

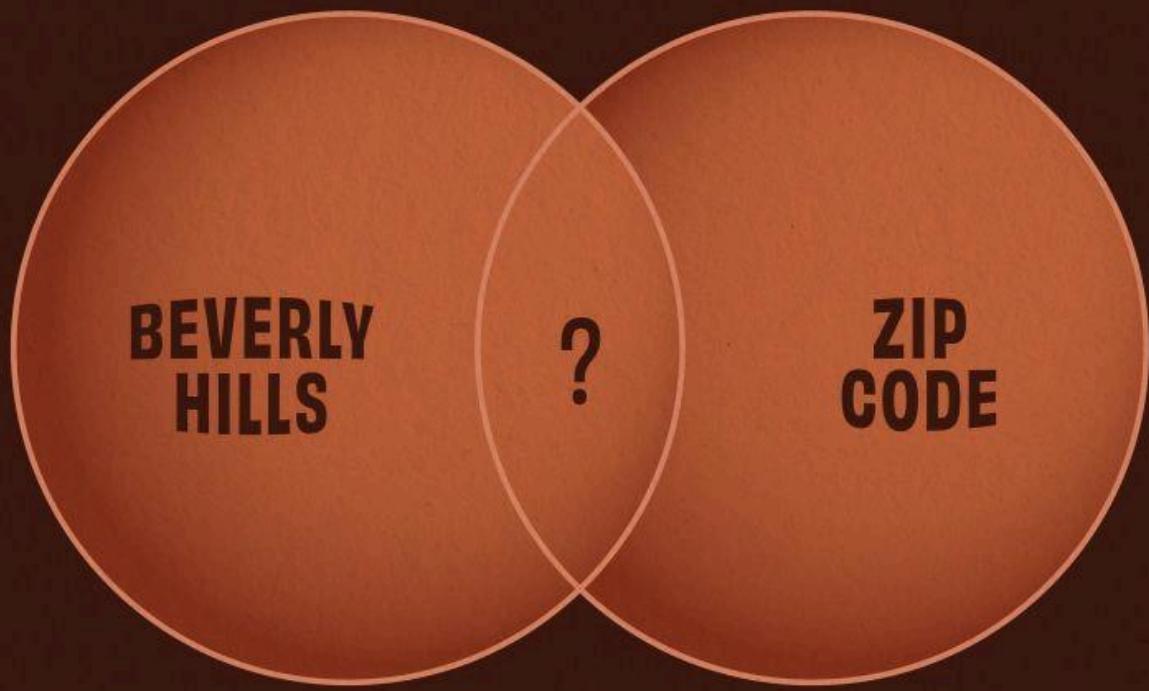


Stay Updated on News and Events in Alberta's Life Sciences Scene with BioBuzz!

Welcome to the first October 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



***IF YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW,
IT MIGHT BE TIME TO GO
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Alberta Cancer Foundation and Alberta Society of Radiologists are joining forces to spread one message: early, regular screening matters.

[Read more](#)

Moderna Announces First Made-in-Canada mRNA Vaccines Delivered to Canadian Provinces and Territories

Moderna announced that the first mRNA vaccines fully manufactured in Canada are being shipped to provinces and territories. This milestone advances Canada's domestic vaccine production capacity and strengthens national health security.

[Read more](#)

Government of Canada Improves Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services

The Minister of Health announced over \$13 million in funding to 15 community-based organizations to help make sexual and reproductive health services more accessible for people in Canada.

[Read more](#)

Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada's Report on Red Tape Reduction

Recognizing both the need to modernize regulatory frameworks and support robust economic growth in Canada, the Government of Canada launched a Red Tape Review across all federal departments and agencies in July 2025.

[Read more](#)

Government of Canada Invests in Research to Strengthen Pandemic Preparedness and Response

The Minister of Health announced an investment of nearly \$20 million through the CIHR Centre for Research on Pandemic Preparedness and Health Emergencies and partners to support seven research platforms that unite researchers from all across the country to maintain Canada's pandemic readiness, improve surveillance systems, and support evidence-based decision-making.

[Read more](#)

Applications Open for OBIO's 2026 Investment Summit

Canadian life sciences & health tech companies will have the opportunity to pitch in person to global investors at the OBIO® Investment Summit in Toronto on February 3-5, 2026.

Companies commercializing products and services in therapeutics, medical devices, diagnostics, digital health and health IT have the opportunity to pitch to global investors.

Application deadline: October 31

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

KAHKIYAW AHKAMEYIMOK “EVERYTHING PERSEVERES”



CLIFFTON CROSS,
FROG LAKE FIRST NATIONS #121 &
#122 COUNCIL MEMBER



 Wednesday, Nov 12, 2025 • 5pm to 7pm
 EPIC Market | 201, 8115 Gateway Blvd, 3rd floor



November 12, 2025

Bioeconomy Guild:

On [Wednesday, Nov. 12, 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 Clifton Cross of Frog Lake on the Nation's **LEAP Master Plan**; an ambitious, intergenerational strategy to transition from oil and gas toward Indigenous-led clean energy, land reclamation, and sustainable economic growth.

[Register today](#)

Pan-Canadian Clinical Research Summit

We are excited to bring experts in Canada & globally together in one venue to discuss building a framework for promoting clinical research in Canada.



October 15, 2025

Pan-Canadian Research Summit

Canada needs a coordinated national strategy to:

- Attract more clinical trials
- Accelerate patient access to innovative treatments
- Drive economic growth through job creation and life sciences investment

In-Person & Virtual Attendance Available

[Register here](#)



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.

[Read more](#)



October 21, 2025

Health Data Connect

Hosted by the University Hospital Foundation, in collaboration with INOVAIT and Alberta Innovates, the summit will bring together researchers, health leaders, data experts, policymakers and innovators.

The summit will highlight cutting-edge approaches—including artificial intelligence, data integration, and community-level analytics—while fostering national dialogue and local action.

Where: Royal Glenora Club, 11160 River Valley Road Northwest, Edmonton, AB

[Read more](#)



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](#)

GlycoNet

Webinar Series

October 28, 2025

GlycoNet Webinar on Integrated Platforms for Nanobody, Cellular, and Omics Research

Join us for this GlycoNet Integrated Services (GIS) webinar with Dr. Yves St-Pierre, node leader at the Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS). Dr. St-Pierre will introduce the Molecular and Cellular Biology Facility (MCBF), which provides comprehensive support in molecular, cellular, and bioinformatic studies.

Speaker: Dr. Yves St-Pierre, Professor, Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS)

Date: October 28, 11am MT

[Register here](#)

The advertisement features a large red and blue graphic design on the left side. The word "BIO-EUROPE" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) at the end. Below it, the tagline "Where partnering becomes the science of connection" is displayed in a smaller white font. To the right of the graphic is a photograph of the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, showing its ornate architecture and green domes under a blue sky. At the bottom right, there is a blue button with the text "REGISTER NOW" in white.

November 3 - 5, 2025

BIO-Europe

The 31st annual BIO-Europe® returns to Vienna, Austria on November 3–5, 2025, where historic coffee houses have long inspired world-changing ideas. This premier biopharma partnering event will gather over 5,700 life science professionals from over 3,000 companies across 60+ countries, facilitating more than 30,000 one-to-one meetings.

[Read more](#)



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GLOBAL MEDTECH SHOWCASE

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!



November 20, 2025
4:00 PM EST
Virtual

Application deadline:
October 17, 2025

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Calling all Medtech and Healthcare innovators!

Looking to showcase your life-saving technology to a global virtual audience?

Show us how you can revolutionize the healthcare industry by tackling inefficiencies in the space.

We are seeking:

- **Medtech companies** (medical devices, surgical tools, robotics, RPM, etc.)
- **Seed to Series A stage preferred**
- **Global companies** are welcome to apply!

November 20, 2025

Global Medtech Showcase

Application deadline: October 17, 2025

Looking to showcase your life-saving technology to a global virtual audience? Show us how you can revolutionize the healthcare industry by tackling inefficiencies in the space.

[Read more and apply.](#)

Industry Support

Save 50% on Customized Biomanufacturing Training

Thanks to the CASTL BioWorks subsidy (funded by Upskill Canada and the Government of Canada), companies can save 50% on CASTL's customized training programs.

[Read more](#)



Applications for Fall SWPP Term Now Open

BioTalent Canada's Digital Skills for Youth (DS4Y) program boosts an organization's capacity to advance digital innovations and accelerate Canada's position as a world leader in the ever-evolving knowledge economy by helping underemployed post-secondary graduates enhance and develop digital and soft skills through work and training opportunities.

Eligible employers receive 80% in employer supports, up to a maximum amount of \$24,000 (a combination of paid internship and training support).

[Contact BioTalent to get started](#)

The logo for the Trade Commissioner Service (TCS) is displayed on a dark blue background. It features the service's name in English and French, "Do business with the world" and "Faites affaire partout dans le monde" respectively, along with a graphic of a Canadian maple leaf.

Canada–Chicago Mentoring Program

Is your life science or healthcare company seeking to gain traction in the United States?

The Canada–Chicago Mentoring Program (C2MP) is back! The Trade Commissioner Service (TCS), in partnership with MATTER, Chicago's leading healthcare and life sciences incubator, is offering Canadian start-ups a unique chance to sharpen their go-to-market strategy and build a strong U.S. presence.

[Read more](#)



Canadian International Innovation Program

Through the Canadian International Innovation Program (CIIP), the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service is leading a partnering delegation to the United Kingdom in December 2025, in collaboration with the UK Department for Business and Trade.

Application deadline: October 26

[Read more](#)



Funding Program Relaunch: Digital Health Sandbox

This program is seeking Alberta-based post-secondary institutions, government entities and small-medium sized enterprises (SMEs) trying to enable patient impacts through interoperability of technologies, databases, or decision support tools.

Funding: Up to \$300,000

Application deadline: November 6 at 4:00pm MT

[Read more](#)

The Life Sciences Placement Program

In partnership with Mitacs, API's Life Sciences Placement Program (LSPP) accelerates internship pathways, connecting emerging talent to academic and industry partners to advance innovation across the life sciences sector.

[Read more](#)

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](#)

NIHR Funding Opportunities

The following new funding opportunities are available:

- [Early action and prevention within Health and Social Care Services](#)
- [Pre-Application Support Fund \(Cohort 7\)](#)
- [Themed Calls](#)

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



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