



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

Welcome to the first November 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

Federal Budget Delivers Breakthrough Wins for Canada's Life Sciences Sector

As Canada navigates a challenging global economy, the industry stands as a key driver of sustainable growth, high-value employment, and long-term economic resilience. Globally, governments are recognizing life sciences as a strategic sector for economic growth and national security, and Canada is well-positioned to capitalize on its existing momentum. The sector supports thousands of skilled jobs across the country, attracts significant international investment, and delivers the innovations that strengthen Canada's health, economic, and defence security.

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[Read Budget 2025: Building Canada Strong](#)

U of A Metabolomics Professor Wins Canada's Top Science and Engineering Prize

University of Alberta professor David Wishart has been awarded the 2025 Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering for his exceptional contributions in the field of metabolomics.

[Read more](#)

Student Work Placement Program Extended for Three Years

The federal commitment to extend BioTalent Canada's Student Work Placement Program for a further three years as a fixture in Canada's workforce development agenda is a reflection of the need for such a successful program in light of the current youth unemployment rate.

[Read more](#)

Suncor Gift Helps Bring Groundbreaking CT Technology to Alberta

Suncor has donated more than \$1.5 million to the University Hospital Foundation to help fund the purchase of a photon-counting CT scanner - a state-of-the-art advancement in medical imaging. This machine is the first of its kind in Alberta and only the third of its kind in Canada.

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Upcoming Events

PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

KAHKIYAW AHKAMEYIMOK “EVERYTHING PERSEVERES”



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 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](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

2026 ANNUAL POLICY FORUM



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March 5, 2026

Annual Policy Forum

Mark your calendars! BioAlberta's 2026 Policy Forum takes place on March 5, 2026, at the Westin Edmonton.

Join leaders from across Alberta's life sciences sector for a day of collaboration, insight, and impact.

Stay tuned for updates on registration, speakers, and sponsorship opportunities.

[Learn more](#)



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November 20, 2025

Global Medtech Showcase

Join One Six 8 Ventures on November 20, 2025, at **4:00 PM EST** for our Virtual Global Medtech Showcase—an exclusive look at the next wave of medical device and digital health innovation.

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Canada HealthTech Innovation Symposium

November 20 - 21, 2025 | Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel

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Canada HealthTech Innovation Symposium

The Canada HealthTech Innovation Symposium 2025 in Calgary will explore how emerging technologies are reshaping patient care, diagnostics, precision medicine, and healthcare delivery models and much more. With thought-provoking keynotes, dynamic panels, and interactive masterclasses, this event serves as a hub for learning, collaboration, and actionable insights.

[Register here](#)

Industry Support

Quantum Leap Funding

A funding program dedicated to the development of innovations from research centres and businesses across Canada, in collaboration with large biopharmaceutical companies.

Application deadline: November 13

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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 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 \(Cohort 7\)](#)
- [Shaping and supporting the health, public health and social care workforce of the future](#)
- [Themed Calls](#)

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