



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

Welcome to the first June 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

Alberta Innovates Evolving Programs to Better Support Alberta's Innovation Ecosystem

Alberta Innovates is redesigning how it supports innovators across Alberta, and the work starts now.

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Nanostics Wins 2026 Flourish Prize in Health, Well-Being & Human Development

This award-winning AIM2Flourish story highlights how Nanostics Inc. is transforming cancer diagnostics through artificial intelligence, helping improve patient outcomes while advancing accessible, precision healthcare.

[Read more](#)

Double win for PulseMedica at YEG Startup Community Awards

PulseMedica took home two awards at the YEG Startup Community Awards this year. They won Most Edmonton Startup of the Year and Best Supporting Actor of the Year (Business Operations Lead)

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Celebrating the Best in Canadian Biotech

Nominations are open! BIOTECanada's Gold Leaf Awards recognize leaders shaping the future of Canadian biotech. Know an individual or company making a difference? Nominate them today!

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Health Cities Call for Innovation: Technology-Enabled Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Environments

Health Cities is seeking expressions of interest from vendors offering solutions that can safely and sustainably support Alternate Level of Care (ALC) residents, particularly those with complex mental health, addiction, and behavioural needs.

Closes June 11, 2026.

[Read more](#)

Lab2Market Validate Foundations Alberta

Applications are closing soon for Lab2Market Validate Foundations, Alberta, Spring 2026. If you've been considering exploring the real-world potential of your research, now is the time to apply.

Closes June 10, 2026

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Upcoming Events



PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

**JOIN US FOR
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Wednesday, June 10, 2026 • 5pm to 7pm
MKT, 8101 Gateway Blvd NW

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SUMMER

June 10, 2026

Bioeconomy Guild - June Summer Social

Join BioAlberta for a special Summer Networking Social event at our monthly Bioeconomy Guild.

Mingle with industry leaders, BioAlberta members, and organizations that support the bioindustrial sector, and say hello to summer! 🌞 🌈

Free parking is available at MKT (8101 Gateway Blvd).

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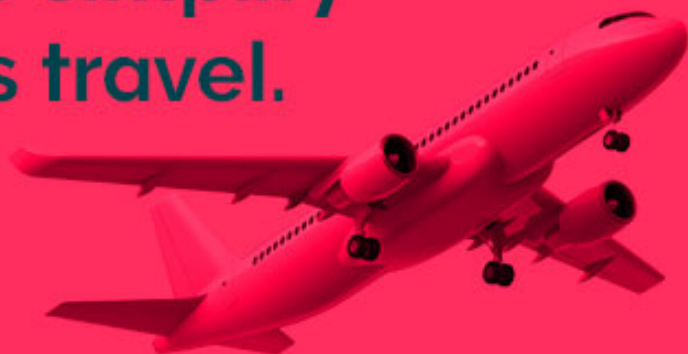
BIOTECCanada has arranged a special discount for our members for Premier Access registration to BIO International, which will be held in San Diego June 22-25, 2026. Premier Access includes all convention content and access plus use of the BIO partnering platform. The special pricing saves \$650 off the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

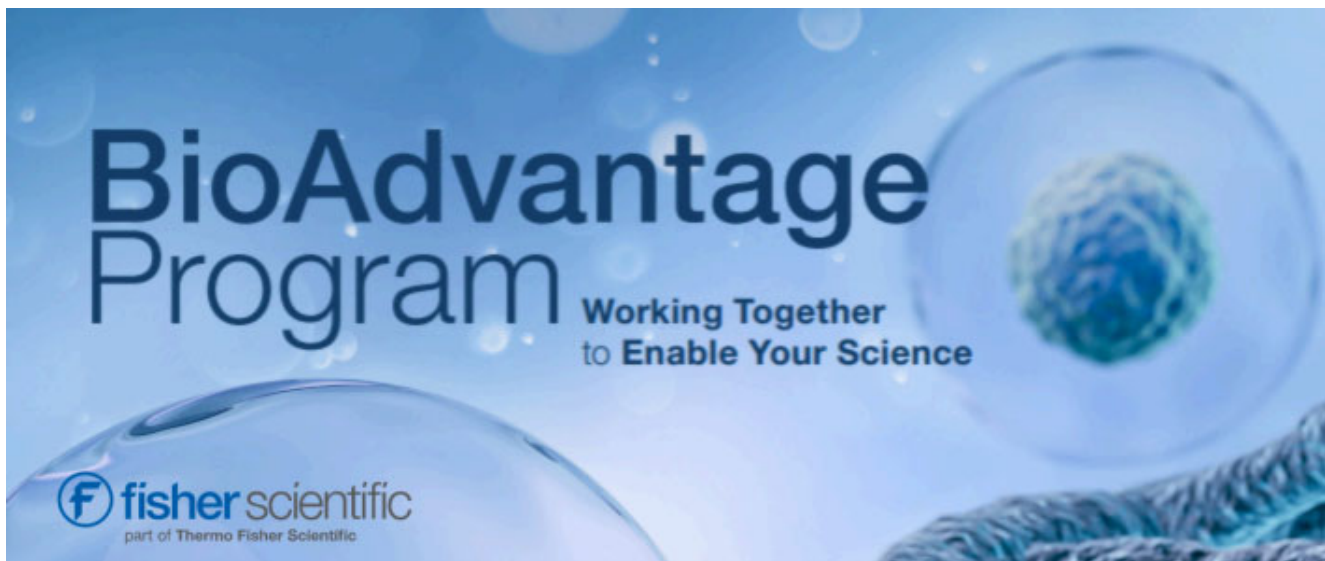
Canada's life sciences sector is growing fast, and it needs professionals ready to lead in biomanufacturing, therapeutic innovation, and drug development. Whether you're a scientist looking to break into industry or a non-scientist supporting R&D teams, the CASTL BioInnovation Scientist (BIS) Program,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

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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.

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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](#)

[Read more](#)

NIHR Funding Opportunities

The following new funding opportunities are available:

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