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

Exciting opportunities, big announcements and intriguing events coming up in the Alberta life sciences space. Explore happenings, from opportunities in the Health Technology Innovation Program to the BioAlberta Holiday Networking Social, among other valuable news and upcoming events, in this edition of BioBuzz!

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### **Upcoming Events**

**PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON  
BIOALBERTA'S HOLIDAY  
NETWORKING SOCIAL**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

Prairie BioEconomy Guild  
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INNOVATION NETWORK  
BREEDING INNOVATION  
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ALBERTA INNOVATES

December 11, 2024

## **Prairie BioEconomy Guild hosts BioAlberta's Holiday Networking Social**

- Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM MST
- Brewsters Unity Square, 11620 104 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB

Join BioAlberta for a festive Holiday Networking Social at the monthly Prairie BioEconomy Guild event. Connect with industry leaders, BioAlberta members, and supporters of the bioindustrial sector in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

Don't miss this opportunity to network, mingle and celebrate the season while strengthening your connections within Alberta's bioeconomy community. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Reserve Your Spot Here](#)

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November 29, 2024

## **Health Technology Innovation Program Town Hall Info Sessions**

The Health Technology Innovation Program by ST Innovations, supported by the Alberta Innovates' Economic Development Partnership Program, is now open for the 2025 cycle.

Join the Virtual Town Hall Info Sessions to learn more about the program, how to participate and get your questions answered. Registration is required.

- **Townhall Session 2:** November 29, 2024, at 9:00 AM MT - [Register here](#)



May 25–30, 2025

## **8th Canadian Glycomics Symposium In Conjunction With Glyco27**

The 8th Canadian Glycomics Symposium, held in conjunction with Glyco27, is set to take place on **May 25-30, 2025**. This premier event will bring together leading researchers and industry experts to explore the latest advancements in glycomics and its applications.

The program will cover a wide array of topics, including glycomics, the glycobiology of disease, glycans in immunology, tools for glycobiology, and emerging concepts in glycans. Attendees will benefit from dynamic presentations, engaging discussions, and networking opportunities. This is a 2-in-1 event that offers a unique platform for fostering collaboration and driving innovations in health and beyond.

**Interested in Sponsorship?**

Opportunities are available. Contact [glyco27@buksa.com](mailto:glyco27@buksa.com) to become a sponsor. Visit [Glyco27.org](http://Glyco27.org) for more details.

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## Alberta News

### Expression of Interest Submissions Now Open for The Health Technology Innovation Program

The Health Technology Innovation Program, hosted by [ST Innovations](#) and supported by [Alberta Innovates](#)' Economic Development Partnership Program, is now accepting Expression of Interest submissions for its 2025 cycle. This program offers Alberta-based companies the opportunity to access up to \$75,000 worth of subsidized services in health technology prototyping, engineering, clinical validation, and market fit.

This program is open to Alberta-based companies that have held an Alberta Innovates AICE grant, Entrepreneurial Investment grant (excluding micro vouchers), or an IRAP grant for a project related to the technology within the last two (2) years. Key Dates:

- **Application Deadline:** January 13, 2025, at 12:00 PM MST

[Find More Details Here](#)

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### Applications Open For Amplitude's Pre-Amp Fellowship Program

[Amplitude Ventures](#) is now accepting applications for the fifth edition of its Pre-Amp Fellowship, a summer program designed for top PhD candidates, post-docs, and MDs in life sciences, bioengineering, and computational biology. This unique fellowship provides a collaborative environment to explore biotech innovations that have the potential to transform patient care and accelerate the creation of groundbreaking biotech companies.

The program offers a blend of scientific creativity, translational research, and

entrepreneurial thinking. Fellows will work alongside experienced advisors to apply their expertise toward creating innovative ventures, propelling their careers beyond the lab.

The fellowship runs from late May 2025 to the end of August 2025 and includes a mix of virtual and in-person sessions in Montréal, Toronto, and Vancouver. This is a full-time, paid opportunity. Interested? Join the upcoming information session by [registering here](#) or apply directly by sending your resume and cover letter to [fellowship@amplitude.vc](mailto:fellowship@amplitude.vc) by January 31, 2025.

[Find More Details Here](#)

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## In Case You Missed It

**NIHR** | National Institute for  
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Hosted by BioAlberta, the NIHR's first **Virtual Office**

### **BioAlberta Hosts NIHR's First Bio Virtual Office**

BioAlberta is proud to host the NIHR's first Virtual Office, offering Canadian innovators 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.

Additional resources:

- [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](#)

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## Where the world of healthcare meets

Don't miss the 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nicole.ngmukyuen@gov.ab.ca). Application opened in October.

[Read more about this event](#)

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