



Association for **Life Sciences** Industry

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

Welcome to the second April 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: 4 minutes**

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### **Industry Highlights**



## **Nominations Open for BioAlberta Annual Achievement Awards**

Nominations are now open for the BioAlberta 2026 Achievement Awards! Do you know a life sciences company making an impact in Alberta? Or a leader helping to grow and strengthen our sector? Now's the time to recognize their contributions.

**Nominations close May 15, 2026.**

Let's celebrate the people and organizations moving Alberta's life sciences sector forward.

[Learn more and submit a nomination](#)

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## **Nanostics Announces Publication of a ClarityDX Prostate Study Validating New Algorithms with Improved Cancer Prediction that make MRI or DRE Optional**

Nanostics Inc., a precision health company advancing diagnostic innovation through its ClarityDX® platform, today announced the publication of a peer-reviewed study in

npj Digital Medicine validating its AI-driven ClarityDX® Prostate models for predicting aggressive prostate cancer.

[Read more](#)

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## **Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy Updated**

Alberta's Technology and Innovation Strategy has been updated to enhance the province's approach to supporting technology and innovation, with a focus on commercialization, access to capital, scale-up growth and keeping Alberta-based intellectual property in Alberta.

Since the original strategy launched in 2022, programs under the strategy have supported more than 8,200 jobs and helped attract over \$2.1 billion in private capital.

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## **Entos Pharmaceuticals and the L-CMD Research Foundation Collaborate**

BioAlberta member Entos Pharmaceuticals is proud to announce a collaboration with the L-CMD Research Foundation, a nonprofit that urgently translates scientific research into treatments for LMNA-related congenital muscular dystrophy (L-CMD).

[Read more](#)

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## **National Research Council Seeks New Members**

The Government of Canada has launched a selection process to appoint seven new members to the National Research Council Canada.

Leaders in research, industry and innovation from all regions across Canada and from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply for this opportunity to contribute to the country's largest federal research and development organization.

The NRC's experts drive advances in engineering, life sciences, aerospace, energy and digital technologies, delivering innovations that strengthen industries and improve the quality of life of Canadians.

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# Call for Innovation

Resident Safety and Quality-of-Life Technologies for Lodge Settings

 Health Cities

## Health Cities Call for Innovation:

Health Cities is seeking expressions of interest from vendors offering technology solutions that can improve resident safety, staff response, and resident quality of life within lodge settings.

This Call for Innovation is intended to identify practical, resident-centred solutions that can be piloted in an existing lodge environment and that are suitable for older adults living in supportive congregate settings.

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### **Building a Safer Bio-Economy**

Creating a safe, respectful workplace is essential to protecting your people, productivity and reputation. BioTalent Canada's free, bilingual workplace sexual harassment courses designed for SMEs in the bio-economy offer practical, legally informed tools that can be completed in just 90 minutes.

[Read more](#)

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### **Upcoming Events**

PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

# AI PHARMACEUTICAL PLATFORM TECHNOLOGY FOR CONSUMER HEALTH PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



**NUZHAT TAM-ZAMAN**  
CO-FOUNDER AND VP,  
SINOVEDA CANADA INC.



📅 Wednesday, May 13, 2026 • 5pm to 7pm  
📍 MKT, 8101 Gateway Blvd NW

# SINOVEDA

May 13, 2026

## Bioeconomy Guild - May Event

### AI Pharmaceutical Platform Technology as a Platform for Consumer Health Product Development: From Computational Identification to Biological Validation

How can AI reshape the way consumer health products are developed? **Dr. Nuzhat Tam-Zaman** of **Sinoveda Canada Inc.** introduces an AI-driven pharmaceutical platform technology (AI-PPT) that moves from computational discovery to biological validation, applying pharmaceutical-level rigour to consumer health. The session will highlight select products, their functions, and the markets they aim to serve.

**NOTE:** this event will be at our 2026 location: **MKT, 8101 Gateway Blvd.** Free parking available.

[Register today](#)



## INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT



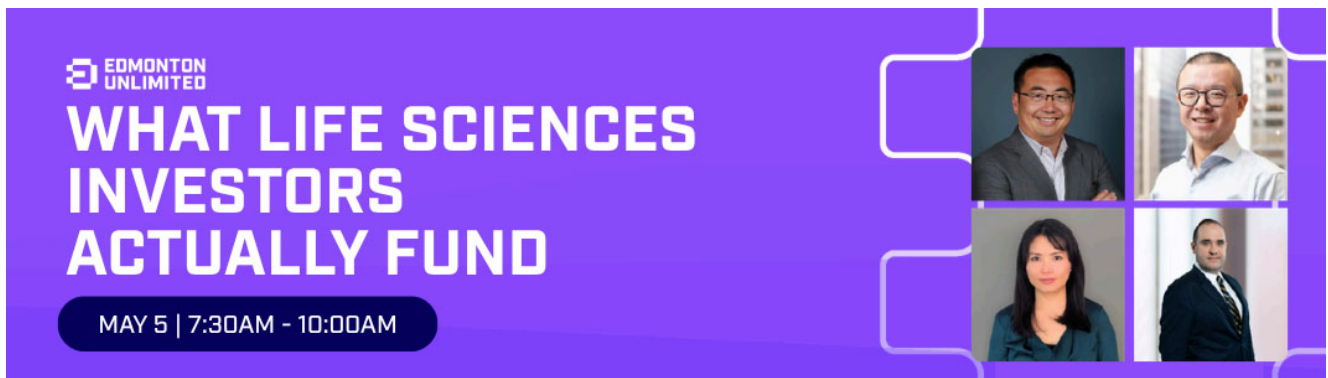
May 4, 2026

## CLIQ Innovation Partnership Summit

The CLIQ Innovation Partnership Summit is a cross-sector gathering of leaders, innovators, and practitioners committed to advancing social innovation and systems change. The Summit brings together voices from health, social services, academia, industry, and community to share learning and explore how partnerships turn ideas into measurable impact locally and globally.

[Register today](#)

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The banner features the Edmonton Unlimited logo in the top left corner. The main text reads "WHAT LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS ACTUALLY FUND" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, a dark purple rounded rectangle contains the text "MAY 5 | 7:30AM - 10:00AM" in white. On the right side, there are four portrait photos of speakers arranged in a 2x2 grid, with white speech bubble outlines behind them.

May 5, 2026

## What Life Sciences Investors Actually Fund

On May 5, Edmonton Unlimited is hosting a Life Sciences investor panel and exclusive Office Hours designed to give founders a real insider look at how capital gets deployed in life sciences — and the chance to sit down one-on-one with the people doing it.

[Register today](#)

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# WORKSHOP: Advancing Computational Drug Design: New Mathematical Approaches from Multiscale to AI



**MAY 3-8, 2026**



Limited free ONLINE seats

May 3-8, 2026

## **Workshop: Advancing Computational Drug Design**


This workshop aims to explore cutting-edge mathematical approaches that are transforming the field of computational drug design. By bringing together diverse experts from academia, industry, and innovation support organizations, this workshop will foster interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation.

- Computational Methods in Modern Drug Design
- Artificial Intelligence as an Accelerator in Drug Discovery
- Multiscale Modelling of Molecular and Biological Systems
- Statistical Mechanics and Molecular Simulation Applications
- Emerging Computational Paradigms in Drug Discovery
- Commercialization Strategy and Financing Opportunities

[Read more](#)

[Request an invite for a virtual seat](#)


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 Free webinar



# AI that pays off: Where to start for real results

 May 12, 2026

 12:00 p.m. (ET)



Pierre Cl roux



 liane Leclerc



Dominic Gagnon



Martin Coulombe

May 12, 2026

## **AI that pays off: Where to start for real results**

AI can be accessible and useful, no matter the industry. Join BDC's upcoming webinar, where experts will show you how to get started by sharing practical steps to get results without wasting time or money.

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**JOANNA GRIFFITHS**

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June 12, 2026

## The Art of Leadership Women

Elevate your leadership with The Art of Leadership Women conference, returning to Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, and **Calgary**! Develop your leaders, engage your talent, and build high-performing teams.

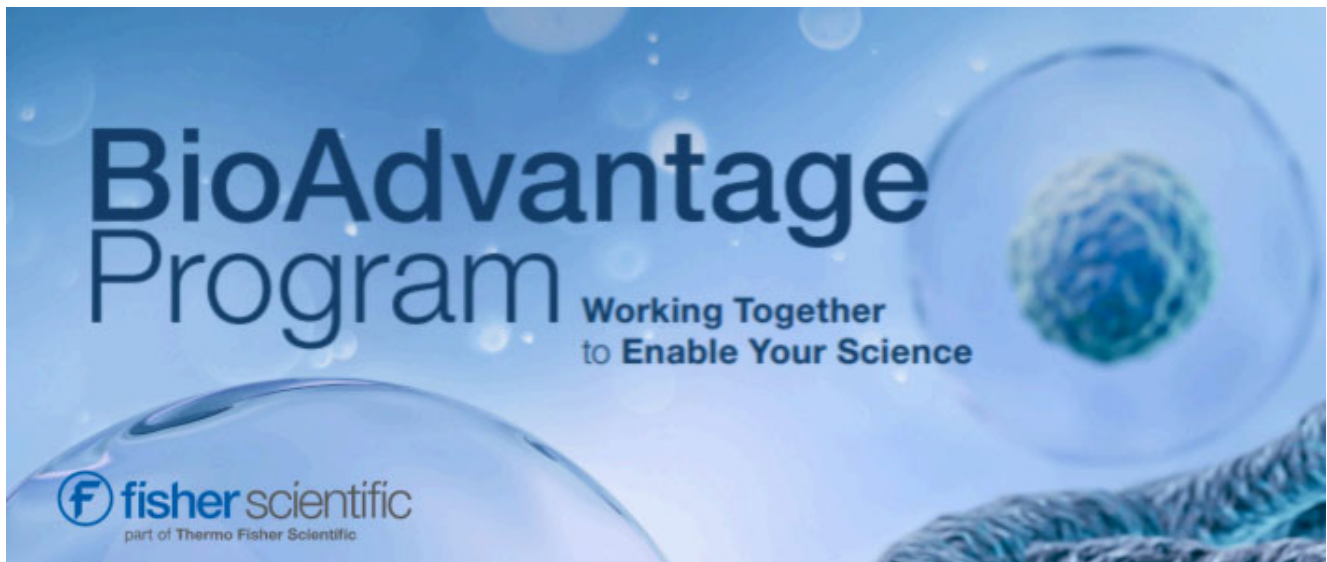
Use code **BIOAB45** to save \$50 per pass or \$100 per pass for groups of 5+.

[Register today](#)

[Learn more](#)

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## Industry Support



## BioAdvantage Program by Fisher Scientific

Through the BioAdvantage Program in partnership with BioAlberta, our members gain access to discount pricing on an extensive catalogue of laboratory and safety products, backed by customer support.

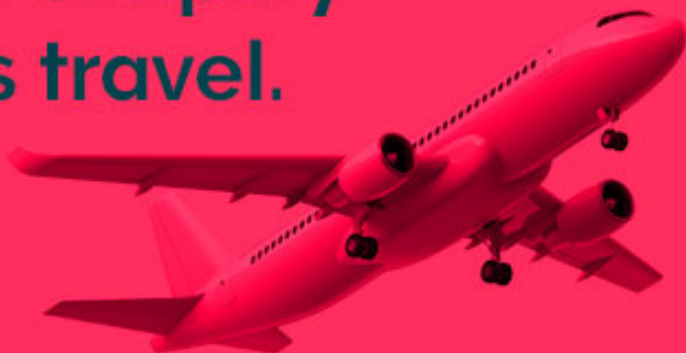
View all [BioAdvantage Program benefits](#).

For more information, contact **Sarah Sarkissian**, Industry Director, Clinical, Biotech & Pharma segments [sarah.sarkissian@thermofisher.com](mailto:sarah.sarkissian@thermofisher.com)

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## Partnering to simplify Life Sciences travel.

Save time, reduce costs, and travel with ease.



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**Let Corporate Traveller Simplify Your Business Travel**

Planning your travel for the year ahead? BioAlberta members have exclusive access to Corporate Traveller's expertise in managing business travel with ease and efficiency. Through our partnership, you can streamline your trips, reduce costs, and enjoy personalized support tailored to the life sciences industry.

Whether you're heading to major industry events like the BIO International Conference or travelling to expand your business, Corporate Traveller is here to help.

Learn more about [Corporate Traveller's experience with the life sciences industry](#) or [BioAlberta's membership benefits](#).

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## Avantor® and BioAlberta: Together, Advancing Scientific Innovation

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### **BioAlberta Program by Avantor**

With Avantor® as the convenient purchasing channel, Avantor® provides single-source access for all the solutions you need to set science in motion. Partnered with BioAlberta, we have created a highly competitive research and life science program that offers members exclusive access to contracted pricing from the leading distributor in life science research

For more information, contact your local sales representative or all our dedicated customer service line at **1-800-932-5000**.

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## **BIO International Discount for BioAlberta Members**

BIOTECanada has arranged a special discount for our members for Premier Access registration to BIO International, which will be held in San Diego June 22-25, 2026. Premier Access includes all convention content and access plus use of the BIO partnering platform. The special pricing saves \$650 off the registration cost.

To obtain your discounted Premier Access Registration for BIO International Convention, simply [complete this form](#) to receive an electronic invoice for payment.

For more information, contact **Shaely Williams** - Director, Membership & Events BIOTECanada [shaely.williams@biotech.ca](mailto:shaely.williams@biotech.ca).

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## **BioTalent Canada is Accepting Applications for the Student Work Placement Program**

The Student Work Placement Program (SWPP) is a paid internship/Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) initiative to provide students on-the-job training to increase their job-readiness after graduation.

The program gives employers the freedom to:

- Access to support to hire students for a paid internship
- Leverage a pool of workers eager to enhance their skills
- Provide on-the-job experience for young talent
- Develop new talent for future recruitment needs

[Read more](#)

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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.

[Read more](#)

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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](#)

[Read more](#)

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## 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](#)

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

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