



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

Welcome to the second 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**



## 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.

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## New Mandate Letter to Minister of Technology and Innovation

On October 16, Alberta Premier Smith Issued New Mandate Letters to Multiple Ministers, Including Technology and Innovation Minister Nate Glubish. In the letter, the Premier tasks Minister Glubish with:

- Implementing Alberta's AI data centre attraction strategy, combining strong investment attractiveness with stable, affordable electricity and fair returns for Albertans.
- Developing an intellectual property (IP) strategy enabling the province to take an ownership interest in ventures, technologies, research and IP developed with

taxpayer dollars.

- Launching the province's digital strategy, ensuring Albertans' security and privacy are at the core while accelerating the adoption of technology and innovation to deliver better, faster, smarter services, making Alberta the most modern and innovative jurisdiction in Canada.
- Continuing to ensure Albertans have access to reliable, high-speed internet.
- Ensuring Alberta is the destination of choice for innovators and entrepreneurs, and encouraging technology commercialization to create more jobs and investment and further diversify Alberta's economy.

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[Read all new mandate letters](#)

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## **GoA: Faster Access to Preventative Care**

New reforms will expand access and choice for preventative screening, elective testing and other diagnostic services to deliver faster, more effective care.

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## **Novartis Agrees to Acquire Avidity Biosciences**

Novartis announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire Avidity Biosciences, Inc., a San Diego-based, biopharmaceutical company focused on a new class of therapeutics enabling RNA delivery to muscle. The acquisition will follow the separation of Avidity's early-stage precision cardiology programs.

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## **AbbVie Completes Acquisition of Gilgamesh Pharmaceuticals' Bretisilocin**

AbbVie announced that it has completed its acquisition of Gilgamesh Pharmaceuticals' lead investigational candidate, bretisilocin. Bretisilocin is a novel,

short-acting serotonin 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor agonist and 5-HT releaser currently in Phase 2 clinical development for the treatment of patients with moderate-to-severe major depressive disorder (MDD) programs.

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## Upcoming Events

The poster has a background of tall grass. At the top left, it says "PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD" in orange. Below that, in large white letters, is "KAHKIYAW AHKAMEYIMOK" and "‘EVERYTHING PERSEVERES’". To the left is a photo of Clifton Cross. To the right of the photo, it says "CLIFFTON CROSS, FROG LAKE FIRST NATIONS #121 & #122 COUNCIL MEMBER". In the top right is the Prairie BioEconomy Guild logo (a gear with a plant inside a circle). In the bottom right is the bioalberta logo (a stylized plant icon above the text "bioalberta" and "Association for Life Sciences Industry"). At the bottom, on a dark blue background, it says "Wednesday, Nov 12, 2025 • 5pm to 7pm" and "EPIC Market | 201, 8115 Gateway Blvd, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor". On the far right of the bottom section is a circular logo with a stylized plant and the letters "E" and "M".

**PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD**

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November 12, 2025

### **Bioeconomy Guild: Kahkiyaw Ahkameyimok “Everything Perseveres”**

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](#)

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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](#)

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# **BIO-EUROPE®**

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of connection

NOV. 3-5, 2025  
VIENNA, AUSTRIA



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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November 6, 2025

## **Medtech Canada Speaker Series: Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Workshop**

Whether you're new to the Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) program or have been claiming it for years, this seminar is a must-attend.

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# GLOBAL MEDTECH

Showcase

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

NOVEMBER 20, 2025 4:00PM EST (VIRTUAL)

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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.

[Register here](#)

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## Industry Support



## **SR&ED Tax Incentives for Your Medicine Professional Corporation**

If you're advancing innovations in the life sciences sector, Canada's Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) tax credit program may be able to help ease your financial pressure.

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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.

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## Applications for Fall SWPP Term Still 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](#)

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### Join the Alberta Life Sciences Mission to the Middle East



UAE and Saudi Arabia



February 8-February 18, 2026

### Join the Alberta Life Sciences Mission to the Middle East

The Government of Alberta, Edmonton Global, and Calgary Economic Development are pleased to invite you to join the Alberta Life Sciences Mission to the Middle East—an exclusive opportunity to connect with key stakeholders, expand your network, and gain valuable exposure to the region's dynamic healthcare industry

**Application deadline:** October 31

[Read more](#)

[Expression of interest form](#)

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## **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

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## **Lab2Market Health: Validate Foundations for Physicians**

Open to physicians across Canada who are interested in learning more about research commercialization. A 3-day intensive virtual training program providing physicians with a comprehensive understanding of the processes and best practices for research commercialization.

**Program dates:** November 17, 19, and 21, 2025

**Application deadline:** November 13

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## Call for Submissions by Researchers

The Drug Seeds Alliance Network Japan (DSANJ) invites researchers from universities, research institutions, and startups to submit drug discovery research outcomes and platform technologies for DSANJ Bio Conference FY2025. Those selected for the meetings by pharma companies and venture capital (VC) will get the opportunity to present their drug discovery seeds to them seeking partnering.

**Application deadline:** November 20

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## 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.

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## 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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