing experience with the CDMOs they evaluate,” explains Louis Garguilo, Chief Editor for Outsourced Pharma. “For 2026, the addition of independent research oversight strengthens the rigor and consistency of the methodology while preserving the sponsor-led evaluation model that has defined these awards for years.”

Starting with the 2026 awards cycle, the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development (Tufts CSDD) is responsible for survey design, respondent validation, and statistical analysis, while Life Science Connect publishes the findings and does not select winners.

The 2026 CDMO Leadership Awards will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, during DCAT Week in New York City at The Pool. Additional information is available at cdmoleadershipawards.com.

About Life Science Connect

Life Science Connect is a trusted media, data, and engagement platform serving the global life sciences industry through independent journalism, research-driven insights, and industry-recognized events.

About the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development

The Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development is an academic research center at Tufts University School of Medicine focused on improving the efficiency, quality, and impact of pharmaceutical development through objective, data-driven research.

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