

### BE PREPARED

When you speak with your supervisor, be prepared with a plan for how your responsibilities will be managed for the week that you are away from the lab/office. Suggest that there is still time to plan deadlines around the ICDD Rietveld clinic.

### PICK THE RIGHT TIME TO TALK ABOUT IT

- Lay the groundwork with your supervisor by sending her/him the Rietveld clinic flyer, and then schedule a brief meeting to state your case in person.
- Explain the ROI on sending you to the clinic; i.e.: sharing what you learned with your co-workers; proper specimen preparation techniques; radiation safety; discussing problems encountered by other participants; etc.
- State the fact that attending the ICDD clinic will make you a valuable asset to your company.

### LISTEN TO CONCERNS

**Concern:** Five days is a long time to be away from the lab/office.

**Response:** True, I will be away but while I am at ICDD, I will be available during all break and lunch times. I will be able to stay in touch at the same time I am gathering useful information and techniques that will take our team's work to the next level.

**Concern:** It is too expensive.

**Response:** The benefits far outweigh the cost. The different techniques I will learn will not only be beneficial to me but our team as well; keeping that in mind it is a great value. You cannot get training like this anywhere else. And ICDD offers a reduced registration fee if I register early!

### SHOW WHY NETWORKING MATTERS

- Fresh ideas
- New information
- Advice and support
- Building confidence
- Gaining a different perspective

### COMMENTS FROM PAST ATTENDEES

Very useful. Good mix of theory and hands on practice. Instructors have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Highly recommend.  
- 2023 Rietveld Clinic Attendee

This is an excellent introduction to Rietveld and beyond. The instructors are highly knowledgeable and capable of providing insight into all kinds of disciplines that are accessible to the Rietveld method.  
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This is a great workshop, probably the only Rietveld workshop that covers a wide range of topics and problems. I highly recommend attending!  
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