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& INVESTOR  
LIFE SCIENCES  
SUMMIT 2025

MARCH 13-14, 2025

# AGENDA

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# EVENT INFORMATION

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## UTAH'S PREMIER EVENT FOR LIFE SCIENCES INVESTMENT

**MARCH 13, 2025**



### **SUMMIT**

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

SHERATON HOTEL  
(NEW LOCATION)  
150 WEST 500 SOUTH  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84101

**MARCH 14, 2025**



### **SKI DAY**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SNOWBIRD RESORT  
SNOWBIRD, UTAH

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TICKETS AVAILABLE



### **BREAKFAST**

8:00 - 9:30 AM

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SUPERIOR ROOM,  
THE CLIFF LODGE  
9320 SOUTH CLIFF LODGE DR.  
SNOWBIRD, UT 84092



### **LUNCHEON**

12:00 - 2:00 PM

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# MORNING SESSION

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## LOCATION: GRAND BALLROOM

7:30 AM **Networking, Continental Breakfast**

8:30 AM **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

**Kelvyn Cullimore**, President & CEO, BioUtah  
**Jim Hotaling**, Associate Vice President for Research, Innovation and Translation, University of Utah

8:45 AM **CEO Insights:  
Building a Life Sciences Company**

**David Politis**, CEO, Publisher, Editor & Founder, Utah Money Watch (Moderator)  
**Chris Lowe**, CEO, Nusano  
**Tina Marriott**, Former President & COO, Recursion; Board Chair, Revagenix  
**Lincoln Nadauld**, CEO, Culmination Bio  
**Kurt Workman**, CEO, Owlet

9:30 AM **Venture Capital:  
The Fuel for Life Sciences Growth**

**Kurtis Parker**, Managing Director - Investment Banking, Ernst & Young Capital Advisors (Moderator)  
**Matt Dormer**, Managing Dir., Health & Life Sciences Investment Banking, Stephens, Inc.  
**Ian Robinson**, Investor, J.P. Morgan  
**Jack Boren**, Managing Partner, Epic Ventures, University of Utah Ventures  
**Donna Parr**, Managing Partner, Cross-border Impact Ventures

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Market Perspectives for 2025**

**Monica DiCenso**, Head of Global Investment Opportunities Group, J.P. Morgan

11:15 AM **Being an Entrepreneur:  
Perils & Promises**

**Earl "Eb" Bright**, President, ExploraMed; Director, Intellectual Property Policy, Stanford Mussallem Center for Biodesign

12:00 pm **Networking Lunch**



# INVESTOR TRACK

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**LOCATION: GRAND BALLROOM**

**HOST: NOMAN KHAN**

**PITCH TANK 1: MEDICAL DEVICES**

**JUDGES:**

1:00 PM

1. **Vira Regen**, Kapil Sharma, Founder & CEO
2. **Demeter**, Jeremy Buzzard, Co-founder & CEO
3. **TAGS Medical**, Annette Lavoie, CEO

**Jenny Barba**, Managing Partner, Features Capital  
**Chris Cooley**, Managing Director / Head of Healthcare  
 Equity Capital Markets, Stephens, Inc.  
**Mark Paul**, Executive Director, Center for Medical  
 Innovation, University of Utah

**PITCH TANK 2: MEDICAL DEVICES**

**JUDGES:**

1:55 PM

1. **RefloDx**, Rudy Wilcox, CEO
2. **Freyya**, Gabriele Niederauer, CEO & Co-Founder
3. **Zealacare**, Aidan Napier, Co-founder

**Lisa Jordan Dunlea**, SVP, Technology Commercialization  
 & Industry Engagement, St. Jude Children's Research  
 Hospital  
**Jamie Richardson**, Director, 1315 Capital  
**Luke Larsen**, Vice President, MedVenture Health

**PITCH TANK 3: THERAPEUTICS/PHARMACEUTICALS**

**JUDGES:**

2:45 PM

1. **Sethera Therapeutics**, Karsten Eastman, CEO
2. **Evolution Bio**, Luke Hayes, CEO
3. **Neuropharma**, Jed Black, CEO

**Ryan Rust**, Senior Director, Business Development, Eli Lilly  
**Mike Grey**, Venture Partner, Pappas Capital; Chairman,  
 Sorriso Pharmaceuticals  
**Sylvia McBrinn**, Board Director, BioAlta

**PITCH TANK 4: DIGITAL HEALTH/BIOTECH**

**JUDGES:**

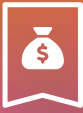
3:35 PM

1. **Renew Biotechnologies**, Chad Pollard, CEO
2. **Microvascular Therapeutics**, Evan Unger, President & CEO
3. **Monere Corp.**, Mou Nandi, Co-founder & CEO

**Ryan Morley**, Partner, SpringTide Ventures  
**Nickolas Mark**, Managing Partner, Intermountain Ventures  
**John Christopher LiPuma**, Managing Director, Fortress  
 Investment Group

4:30 PM

**Announcement of Shark Tank Winners**



# FINANCE/ENTREPRENEUR TRACKS

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## FINANCE TRACK:

LOCATION: SUNDANCE ROOM

1:00 PM **Family Office Investors: Pathways to Funding**  
 Marcia Nelson, Managing Director, Freedom Capital (Moderator)  
 Frank Langston, Investor, Thiel Capital - Bio Fund  
 David Luftglass, CEO, Renaissance  
 John Dvor, Managing Partner, EEE Family Office  
 Amy Rees Anderson, REES Capital

1:45 PM **Show Me the Money: Utah Funding Sources**  
 Craig Fryer, J.P. Morgan (Moderator)  
 Chad Norman, Senior Portfolio Manager, Avenue Capital  
 Jerry Henley, Managing Director, Utah Innovation Fund  
 Jackson Davis, Founder & Managing Partner, Hexagon Capital  
 Derek Crocker, Head of Finance & Partner, Crocker Ventures

2:30 PM **Break**

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## ENTREPRENEUR TRACK:

LOCATION: SUNDANCE ROOM

2:45 PM **Real Life Experiences from Startup CEOs in the Trenches**  
 Myles Greenberg, CEO, InCarda Therapeutics (Moderator)  
 Chad Pollard, CEO, Renew Biotechnologies  
 Ian Quigley, CEO & Co-founder, Leash Biosciences  
 Chiao-ih Hui, Founder & CEO, Solution Diagnostics

3:30 PM **Attracting Investors: The Do's & Don'ts**  
 Tim Cooley, Director of Entrepreneurship, Startup State Initiative, GOEO; Author; Part-time Executive Director, Park City Angels (Moderator)  
 Rick Merrell, Executive Director, Salt Lake City Angels  
 Brian Case, Founder & Investor, Case Office  
 Anne Sinnott, Angel Investor & Philanthropist

4:15 PM **Break**

4:30 PM **Announcement of Shark Tank Winners (Grand Ballroom)**



# LEGAL TRACK

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**LOCATION:** SNOWBIRD ROOM

**HOST:** MATT BRESNAHAN

1:00 PM

**Licensing & Collaborations Including University Spinouts**

Farah Gerdes, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

1:35 PM

**Progressive Investment Strategies for High-value, IP-backed Life Sciences Companies**

Matt Bresnahan, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (Moderator)  
John Christopher LiPuma, Investment Professional Intellectual Property Finance Group; Fortress Investment Group  
Jess Krannich, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati  
Bob Rogers, Chairman & CEO, Kurin

2:15 PM

**Break**

2:30 PM

**Corporate Strategy & Trends in VC Life Sciences Financings**

Alison Johnson, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati  
Marc Porter, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati  
Nathan Robinson, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

3:00 PM

**Patent Strategy for the BioTech & TechBio Enterprise**

Sara Patak, Partner-elect - Patents & Innovations, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati  
Rex Watkins, Of Counsel - Patents & Innovations, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati  
Danya Martell Smart, Patent Agent, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

3:30 PM

**Business Advisory & Executive Advisory Practice**

Meredith Krannich, Executive Advisor, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati  
Matt Meyer, Chief Business Advisor, Life Sciences, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

4:00 PM

**Break**

4:30 PM

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# ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS

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### FEDERAL GRANTS: G2G CONSULTING



#### LIZ POWELL, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

G2G is a premier Washington D.C. based firm that specializes in identifying non-dilutive federal grants for life sciences companies. They have helped clients secure over \$545M in federal funding since 2007. Meet with G2G principal, Liz Powell, and learn about federal grant opportunities that may fit your needs.

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### SBIR/STTR GRANTS: UTAH INNOVATION CENTER



#### LINDA CABRALES, DIRECTOR

The Utah Innovation Center works with entrepreneurs in their journey to develop and advance innovative technologies and is in awe of the remarkable talent and drive found in Utah. They support businesses in accessing non-dilutive funding through the federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

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### APEX ACCELERATOR



#### CHUCK SPENCE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Utah APEX Accelerator is a Department of Defense contracting program within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. APEX Accelerator seeks to identify entrepreneurs, start-ups and mature companies working on technologies needed for national security and public health.

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## SKI DAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	Superior Room, Cliff Lodge 9320 South Cliff Lodge Dr. Snowbird, UT 84092
9:00 AM	<b>Skiing</b>	
12:00 PM	<b>Luncheon</b>	Superior Room, Cliff Lodge 9320 South Cliff Lodge Dr. Snowbird, UT 84092
1:00 PM	<b>Skiing</b>	

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