



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

Welcome to the first May 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

HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES SHOWCASE & AWARDS DINNER

DRIVING INNOVATION ADOPTION
WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL
CALGARY, AB

Save the Date for HLSS 2026

The 2026 Health and Life Sciences Showcase & Awards Dinner will be held on **Thursday, September 24, 2026** 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.

[Learn more](#)



This Week: Nominate a Leader by May 15

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.

[Learn more and submit a nomination](#)

FendX Engages Innovotech for Regulatory Pathway Assessment of Its Coated Foley Catheter Program

BioAlberta member Innovotech will conduct regulatory research to determine the appropriate U.S. Food and Drug Administration classification and regulatory pathway for FendX's coated Foley catheter product currently in development. The scope of work will include an assessment of regulatory requirements outlining the recommended FDA regulatory pathway.

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Edmonton50 by Scale Up Canada

Congratulations to BioAlberta members [48Hour Discovery](#), [FeynMed](#), [Pacylex](#), [RJH Biosciences](#), and [RNARevive](#), who have been named in Scale Up Canada's Edmonton50!

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Calgary50 by Scale Up Canada

Congratulations to BioAlberta member [BioSport \(BioAro\)](#), who has been named in Scale Up Canada's Calgary50!

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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](#)



May 28, 2026

Good Documentation Practices Webinar

In a GMP-regulated environment, documentation is more than just paperwork—it is a critical component of product quality, regulatory compliance, and ultimately, patient safety. Inaccurate, incomplete, or poorly controlled documentation can lead to compliance risks, compromised product integrity, and potential regulatory findings.

Virtual Workshop includes: All training material, Certificate of Completion and E-certification badge.

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Innovating for Diabetes

Matrix Hotel, Edmonton

June 8, 2026 7:30 AM

Padma Kaul

Lana Solberg

Loreen Wales

Gail Stepanik-Keber
Moderator

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Health Innovators Breakfast Series

University Hospital Foundation

June 8, 2026

Health Innovators Breakfast: Innovating for Diabetes

BioAlberta and the University Hospital Foundation invite you to our next Health Innovators Breakfast to explore breakthrough ideas that are reshaping diabetes prevention, management, and outcomes.

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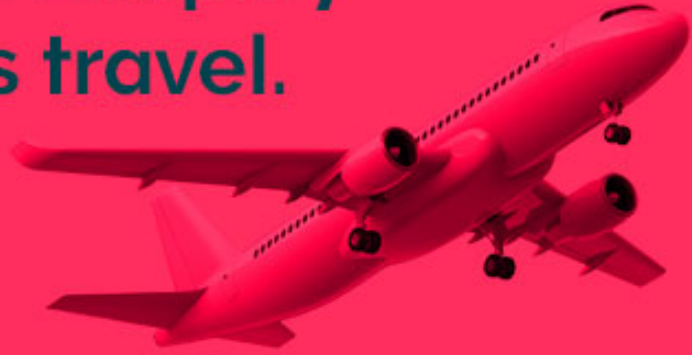
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BIO International Discount for BioAlberta Members

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
BIOTECCanada shaely.williams@biotech.ca.

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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\$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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Call for Innovation

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

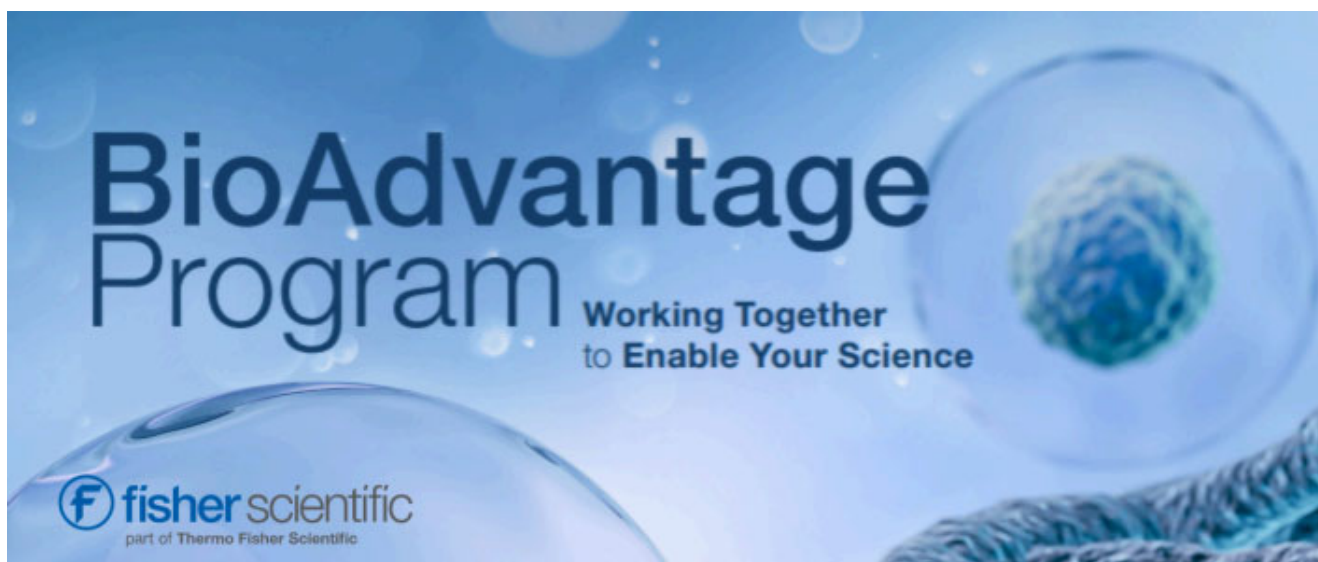


Health Cities Call for Innovation:

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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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.

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For more information, contact **Sarah Sarkissian**, Industry Director, Clinical, Biotech & Pharma segments sarah.sarkissian@thermofisher.com

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](#)

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NIHR Funding Opportunities

The following new funding opportunities are available:

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