



Association for **Life Sciences** Industry

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


Welcome to the second 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

Health & Life Sciences Showcase and Awards Dinner

 September 25, 2025

 Fairmont Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton

See You at HLSS This Thursday!

BioAlberta's Health and Life Sciences Showcase and Awards Dinner is **this Thursday, September 25!** We look forward to seeing you there, with fellow leaders, innovators, and investors for a day of expert panels, discussions, and Alberta's top life sciences networking dinner.

[Very few tickets remaining](#)



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WEEK

September 22 - 26, 2025

Life Sciences Week

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

[Read more](#)

API Launches the Life Sciences Placement Program in Partnership with Mitacs

At the Life Sciences Week opening, Applied Pharmaceutical Innovation (API) proudly announced the launch of its new Life Sciences Placement Program (LSPP) in partnership with Mitacs.

[Read more](#)

Veterinary Learning Commons Opens at University of Calgary

The Veterinary Learning Commons (VLC), officially opened on Sept. 15 at the Spy Hill campus, was built with a \$68.5-million capital investment from the Government of Alberta to address the province's shortage of livestock and rural veterinarians.

[Read more](#)

\$25 Million Gift to University of Alberta


The Dianne and Irving Kipnes Health Research Institute, established by a landmark \$25-million gift from The Dianne and Irving Kipnes Foundation, will bridge the gap between scientific discoveries and health outcomes to improve health care for the people of Alberta and beyond.

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Upcoming Events

PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

BUILDING WORLD-CLASS TEAMS FROM OUR LOCAL POND




DESMOND PINK,
CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF SCIENCE
OFFICER @ NANOSTICS INC.



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📅 Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 • 5pm to 7pm
📍 EPIC Market | 201, 8115 Gateway Blvd, 3rd floor



NANOSTICS
PRECISION HEALTH

September 10, 2025

Bioeconomy Guild: Building World-Class Teams from our Local Pond

On [Wednesday, Oct. 8, 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 Desmond Pink from Nanostics.

LOCATION: EPIC Market: 201, 8115 Gateway Blvd.

[Register today](#)

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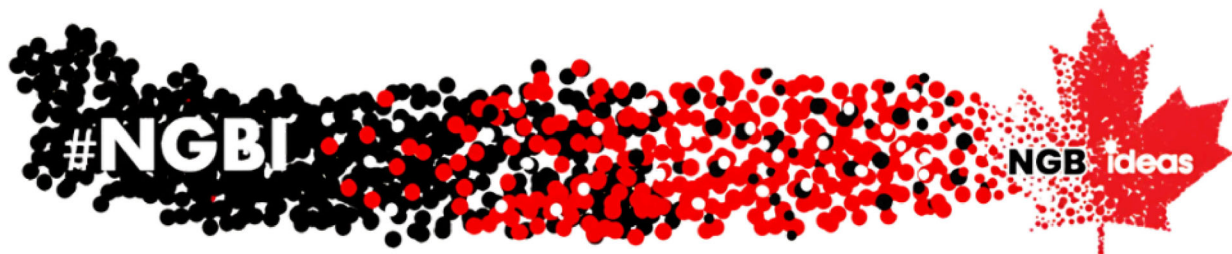
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Health & Life Sciences Showcase

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

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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](#)



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



Grow your team and advance digital innovations with up to \$24,000 in paid internship and training support.

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](#)

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](#)

Save 50% on Customized Biomanufacturing Training

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

[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](#)

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.

[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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