



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

Welcome to the first July 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



Investor Engagement Summit - Pitch Applications Now Open

BioAlberta's Health and Life Sciences Showcase provides valuable opportunities for Alberta innovators to pitch for investment.

Our **Investor Engagement Summit** provides valuable opportunities for investors to engage with Alberta companies and innovators in a one-on-one format.

Application deadline: July 31, 2026

[Fill in the Pitch Application Form](#)

Biohubx Joins Applied Pharmaceutical Innovation to Expand Life Sciences Business Impact

Calgary-based Biohubx has joined with Applied Pharmaceutical Innovation (API) as part of an investment from the Opportunity Calgary Investment Fund (OCIF) to strengthen Calgary's life sciences ecosystem by sustaining and expanding one of the sector's few commercialization assets.

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Dr. Jodi Abbott of University Hospital Foundation Wins Alberta Order of Excellence

The Alberta Order of Excellence recognizes Albertans whose outstanding achievements and service have had a lasting impact on our province and its people.

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Biogen Canada Disappointed by Outcome of Pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance Negotiations

Biogen Canada Inc. was disappointed that negotiations with the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA) for SKYCLARYS™ (omaveloxolone) have concluded without reaching an agreement.

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Alberta Real World Evidence Consortium Publishes Annual Report

Alberta holds some of the richest, most comprehensive health system data in the world. Province-wide coverage, linked administrative and clinical records, and decades of continuity give us an asset that most jurisdictions can only aspire to.

[Read more](#)

Life Sciences Trade Mission to Japan Now Accepting Applications

Deep Tech Canada is organizing a Life Sciences Trade Mission to Japan from October 5–9, 2026. This mission supports Canadian organizations in life sciences

and health technologies seeking to explore the Japanese market, build partnerships, and increase international visibility.

Application Deadline: August 14, 2026

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The banner features the Alberta Capital Connect logo on the left, which includes a stylized 'C' with an upward arrow and the text 'ALBERTA Capital Connect' and 'POWERING SOLUTIONS. FUNDING IMPACT.' To the right, a headline reads 'THE MOMENTUM IS REAL. THE COMMUNITY IS GROWING.' followed by a paragraph of thanks to innovators, investors, mentors, advisors, and partner organizations. A graphic of a mountain peak with a glowing path and location pins is on the far right. Below the headline, a section titled 'DEADLINES EXTENDED!' with a megaphone icon explains that the application deadline has been extended to August 18 for Innovators and Advisors, and to August 31 for Investors and Mentors. At the bottom, three boxes provide details for each group: Innovators & Advisors (new deadline August 18, 2026), Investors & Mentors (new deadline August 31, 2026), and Event Venues Set! (Initial sessions on September 18, 2026 at Mount Royal University, and Final sessions & award presentation on November 6, 2026 at the ASTech Awards Gala at The Westin Edmonton).

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**THE MOMENTUM IS REAL.
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Thanks to innovators, investors, mentors, advisors and partner organizations who are making Alberta Capital Connect a powerful new way to connect innovation with opportunity.

DEADLINES EXTENDED!

Due to the request from many partner organizations that have recently come on board to spread the word, we have bumped out the application deadline one month to **August 18** for **Innovators and Advisors** and have set the deadline for **Investors and Mentors** at **August 31**.

INNOVATORS & ADVISORS	INVESTORS & MENTORS	EVENT VENUES SET!	
NEW DEADLINE: AUGUST 18, 2026	NEW DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2026	INITIAL SESSIONS SEPTEMBER 18, 2026	FINAL SESSIONS & AWARD PRESENTATION NOVEMBER 6, 2026
Apply at: capitalconnect.results.management	Apply at: capitalconnect.results.management	Mount Royal University Calgary, AB	At the ASTech Awards Gala The Westin Edmonton

Alberta Capital Connect - Deadlines Extended

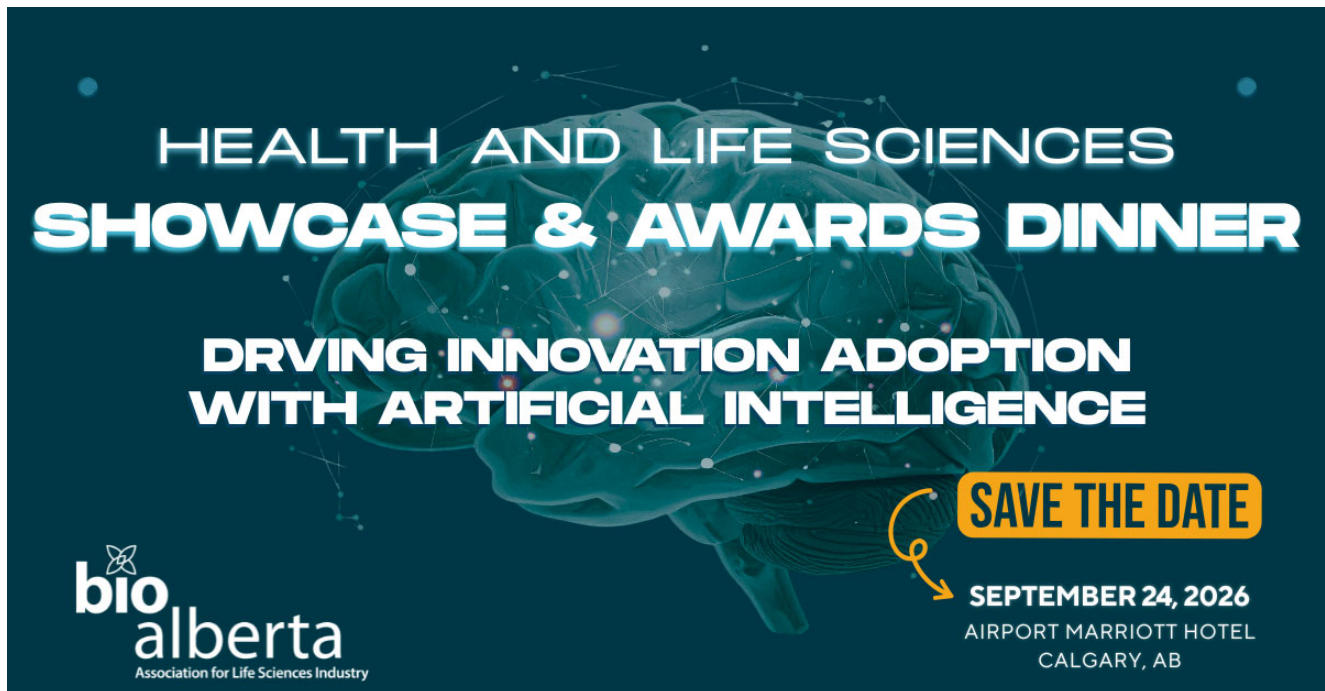
A high-signal, low-friction ASTech Awards Partner Program for Startup to Series A innovators, seasoned investors, veteran entrepreneurs, and advisors.

Innovators & Advisors New Deadline: August 18, 2026

Investors & Mentors New Deadline: August 31, 2026

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Upcoming Events



[September 24, 2026](#)

2026 Health and Life Sciences Showcase & Awards Dinner

On Thursday, September 24, 2026, BioAlberta will host the 2026 Health and Life Sciences Showcase & Awards Dinner at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Calgary!

This premier event will bring together industry leaders, innovators, and stakeholders for a day of insightful discussions, expert panels, and strategic networking, followed by an evening celebrating excellence in Alberta's life sciences community at the Awards Dinner.

[Save the date](#)



October 14, 2026

Health Data Connect

Bringing together researchers, health leaders and innovators to showcase how data is being actively transformed into tangible improvements for patient care and health systems across Canada.

Save the date! [link available soon]

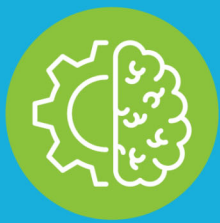
Industry Support

Accelerating Innovations into CarE (AICE) - Intake

The Accelerating Innovations in CarE program offers staged funding streams and support to Alberta's small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that require robust scientific and clinical evidence to develop, advance and commercialize cutting-edge new health technologies.

Application Deadline: November 27, 2026 4:00 pm MT

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NEW COURSE AVAILABLE

AI Fundamentals for the Bio-economy

Built for the sector, by the sector

New BioTalent Course Available: AI Fundamentals for the Bio-Economy

Canada's bio-economy workforce performs complex, specialized work in highly varied environments. Generic AI courses miss those nuances, leaving real gaps in knowledge and skills, and potentially leaving your organization behind. You're working in a context where roles, regulations and workflows look very different from other sectors.

Learners see AI applied to the work they actually do, through sector-specific examples such as:

- Preparing documentation and regulatory materials

- Supporting research and data organization
- Drafting communications and internal updates
- Managing everyday workflows across teams

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Building leaders who build life sciences companies.

Applications open now.

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Building Canada's Life Sciences Leaders

Strong companies are built by strong leaders. Applications are now open for the adMare BioInnovations Executive Institute, a national executive development program designed for experienced leaders ready to help build and scale Canada's life

sciences sector.

Applications for Cohort IX close: July 24

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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

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CASTL's BioInnovation Scientist (BIS) Program

Canada's life sciences sector is growing fast, and it needs professionals ready to lead in biomanufacturing, therapeutic innovation, and drug development. Whether you're a scientist looking to break into industry or a non-scientist supporting R&D teams, the CASTL BioInnovation Scientist (BIS) Program, developed by adMare, offers two targeted learning pathways to help you thrive.

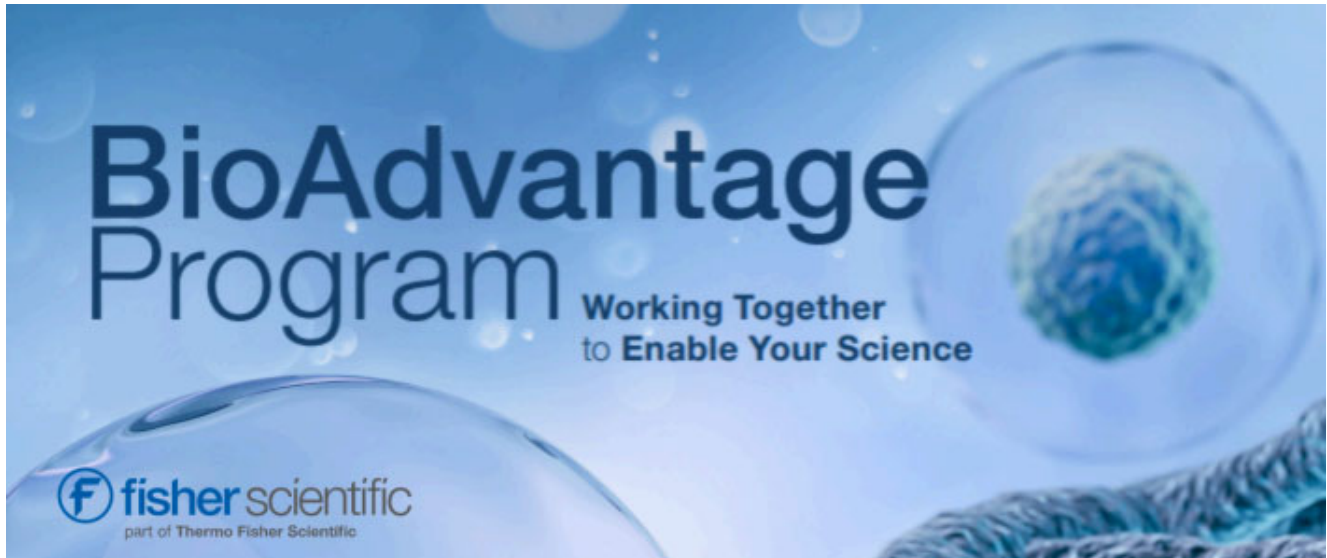
[Read more](#)

\$150-million Life Sciences Venture Fund by BDC

Life sciences are a strategic pillar of Canada's economic resilience, public health, and long-term competitiveness, yet remain underfunded despite strong performance and

global potential. BDC's \$150 million Life Sciences Venture Fund is designed to strengthen Canada's life sciences ecosystem by addressing critical capital gaps throughout a company's growth journey.

[Read more](#)



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](#).

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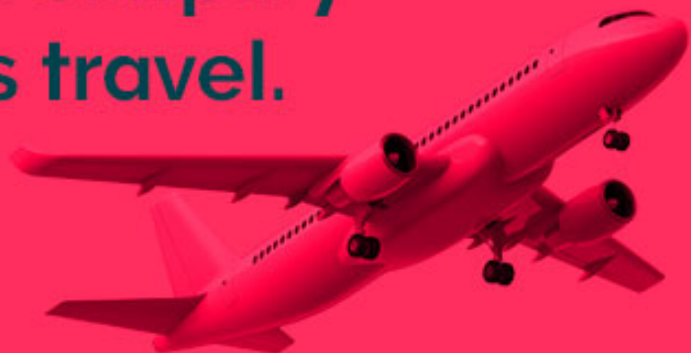
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Learn more about [Corporate Traveller's experience with the life sciences industry](#) or [BioAlberta's membership benefits](#).

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:

- [EME/HTA-Postdoctoral Award: Building clinical trials experience funding opportunity](#)
- [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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