



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

Welcome to the second 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
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SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL
CALGARY, AB

Health and Life Sciences Showcase & Awards Dinner 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](#)

Preparing Alberta's Students for an AI Future

Alberta's government is launching an expert panel to strengthen how post-secondary education prepares students for an artificial-intelligence (AI)-driven economy.

[Read more](#)

Transforming Healthcare with the Alberta AI Advantage

The Health Innovation Lab is an initiative delivered by Amii with support from Alberta's government to accelerate the development, testing and adoption of artificial intelligence and data-driven health solutions

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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.

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Accelerating Clinical Trials to Bring New Treatments and Technologies to Albertans

The Alberta Fast-Track to Accelerate Start-up of Clinical Trials (FAST) Program is a coordinated provincial initiative designed to speed up how quickly clinical trials can get started. This initiative is led by the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, in collaboration with Acute Care Alberta.

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BIOTECanada's Spring 2026 Issue of Insights Magazine

This edition explores the strength of Canadian science, the progress being made across the innovation ecosystem, and the opportunity to turn momentum into lasting global impact.

[Read more](#)

Opinion: Why Canada Needs Pharmaceutical Sovereignty

Access to lifesaving drugs is a matter of national security.

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Upcoming Events

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

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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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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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.

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June 3, 2026

Canada's Medtech Conference 2026

Join leaders from across the health care ecosystem for an engaging and forward-thinking event focused on driving health innovation in Canada. This conference will explore how adopting cutting-edge technologies and innovative practices can improve patient outcomes, strengthen our health care system, and contribute to a more resilient economy.

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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.

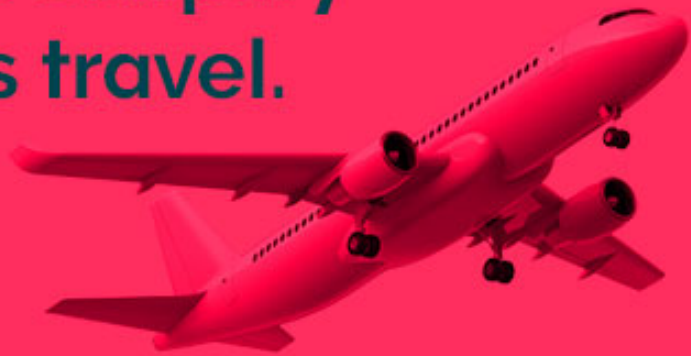
Premier Access includes all convention content and access plus use of the BIO partnering platform. The special pricing saves \$650 off the registration cost.

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 BIOTECanada 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

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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.

[Read more](#)



Call for Innovation

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

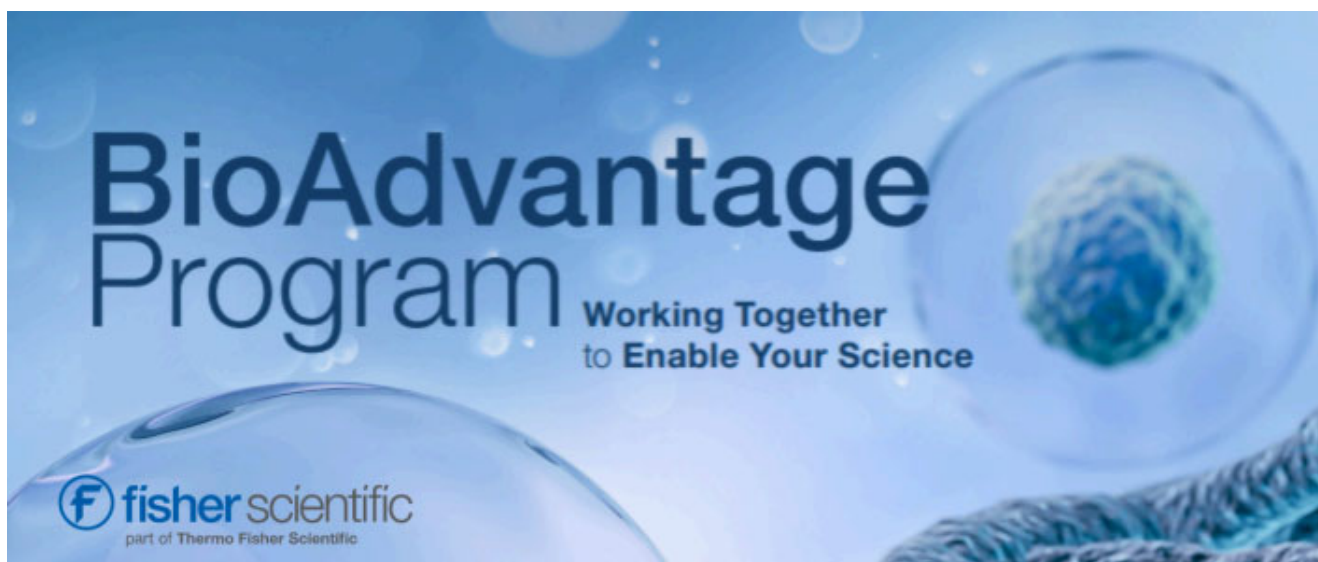


Health Cities Call for Innovation:

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.

[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](#).

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](#)

[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](#)
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