



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

Welcome to the second January 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

Moderna & Merck Announce 3-Year Data

At a median planned follow-up of the Phase 2b study at 34.9 months, mRNA-4157 (V940) in combination with KEYTRUDA reduced the risk of recurrence or death by 49% and the risk of distant metastasis or death by 62% compared to KEYTRUDA alone in these patients

The 2.5-year recurrence-free survival rate of mRNA-4157 (V940) in combination with KEYTRUDA was 74.8% as compared to 55.6% for KEYTRUDA alone, with the benefit observed across exploratory subgroups

[Read more](#)

Call for Innovation: Mobile Software for Diabetes-Related Health Data Collection and Reporting

Health Cities is seeking expressions of interest from vendors offering mobile software applications that allow individuals living with chronic conditions (i.e., diabetes) to collect readings from home monitoring devices, display these raw values in an organized format, and export the data for upload into primary care EMR patient portals

[Read more](#)

Life Sciences Week Releases Impact Report

The Life Sciences Week 2025 Impact Report was recently released, which captures the incredible momentum we accomplished as a community, along with the key moments that made it a phenomenal week for Alberta's life sciences sector.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Events



NAVIGATING THE FUTURE:

AI AND EMERGING TRENDS FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS IN LIFE SCIENCES

 January 28
3pm - 5pm

 10180 101 St NW
Edmonton

 **FREE PANEL AND NETWORKING EVENT**

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January 28, 2026

Navigating the Future of AI and Emerging Trends in Life Sciences

Join BioAlberta, Chubb, and Marsh for Navigating the Future of AI and Emerging Trends in Life Sciences, an in-person panel discussion and cocktail hour designed for directors, officers, and senior leaders in the sector.

[Register today](#)



February 9, 2026

Health Innovators Breakfast Series

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

Our first panel discussion will focus on **Building a Provincial Cardiac Strategy**, featuring Dr. Kate Storey, Dr. Tina Korownyk, and Dr. Robert Welsh; moderated by Dr. Jodi Abott.

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QUANTUM MATERIALS AS A PLATFORM FOR NEXT-GEN BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS



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

• 5pm to 7pm



 Applied Quantum
Materials Inc.

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: 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.

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Lean Derisking: Taking Your Proof of Concept to the Clinic

February 24, 2026 | 12 - 1 pm EST



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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.

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 **THE WESTIN EDMONTON**



MARCH 5, 2026

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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.

Sponsorship is a powerful way to secure your place in the conversation, elevate your visibility, and be recognized as an industry leader in Alberta's health innovation community.

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](#)

[Sign up here](#) to be notified as soon as tickets go on sale.

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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