



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

Welcome to the first September 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

Our Knowledge Crisis: How Did We Get Here and What Can We Do?



Timothy Caulfield

Professor of Health Law and Science
Policy | Bestselling Author
University of Alberta



Dinner Keynote Speaker - HLSS 2025

Tickets Still Available for HLSS

We are thrilled to announce that Professor Timothy Caulfield, one of Canada's most recognized voices in health law, policy, and science communication, will deliver the keynote address at the Awards Dinner.

Tickets are still available, get yours before they sell out!

[Get your tickets now](#)

Better, Faster, Smarter Access to Government Services

Leading the way in Canada, the Mobile Health Card will be the first document available for Albertans to add to the Alberta Wallet. This is part of the province's health card modernization initiative and commitment to delivering better, faster and smarter services.

[Register here](#)

Info Sessions & 1:1s with Canadian Trade Commissioners

Alberta Innovates and the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service are teaming up to connect Alberta life sciences companies with trade commissioners from Italy, Taiwan, the United States, and the British Consul General. Events include information sessions, Export Cafés, and 1-1 meetings to explore export strategies, market trends, and global expansion opportunities.

Events in Calgary and Edmonton.

[Register here](#)

Message from the Minister of Health on Cancer Awareness

September is Cancer Awareness Month and a time to come together to support and honour Canadians impacted by this disease.

Awareness is important and continuing to invest in cancer research is critical. Canadian researchers have made, and continue to make, significant contributions.

[Read more](#)

Experts Say U.S. Public Health Rollbacks Will Impact Canadians

Experts say U.S. public health funding cuts could have spillover effects in Canada, particularly in areas like vaccine access, infectious disease monitoring, and cross-border health collaboration. Canadian specialists note the importance of maintaining strong systems on both sides of the border to safeguard public health.

[Read more](#)

Space Tech, Human Impact

How can a technology developed for space help Canadians, even the ones who stay firmly planted on solid ground?

It may seem unlikely, since space technologies are typically tailored to specific environments, but one local company that began by designing products for space is now using that same technology to support remote communities across Canada.

[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.

[Read more](#)

Alberta's Life Sciences Sector is Surging

As the Sept. 22 kick-off to Life Sciences Week approaches, sources from the event's presenter said Alberta is charging ahead in the sector faster than other parts of the world.

[Read more](#)

The eSTAR pilot: Notice to industry

The electronic Submission Template And Resource (eSTAR) is an interactive PDF form developed by the United States Food and Drug Administration that guides applicants through the process of preparing a comprehensive medical device submission.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD **THIS WEDNESDAY!**

NEW ROOTS: WHAT CELLULAR AGRICULTURE MEANS FOR PRAIRIE AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRIES

 **MIRANDA STAHN,**
PROGRAM MANAGER - WESTERN CANADA @ NEW HARVEST

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



September 10, 2025

Bioeconomy Guild: New Roots: What Cellular Agriculture Means for Prairie Agriculture and Agri-food Industries

Tonight, 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 Miranda Stahn of New Harvest.

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

⚠ PARKING: Parking available at the nearby Old Strathcona Farmer's Market parking lot (\$3/h) or in various local public and private surface lots.

[Register today](#)

Health & Life Sciences Showcase and Awards Dinner

 September 25, 2025

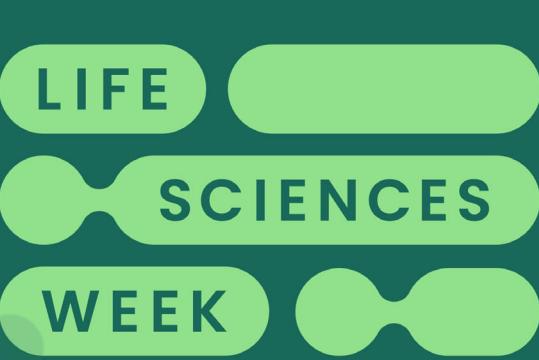
 Fairmont Hotel Macdonald, Edmonton

September 25, 2025

Health & Life Sciences Showcase

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

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LIFE SCIENCES WEEK

A graphic featuring the words "LIFE", "SCIENCES", and "WEEK" arranged in a staggered, overlapping layout. Each word is contained within a light green rounded rectangular shape. The background is a dark teal color with abstract, light green, blob-like shapes.

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.

[Read more](#)



October 7 - 9, 2025

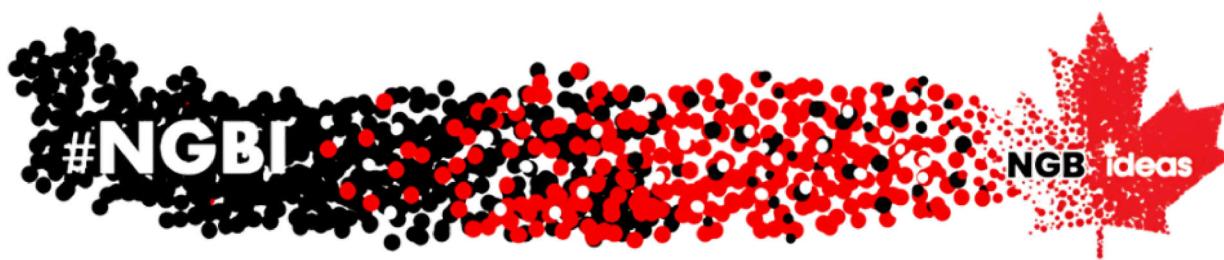
Reduced Rates for BIOSPAIN for Canadian Participants

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:

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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 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



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](#)



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.

[Read more](#)

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 now open

[Read more](#)

NIHR Funding Opportunities

The following new funding opportunities are available:

- [Themed Calls](#)

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



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