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

Welcome to the first February 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

Investigational Antibiotic Shows Broad Activity Against Resistant Gram-Negative Pathogens

BioAlberta member Fedora Pharmaceuticals among posters presenting at IMARI 2026. A novel antibiotic that targets penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs) without relying on a beta-lactam scaffold demonstrated broad in-vitro activity, bactericidal effects, low resistance selection, and encouraging in-vivo efficacy across a series of preclinical studies presented at the inaugural Interdisciplinary Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance and Innovation in January.

[Read more](#)

UCalgary Named one of Time Magazine's Top Universities

UCalgary has been named one of Time Magazine's World's Top Universities of 2026, ranking among the top 100 globally. Recognized as one of Canada's leading startup creators, UCalgary continues to stand out for its strong commitment to research and innovation.

[Read more](#)

BioHubx Collaboration with Innovate Canmore

BioHubx and Innovate Canmore have established an MOU to bridge resources and help innovators. Together, they will collaborate to create a mentor network focused on supporting MedTech companies aiming to scale successfully.

[Read more](#)

National Taskforce on CRP Standards & Classification

Canada's Clinical Research Workforce Strategy is launching its first task force to focus on CRP Role Classifications.

To submit your Expression of Interest, please email munaza.jamil@n2canada.ca by February 20th.

[Read more](#)

LUNCH KEYNOTE



BioAlberta's Annual Policy Forum



MARCH 5, 2026

ALBERTA INNOVATES: SHAPING ALBERTA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

MICHAEL J. (MIKE) MAHON, PH.D.

CEO of Alberta Innovates
President Emeritus, University of Lethbridge



Keynote Speaker Announced for Policy Forum

We're pleased to announce our Lunch Keynote for BioAlberta's Policy Forum on March 5, 2026.

Alberta Innovates: Shaping Alberta's Economic Future

Join Alberta Innovates CEO Michael Mahon, who will share Alberta Innovates' new strategic and business direction, why innovation matters now and how they hope to partner with the Life Sciences Ecosystem to make things happen.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

QUANTUM MATERIALS AS A PLATFORM FOR NEXT-GEN BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS



DR. DAVID ANTONIUK
CEO & CO-FOUNDER,
APPLIED QUANTUM MATERIALS INC

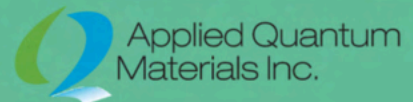


DR. DORRA GARGOURI
NANO-BIO RESEARCH SCIENTIST
APPLIED QUANTUM MATERIALS INC



📅 Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026
📍 MKT, 8101 Gateway Blvd NW

• 5pm to 7pm



February 11, 2026

Bioeconomy Guild - February Event

Quantum Materials as a Platform for Next-Gen Biomedical Applications

Applied Quantum Materials (AQM) is a world leader in silicon nanomaterials for a broad range of applications in nanoelectronics, sensing, energy, displays, security and bio-diagnostics.

NOTE: this event will be at our new location: upstairs at MKT, 8101 Gateway Blvd.
Free parking available.

[Register today](#)

BIOECONOMY GUILD IN CALGARY

SCALING HEALING: COMMERCIALIZATION THROUGH THE QUINTUPLE AIM AT NANOTESS



MEGAN LESLIE
CEO & CO-FOUNDER, NANOTESS



📅 Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026 • 5pm to 7pm
📍 The Ampersand, 4th Avenue SW, Calgary



February 19, 2026

Bioeconomy Guild in Calgary

Scaling Healing: Commercialization Through the Quintuple Aim at NanoTess

This session explores how the company's value proposition aligns clinical performance, clinician usability, equitable access, economic sustainability, and population-level outcomes, showing how mission-driven innovation can translate into real-world commercial success.

[Register today](#)

Lean Derisking: Taking Your Proof of Concept to the Clinic

February 24, 2026 | 12 - 1 pm EST



Sir Michael Houghton
Chief Scientific
Officer, API



Dr. Launa Aspeslet
Chief Translational
Officer, API



Dr. Daren Ure
Executive Scientist,
Discovery & Early Development, API



Dr. Daniel Trepanier
Executive Scientist,
Preclinical Development, API

February 24, 2026

Learn Derisking: Taking your Proof of Concept to the Clinic

Taking an early proof of concept into preclinical and clinical development is a costly and complex process. But there are strategic ways to streamline the process and reduce risk and costs.

[Register today](#)



HEALTHTECH FORWARD 2026

February 25, 2026

HealthTech Forward 2026

HealthTech Forward 2026 is a technology showcase hosted by ST Innovations, featuring live demos, client success stories, and networking with industry, ecosystem partners, and government representatives. Join us at the Li Ka Shing Building to celebrate health technology innovation and connect with collaborators across Alberta's innovation community.

[Register today](#)



2026 Annual Policy Forum

EMPOWERING TOMORROW

Tickets Now Available

 MARCH 5, 2026

 WESTIN HOTEL, EDMONTON

March 5, 2026

Annual Policy Forum

BioAlberta's Policy Forum on **March 5, 2026** at the Westin Edmonton will bring together leaders from across Alberta's life sciences ecosystem to discuss trade, talent, and patient-centred innovation.

This year's Policy Forum will feature panels on themes that span the life sciences sector, including:

- **US Trade Policy: Implications of Trump Policies on Alberta's Health and Innovation Ecosystem**
- **Building Future Ready Talent and Human Capacity**
- **Impacting Patients through Monitoring and Early Detection of Disease**

[Learn more & register](#)

CEO Breakfast & Fireside Chat

Westin Hotel, Edmonton



March 5, 2026



7:30 AM



Kim Simmonds

CEO - Primary Care Alberta



David Diamond

CEO - Acute Care Alberta



Kerry Bales

CEO - Recovery Alberta

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Health Innovators Breakfast Series



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March 5, 2026

Health Innovators Breakfast Series

BioAlberta and the University Hospital Foundation invite you to our second Health Innovators Breakfast, a morning event bringing together leaders from across Alberta's health and life sciences ecosystem.

This panel, in the morning right before Policy Forum, will be a CEO Fireside chat with Alberta healthcare CEOs Kim Simmonds, David Diamond, and Kerry Bales.

This is a separate ticketed event from Policy Forum, but you can bundle your ticket purchases together.

[Register today](#)

Industry Support

Cultivate your environmental STEM team

biotalent.ca/ScienceHorizons



This project was undertaken with the financial support of:  Environment and Climate Change Canada / Environnement et Changement climatique Canada

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program

The Science Horizons Youth Internship Program is now accepting applications! Receive up to \$25,000 in funding support to provide post-secondary graduates with paid internship opportunities in an environment-related STEM field.

[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 save 50% on CASTL's customized training programs.

[Read more](#)

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.

[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:

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

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