



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

Welcome to the second 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.

**Estimated Reading Time: 6 minutes**

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### **Industry Highlights**

#### **UCalgary Receives More Than \$4.7M in Funding for Innovative Research**

Research program will train others to forecast forest fires  
Using laser scanning, image recognition with artificial intelligence, and process modelling, Dr. Jed Kaplan, PhD, sees an excellent opportunity to train highly qualified personnel to understand and forecast how forests are evolving and how management can mitigate the worst impacts of wildfires while meeting environmental, cultural and economic goals.

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## **Canada Loses Measles Elimination Status**

The Pan American Health Organization has notified the Public Health Agency of Canada that Canada no longer holds measles elimination status.

Canada can re-establish its measles elimination status once transmission of the measles strain associated with the current outbreak is interrupted for at least 12 months.

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## **Arthur Child Innovation Catalyst Grant Winners**

The Arthur Child Innovation Catalyst Grant Competition provides up to \$300,000 to University of Calgary researchers pursuing projects that enhance the screening, diagnosis, treatment and supportive care for individuals affected by cancer.

Sponsored by the Alberta Cancer Foundation, the grants provide support for projects from a variety of different fields that may be unlikely to receive funding through traditional academic sources.

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## **UCalgary and Providence Therapeutics Kick Off New Partnership**

The UCalgary And Providence Therapeutics United for translational Research Excellence (CAPTURE) program will focus on new treatments in oncology, infectious diseases and veterinary medicine.

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## **Researcher Tackles ‘Super Kidney’ Challenge in Critically Ill Patients**

Kidneys that work too well flush out life-saving medications before they can do their job. Better diagnosis could lead to more accurate dosing.

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## **Life Sciences Sector Trade Events**

An overview of some of the major global trade events in the life sciences sector in 2025 and additional information for Alberta companies interested in exploring global opportunities. Provided by Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration.

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## **IMC Announces Gaby Bourbara as Chair**

Innovative Medicines Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Gaby Bourbara, President of AstraZeneca Canada, as Chair of its Board of Directors. With more than two decades of leadership experience in the Canadian and global biopharmaceutical industry, Mr. Bourbara is known for his collaborative approach and belief in the power of science to transform lives.

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## **BioAlberta Members Win 2025 ASTech Awards**

Congratulations to our BioAlberta members honoured at the 2025 ASTech Awards! Your excellence and innovation continue to elevate Alberta's life sciences community.

- **Loreen Wales** of **My Viva Inc.** has won the ASTech Award for **Women in Innovation - Company**
- **Raja Singh & Anmol Kapoor** of **CardiAI Inc.** have won the ASTech Award for **Medical, Healthcare, and Pharmaceuticals**
- **David Wishart** of the **University of Alberta Departments of Biological Sciences & Computing Science** has won the ASTech Award for **AI/ML & Quantum**

Congratulations to all winners and finalists!

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## Upcoming Events

**PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD**

# JOIN US FOR BIOALBERTA'S HOLIDAY NETWORKING SOCIAL

**Prairie Bioeconomy Guild**

**bio alberta**  
Association for Life Sciences Industry

**MNP**

📅 Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025 • 5pm to 7pm

📍 EPIC Market | 201, 8115 Gateway Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

December 10, 2025

### **Bioeconomy Guild: Holiday Networking Social**

On [Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025](#), from [5:00 PM to 7:00 PM](#) at EPIC Market in Edmonton, BioAlberta will host the Bioeconomy Guild for our annual Holiday Networking Social! As the year comes to a close, let's take time to celebrate the people and partnerships that make Alberta's life sciences community thrive.

Note that we will be on the **2nd floor** for this event, rather than our usual 3rd-floor location.

[Register today](#)

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The banner features the bioalberta logo (Association for Life Sciences Industry) in the top left. The main title is 'Everything you need to know about SR&ED: Unlocking Funding for Innovation'. Below the title, it specifies the date and time: 'TUESDAY, DEC 16, 2025' and '11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MST', and the format: 'TEAMS WEBINAR'. The event is presented by Doane Grant Thornton. Two speakers are featured in circular portraits: Naren Balakrishnan, Partner, R&D and Government Incentives, Doane Grant Thornton; and Iana Dogel, Senior Manager, R&D and Government Incentives, Doane Grant Thornton.

December 16, 2025

## **Webinar: Everything you need to know about SR&ED**

Whether you're new to the SR&ED program or have been claiming it for years, this webinar is a must-attend. With economic uncertainty and global trade tensions affecting businesses across Canada, now is the time to explore every opportunity for support. The Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) program is one of the most generous funding initiatives offered by the Canadian government.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

# 2026 ANNUAL POLICY FORUM

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**MARCH 5, 2026**

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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**Industry Support**

# Get recognized for how you hire and support your team

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## **Become an I.D.E.A.L. Bioscience Employer**

In today's job market, people want more than pay. They want flexible work arrangements, a culture of belonging, strong leadership and opportunities for growth and learning. These are some of the everyday practices recognized by BioTalent Canada's I.D.E.A.L. Bioscience Employer Recognition Program.

**Application deadline:** November 28

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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 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](#)

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## Alberta Export Expansion Program

The Alberta Export Expansion Program (AEEP) supports Alberta's small- and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations, Indigenous organizations, economic development organizations that promote Alberta exports through international travel to formal outbound trade events.

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## 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](#)

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

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

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