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Association for Life Sciences Industry

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

Welcome to the first July 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

#### **David Bressler will serve as VP (International and Enterprise)**

In his new role, David will lead the University of Alberta's efforts to expand international academic collaborations and enhance our engagement with industry.

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#### **Alberta Life Sciences Trade Mission to MEDICA 2025 in November**

MEDICA is the world's largest event for the medical sector. Alberta's government is the lead for the Alberta delegation to MEDICA 2025. The Alberta trade show booth, which is part of a larger Canada Pavilion at MEDICA 2025, will be a home base for Alberta companies to walk the trade show floor.

**Deadline to register:** September 15, 2025

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## **Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP)**

The 2025 intake of the Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) is now open, and the information is now available on the Genome Alberta website.

- **Genome Canada contribution range:** \$300,000 – \$2,000,000
- **Project Envelope Range:** \$300,000 – \$6,000,000
- **Co-funding:** Applicants can request up to 1/3 of the project budget from Genome Canada

[Read more & apply here](#)

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## **Funding Opportunities & Accelerator Program at VITAL**

Are you working on groundbreaking therapeutics solutions? The VITAL Hub seeks proposals for the development of innovative therapeutics solutions in alignment with BARDA's mission to promote health security.

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DEADLINE FOR **EOI** JULY 15, 2025

# \$25-million Digital Health Innovation Fund

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## Digital Health Innovation Fund: Now open for applications!

The \$25-million Digital Health Innovation Fund (DHIF) is now open for applications from private and public sectors in Canada. Funding will support AI and machine learning solutions to advance precision medicine and is open to all private-sector and public organizations from across Canada.

**Deadline for EOI:** July 15, 2025

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## Alberta's government is providing \$2.8 million to help small- and medium-sized businesses

Through a new \$2.8-million investment, Alberta's government is ensuring Calgary Economic Development has the resources it needs to continue delivering TAP for another five years, which is expected to help up to 650 more companies.

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## Helping manufacturers thrive in Alberta

In collaboration with Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, Alberta's government is investing more than \$4 million to support small- and medium-sized manufacturing businesses through the Alberta Manufacturing Productivity Grant. This

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### Upcoming Events

# Canada Pavilion

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## China-Canada Conference on Educational Practices for Children with Autism

@ China Care and Rehabilitation Expo 2025  
Sept.12-14,2025  
Beijing



September 12 - 14, 2025

### Canada Pavilion @ China Care & Rehabilitation Expo

#### Who Should Register

Canadian organizations and companies that could offer solutions for rehabilitation and assistive device, especially solutions benefiting children with autism and persons with disability in response to the growing demand in China market.

[Read the information package here](#)

Questions Regarding Conference Participation:

**Ms. Connie Li**, Trade Commissioner, Consulate General of Canada in Guangzhou,  
[connie.li@international.gc.ca](mailto:connie.li@international.gc.ca)

Questions Regarding Canada Pavilion participation:

**Ms. Dana Duan**, Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada in Beijing,



October 7 - 9, 2025

## **BIOSPAIN is Back!**

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.

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## Alberta Biomedical Engineering Conference



Save  
the  
Date

October 24 - 26, 2025

Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre  
Canmore, AB

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.

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## Industry Support



### **Student Work Placement Program (SWPP) Fall Launch**

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.

**Fall 2025 term placements** with the earliest start date of August 1, 2025, and the latest end date of December 31, 2025. The application intake will take place from **August 5, 2025, to December 6, 2025.**

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### **NIHR Funding Opportunities**

The following new funding opportunities are available:

- [Themed Calls](#)

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