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SUMMIT 2025

MARCH 13-14, 2025

AGENDA

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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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BREAKFAST

8:00 - 9:30 AM

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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**



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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:

1:50 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:

3:30 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 Pitch 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 Assets John Dvor, Managing Partner, EEE Family Office Amy Rees Anderson, REES Capital
1:45 PM	Show Me the Money: Utah Funding Sources	Craig Fryer, Executive Director, 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, Managing Director, 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

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ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS

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LIZ POWELL, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

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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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CHUCK SPENCE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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SKI DAY SCHEDULE

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

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