



Stay Updated on News and Events in Alberta's Life Sciences Scene with **BioBuzz!**

Explore the latest life sciences industry news and must-attend upcoming events in this edition of BioBuzz. Gain information on a survey to support Canadians with IBD, special sales offers, health investments and other news and events coming up - read on to find out more!

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Alberta News

Help Shape a Diverse and Inclusive Future for Alberta's Bio-Economy

With Canada's bio-economy facing a talent shortage, your insights are crucial in attracting and retaining diverse talent to build a stronger, more inclusive industry. By participating in the Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) survey, you'll contribute to finding practical solutions that enhance workplaces and foster equity across Alberta's bio-economy.

The survey takes about 20 minutes, and qualifying participants will receive \$100 as a thank-you. The survey is open until December 10, 2024.

For more information or to participate, contact Sumayyah at spetrus@biotalent.ca.

[Learn More About This Survey Here](#)

\$42M Investment to Strengthen Primary Health Care in Alberta

Alberta's government is investing \$42 million to improve primary health care, focusing on recruiting more providers and expanding essential services, especially in rural areas. This initiative aligns with recommendations from the Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS) report, which emphasizes the need for team-based care and greater access for vulnerable populations.

"These grants are another way we are strengthening primary health care across the province so more Albertans will have timely access to the care they need," said Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health.

[Read more](#)

Alberta Invests \$30M to Expand Community Health Supports

Alberta's government is investing \$30 million over the next two years to expand integrated health services at four community health centres: The Alex Community Health Centre, CUPS Calgary Society, Jasper Place Wellness Centre, and Radius Community Health & Healing.

This funding will enhance primary care for Indigenous and marginalized groups, mental health services, walk-in clinics, and outreach programs. Additional support services, including housing navigation, recovery assistance, and food access programs, will also be expanded, providing more comprehensive, team-based care for Albertans in need.

Industry News



Hosted by BioAlberta, the NIHR's first **Virtual Office**

BioAlberta Hosts NIHR's First Bio Virtual Office

BioAlberta is proud to host the National Institute for Health and Care Research's (NIHR) first Virtual Office, Alberta Life Sciences Companies in access to world-class UK expertise and resources. This virtual office provides support to develop innovations, access health data and clinical samples, find top research facilities, enhance patient engagement, and explore collaborative opportunities between Canada and the UK.

NHS Priorities:

- [2024/2025 Priorities](#)
- [Life Sciences Vision](#)
- [NHS Long Term Plan](#)

Sustainability in the NHS:

- [Net zero NHS](#)
- [Sustainable supplier assessment](#)

Regulations:

- [The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency](#)
- (MHRA) consultation for SMEs including a [webinar](#)

[Learn More About NIHR's First Bio Virtual Office](#)

Takeda Launches "300,000 Reasons Why", A Campaign to

Support Canadians with IBD

Takeda has launched the "300,000 Reasons Why" campaign to raise awareness about the challenges faced by Canadians living with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Through a survey conducted by Leger, a leading North American polling company, Takeda gained key insights into the impact of IBD on patients' mental health, social lives, and access to treatment.

With approximately 300,000 Canadians affected by IBD, a number expected to reach 470,000 by 2035, Takeda is committed to ensuring these patients receive the necessary care and support.

[Read The Full News Release And Survey](#)

Special Savings on Thermo Fisher Transfection Reagents

Thermo Fisher Scientific is offering special savings on selected Invitrogen™ Lipofectamine™ transfection reagents until November 28, 2024. These reagents are designed to enhance performance and quality across a variety of research applications.

For a limited time, take advantage of discounts on these lipid-based reagents, ideal for diverse cell types and complex research needs. Featured products include Lipofectamine™ 3000, Lipofectamine™ MessengerMAX™, Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX and Lipofectamine™ CRISPRMAX™.

[View The Full List Of Eligible Products Here](#)

Industry Events



November 15, 2024

natHACKS 2024 Innovation Mixer

Join BioAlberta at The natHACKS 2024 Innovation Mixer being held on Friday, November 15th, 2024. This event offers an ideal opportunity for organizations to connect with over 250 innovators in health, tech, and innovation.

Attending organizations will gain the opportunity to showcase their initiatives, build partnerships with like-minded groups, and engage with potential hires. The event also offers a chance to strengthen brand presence in Alberta's health and tech sectors while gaining insight into groundbreaking hackathon projects in development.

[Learn More About natHACKS2024](#)



November 20, 2024

Canadian Innovation from A to Zed - Boston CTA 2024

Join the Consulate General of Canada in Boston, the Canadian Technology Accelerator (CTA), and CENE to celebrate the 2024 Boston Health+Tech CTA cohort! This event brings together Boston/Cambridge biotech and health tech leaders with 12 innovative Canadian startups in Biotech, Medtech, Diagnostics, Digital Health, and Wellness.

- Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024
- Time: 5:00 - 8:30 PM EST
- Location: Ernst & Young, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA

The evening will also feature a fireside chat with CENE Board member and CTA mentor Nadine Beauger, PhD, Senior Director of the Therapeutic & Medical Device Accelerator at Boston Children's Hospital, sharing insights into advancing pediatric healthcare innovations. [Find out more about this event here.](#)

[Reserve Your Free Spot Here](#)

November 21, 2024, 12:00–12:45PM, Platform Calgary

The Life Sciences and Entrepreneurship Journey

Join the University of Calgary for an interactive panel discussion on the life sciences entrepreneurship journey at #InnovationWeekYYC. Hear from three successful UCalgary researchers who have created life sciences spin-off companies as they share their entrepreneurial experiences..

Featuring:

Dr. Deborah Kurrasch, Professor, Cumming School of Medicine
CEO and Co-Founder, Stream Neuroscience

Dr. Victoria Hodgkinson-Brechenmacher
Chief Scientific Officer, Lumiio

Dr. Mehdi Mohammadi Ashani, Senior Scientist, Faculty of Science
CEO and Co-Founder, Fluidome and BioChipTech

[Register here](#)

In Case You Missed It



February 5-7, 2025

Pitch to Global Investors at the 2025 OBIO® Investment Summit

OBIO® is calling on Canadian life sciences or health tech companies commercializing products and services in therapeutics, medical devices, diagnostics, digital health, and health IT, to apply for a chance to pitch in person to global investors at the OBIO® Investment Summit in Toronto, February 5-7, 2025. Applications for the next round of review closes on November 22, 2024.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and only those demonstrating strong growth potential for venture capital investment will be considered. With limited presentation spots available, early submission is encouraged.

[Click Here To Apply Now](#)



Where the world of healthcare meets

Don't miss the 50th edition of Arab Health next year! As the healthcare industry's most important event, Arab Health plays an instrumental role in connecting regional and international policy leaders, thought leaders, and healthcare professionals through trade and innovation.

Save the date: 27 - 30 January 2025

[Register your interest →](#)

[Book a stand →](#)

January 27-30, 2025

Arab Health 2025: Join the Alberta Delegation

Join the Government of Alberta, Edmonton Global, and CED at Arab Health, taking place January 27-30, 2025, in Dubai, UAE. This is a key event for the Middle East and North Africa healthcare industry, attracting over 130,000 visitors and 3,300 exhibitors from 76 countries.

The event will feature:

- A Virtual B2B Program with limited spots.
- Healthcare Industry Briefing open to all Canadian participants
- Exclusive Networking Opportunities.

The B2B program will run from November to mid-January and is limited to companies attending in person. Confirm attendance by contacting Nicole Ng-Muk-Yuen at nicole.ngmukyuen@gov.ab.ca. Application is open in October.

[Read more about this event](#)



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