



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

Welcome to the first August edition of BioBuzz! In this issue, we cover upcoming events, industry highlights, news, and more. Stay informed about the latest advancements and opportunities shaping Alberta's life sciences sector.

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### **Industry Highlights**

**Tickets now available!**



# Health & Life Sciences Showcase and Awards Dinner

September 25, 2025

Fairmont Hotel Macdonald, Edmonton

## Tickets Now Available for HLSS

BioAlberta's Health and Life Sciences Showcase gathers leaders, innovators, and investors for a day of expert panels, discussions, and Alberta's top life sciences networking dinner.

Tickets are now available, and BioAlberta members enjoy preferred pricing!

[Get your tickets now](#)

[Book your hotel through our link to receive a discounted rate](#)

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## Call for Proposals: Non-Dilutive Funding Available

VITAL is an accelerator hub in the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) Accelerator Network (BAN). The BAN fosters the growth of the global health security innovation ecosystem by supporting early-stage companies to overcome their business, marketing, and operational hurdles.

[Read the program overview](#)

[Read the one-pager](#)

[Read more](#)

## **Strategic Shift to Boost U of A's Global Impact**

The Innovation, Knowledge Mobilization + Partnerships portfolio, led by AVP Darren Fast, has joined the VP International and Enterprise (VPIE) portfolio. This move will accelerate technology transfer and boost the creation of new startups, allowing their groundbreaking research to reach the world more effectively.

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## **BIOTECanada Issues New Policy Statement**

BIOTECanada's new policy statement, Building on Momentum: Canada's Path to Global Biotechnology Leadership, outlines how Canada can turn recent success into long-term global advantage.

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## **National Biotech Accord releases “A Joint Call To Action For Canada’s Life Sciences Future”**

BioAlberta and the other members of the National Biotech Accord released A Joint Call To Action For Canada’s Life Sciences Future. This letter, representing a unified message from all provincial signatories of the National Biotech Accord underscores a shared commitment to advancing Canada’s life sciences sector.  
The document sends a clear signal: **Life sciences are essential to both Canada’s economic prosperity, its health and defense security.**

[Read more](#)

[Read the full letter here](#)

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## **Protein Industries Canada and Nurasa launch program to expand global reach of Canadian plant-based companies into**

## the Asia-Pacific market

Demand for sustainable, high-quality proteins grows in Asia-Pacific. Canada can capitalize on this by investing in innovative ingredients and food products. The Asia-Pacific Market Entry Program helps Canadian companies adapt their plant-based products with market insights, development, and formulation support.

[Read more](#)

## Labs at U of A and U of C Receive Over \$8.4M in Grants Through the Research Capacity Program

The Research Capacity Program is a competitive, multi-stream funding program designed to help Alberta post-secondary institutions expand their research capacity. Its Small Equipment Grant stream covers up to 40 per cent of the costs and enables researchers to buy specialized lab equipment.

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## Upcoming Events

**PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD**  
**GROWING ALBERTA'S BIOECONOMY – EASIER SAID THAN DONE**

**VICTOR CHENG,**  
SR. INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

**JIANBO LU,**  
SR. BIORESOURCE ENGINEER

**ANNA BAKOWSKA-BARCZAK,**  
SR. SCIENTIST – BIO-PROCESSING

**bio alberta**  
Association for Life Sciences Industry

Wednesday, Sept 10, 2025 • 5pm to 7pm  
EPIC Market | 201, 8115 Gateway Blvd

**NEW LOCATION**

**Alberta**  
Government

September 10, 2025

## **Bioeconomy Guild: Growing Alberta's Bioeconomy – Easier Said than Done**

On [Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM](#) at EPIC Market in Edmonton, BioAlberta will host the Prairie BioEconomy Guild, featuring a talk by Victor Cheng, Jianbo Lu, and Anna Bakowska-Barczak from the Government of Alberta.

**NEW LOCATION:** EPIC Market: 201, 8115 Gateway Blvd.

[Register today](#)



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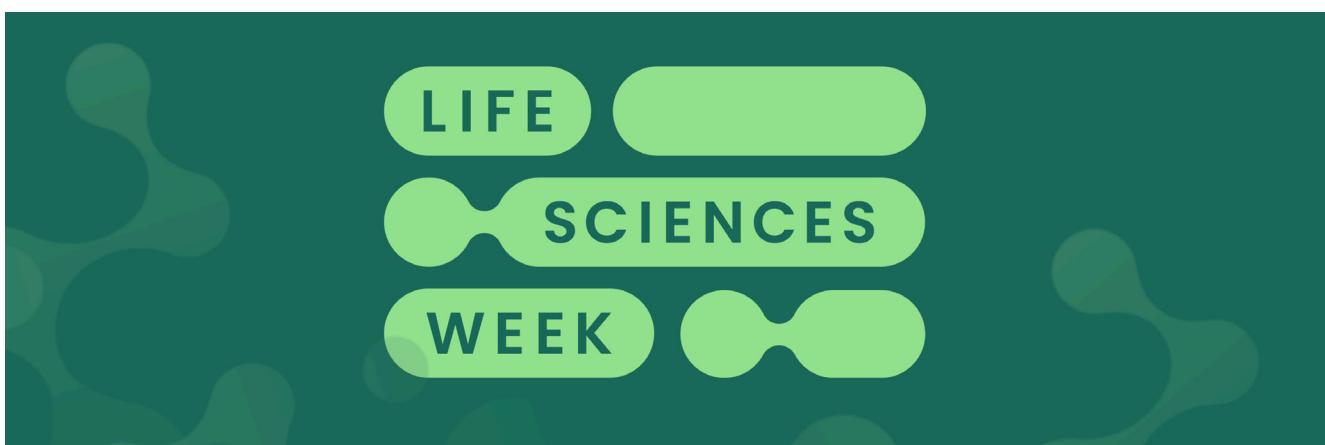
September 25, 2025

## Health & Life Sciences Showcase

BioAlberta's annual **Health and Life Sciences Showcase** (HLSS) returns on September 25, 2025 in Edmonton.

- 🟡 Sponsorship opportunities available
- 🏨 Stay on site with special room rates for HLSS attendees using our link
- 🎫 Tickets now available

[Read more](#)



September 22 - 26, 2025

## Life Sciences Week

Taking place from September 22 to 26, this five-day province-wide event, will bring together entrepreneurs, researchers, students, investors and industry leaders to spotlight the talent, technologies and ideas driving our life sciences sector forward.

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# BIOSPAIN

Trade show and partnering

7 - 9 October 2025

Barcelona, Spain

October 7 - 9, 2025

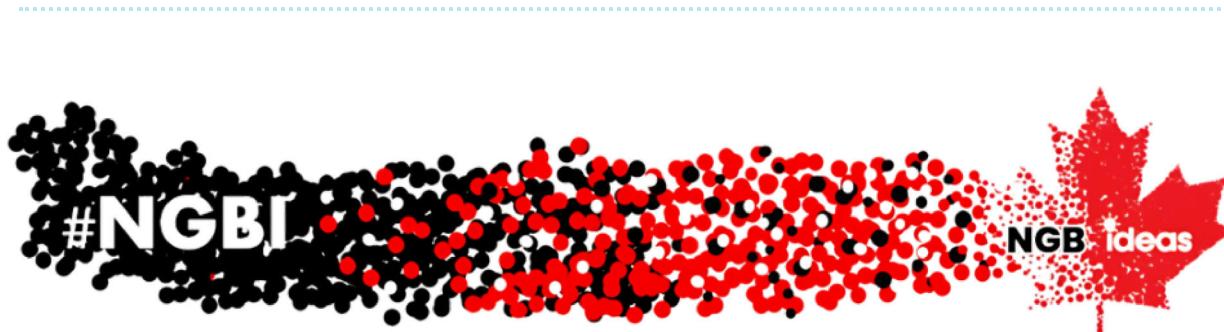
## **Reduced Rates for BIOSPAIN for Canadian Participants**

This new edition will take place again in **Barcelona, from October 7th to 9th, 2025!** BIOSPAIN is the largest biotech event organized by a national bioindustry association in Europe and one of the largest in the world by the number of one-to-one meetings and companies participating.

[Read more](#)

Contact **Aurora Pollo** for special reduced registration fee:

[Aurora.PoloFerrer@international.gc.ca](mailto:Aurora.PoloFerrer@international.gc.ca)



October 21, 2025

## **Next Great Big Ideas Summit**

The NextGreatBigIdeas (NGBi) Summit is an annual, independently organized not-for-profit fundraising event for the Canadian Life Sciences in support of MacKids, the fundraising arm of Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation dedicated to raising funds for McMaster Children's Hospital.

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## Alberta Biomedical Engineering Conference

**October 24 - 26, 2025**

Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre  
Canmore, AB

# Save the Date

Submission opens July 1st

Abstracts submission for podium and  
poster competition August 15th

October 24 - 26, 2025

### **26th Annual Alberta Biomedical Engineering Conference**

The Alberta Biomedical Engineering Conference will take place in **Canmore, AB, October 24 - 26, 2025**. The AB BME Conference is a joint venture between the Universities of Calgary, Alberta, and Saskatchewan that provides a forum for students in the biomedical engineering field to present their research and encourage discussions and collaborations.

[Read more](#)

### **Industry Support**



**Train your team. Reclaim the cost. BioTalent Canada makes it easy.**

Canadian bioscience employers can now access industry-recognized training with **up to 70% of costs covered**, minimal admin, and streamlined support.

Employer sign-up deadline: **August 15, 2025**

Don't miss out on your spot. Space is limited.

[Contact BioTalent to get started](#)

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## **Applications for Fall SWPP Term Now Open**

The Student Work Placement Program (SWPP) is a paid internship/Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) initiative to provide students on-the-job training to increase their job-readiness after graduation.

Reduces the cost barriers, by covering the cost of the paid internship salary by **50% up to a maximum of \$5,000** and **70% up to a maximum of \$7,000** for first-year students and under-represented groups.

[Read more](#)

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A photograph showing three professionals in a meeting. A woman in a dark blazer is gesturing while speaking. Two other individuals are seated across from her, one partially visible on the right. The background shows a modern office environment with large windows.

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

**Apply today to be part of Cohort VIII of the Executive Institute.**

 adMare Academy  
WE BUILD TALENT

## **adMare Executive Institute Opens Applications for Eighth Cohort**

The adMare Academy is now accepting applications for the eighth cohort of its exclusive Executive Institute, Canada's premier leadership development program tailored for senior professionals in the life sciences sector.

The Executive Institute is designed for mid-career executives working in Canadian life sciences companies who are interested in enhancing their leadership potential to drive growth.

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## **CanExport Innovation Funding**

Innovators from Canadian organizations may access up to \$75,000 in funding to assist with research and development (R&D) for a single technology. CanExport Innovation helps companies build collaborative R&D projects with international partners.

Coverage of up to 75% of costs for:

- Securing intellectual property protection in international markets
- Seeking expert legal and business advice
- Travel abroad or in Canada to meet with pre-identified foreign partners
- and much more!

Applications reopen September 2.

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## NIHR Funding Opportunities

The following new funding opportunities are available:

- [Themed Calls](#)

For more funding opportunities with NIHR [click here](#)

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