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SUMMIT 2026

MARCH 12-13, 2026

AGENDA

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UTAH'S PREMIER EVENT FOR LIFE SCIENCES INVESTMENT

MARCH 12, 2026



SUMMIT

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

HILTON SALT LAKE CITY CENTER
255 SOUTH WEST TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84101

MARCH 13, 2026



SKI DAY

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

SNOWBIRD RESORT
SNOWBIRD, UTAH

LIFT TICKETS AVAILABLE



LIGHT BREAKFAST

8:00 - 9:30 AM

SNOWBIRD RESORT
SUPERIOR ROOM, THE CLIFF LODGE
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SNOWBIRD, UT 84092



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12:00 - 2:00 PM

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MORNING SESSION

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LOCATION: MAIN BALLROOM

7:30 AM	Networking, Continental Breakfast	
8:30 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Kelvyn Cullimore, President & CEO, BioUtah Laura Bridgewater, Dean, College of Life Sciences, Brigham Young University Congressman Michael Kennedy (R-UT), United States House of Representatives
8:45 AM	Lessons Learned in Building a Life Sciences Company	Farah Gerdes, Partner, Wilson Sonsini [Moderator] Paul Perreault, Former CEO, CSL Limited Greg Critchfield, CEO, RefloDX Travis Sessions, CEO, Biomerics Zhenya Lindgardt, President & CEO, Sera Prognostics
9:30 AM	Investing in Life Sciences Companies: How the VC Landscape is Changing	Alison Johnson, Partner, Wilson Sonsini [Moderator] Frank Langston, Investor, Thiel Capital - Bio Fund Zachary Betts, CEO & Founder, Zandia Ventures Lu Han, Partner, Lumira Ventures Kirsten Horning, Partner, PL Capital
10:15 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	KEYNOTE: Market Perspectives for 2026	Monica DiCenso, Head of Global Investment Opportunities Group, J.P. Morgan
11:15 AM	KEYNOTE: Disruption isn't a strategy: How to build innovations that win	Ann-Somers Hogg, Director, Healthcare Research, The Clayton Christensen Institute
12:00 PM	Networking Lunch	



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LOCATION: MAIN BALLROOM		HOST: DAVE BROWN, BYU
SHARK TANK GROUP 1: THERAPEUTICS/PHARMACEUTICALS		JUDGES:
1:00 PM	1. Azunic AI, Jerry Henley, CEO 2. Numiera, Izi Stoll, Founder and CEO 3. Glafabra, Chris Hopkins, CEO	TBA
SHARK TANK GROUP 2: MED DEVICE & DIAGNOSTICS SERIES A		JUDGES:
1:50 PM	1. Path Fertility, Andy Olson, CEO 2. Microvascular Therapeutics, Emmanuelle Meuillet Ph.D., CSO 3. Purgo Scientific, Nicholas Ashton, CTO	TBA
SHARK TANK GROUP 3: MED DEVICE & DIAGNOSTICS		JUDGES:
2:40 PM	1. Freyya, Stefan Niederauer, Co-founder & VP 2. Bloom Surgical, Jacob Sheffield, CEO 3. DigiBeat Health, Clifford Steele, CEO	TBA
SHARK TANK GROUP 4: DIGITAL HEALTH / BIOTECH		JUDGES:
3:30 PM	1. Intactis Bio Corp, Daniel Rodriguez-Granrose, Founder & CEO 2. Myxtek Bio, Christian Iverson, Co-founder 3. Eyescreen, Zia L'Ecuier, CEO	TBA
4:20 PM	Break	
4:45 PM	Announcement of Shark Tank Winners (Main Ballroom)	



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ENTREPRENEUR TRACK

LOCATION: ALPINE EAST

1:00 PM

What You May Not Know About Launching a Life Sciences Company

Matt Meyer, Chief Business Advisor, Wilson Sonsini [Moderator]
Ann-Somers Hogg, Director, Healthcare Research, The Clayton Christensen Institute
Curtis Sprouse, Co-founder, Sella Therapies & Amplio Pharma
Ryan Rust, Senior Director, Business Development, Eli Lilly

1:40 PM

Universities as Innovators: Perspectives from the Tech Transfer Offices

Dave Brown, Director, Tech Transfer, BYU [Moderator]
Jason Young, Technology Licensing Office, University of Utah
Jeri Hansen, Ex. Director for Research, Innovation & Impact, Utah State University
Aaron Davis, Ph.D., Ex. Director, Atwood Innovation Plaza, Utah Tech University
Brad Baugh, Utah Valley University

2:10 PM

How the BYU School of Medicine Can Inspire Innovation and Research

Michael Stark, Associate Dean, College of Life Sciences, BYU [Moderator]
Mark Ott, MD, Dean, BYU School of Medicine
Brandon Webb, Assoc. Dean of Research, BYU School of Medicine

2:40 PM

Break

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LOCATION: ALPINE EAST

2:50 PM

Platform or Product? Engineering Optionality in a Volatile Biotech Market

Sara Patak, Partner, Wilson Sonsini [Moderator]
Kapil Sharma, CEO, Vira Regen
Rachel Jones, Chief Product Officer, VedaBio
Ryan Watts, CEO, Denali Therapeutics
Dani Goff, Program Director, Intermountain Ventures

3:25 PM

Seed Fund Investor Panel

Jenny Barba, Founder, Features VC [Moderator]
Tomi Smith, Northwest Capital
Kristin Wihera, Dir. of Fund Operations, Nucleus Institute
Bob Mitchell, General Partner, FF20 Ventures

4:10 PM

Local Investor Panel

Ryan Morley, Partner, SpringTide Ventures [Moderator]
Luke Larsen, Vice President, MedVenture Holdings
Brandon Rosenhan, Founding Partner, MedMountain Ventures
Jack Boren, Partner, Epic Ventures/Utah Venture Fund

4:45 PM

Announcement of Shark Tank Winners (Main Ballroom)



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LOCATION: TBA

HOST: ANDY ROBERTSON, BIOHIVE

12:00 PM

LUNCH KEYNOTE:
An Entrepreneur's Journey:
The David Bearss Story

David Bearss, PhD, CEO, Halia Therapeutics

1:00 PM

The Funding Landscape Explained
(Without the Jargon)

Anh Hoang-Lindsay, CEO, Jana Care
Ryan Morley, Springtide
Taylor Nadauld, Cougar Capital

1:45pm

Student Engagement with
Utah's Biotech Industry

Andy Robertson, BioHive [Moderator]
Bryce Nelson, Utah Talent Hub [Invited]
Mark Paul, Executive Director, CMI
Cindy Dunkle, Chief People Officer, Denali Therapeutics

2:15 PM

From Lab Bench to Startup:
What Students Need to Know

Tim Jenkins, Faculty, BYU [Moderator]
Chad Pollard, CEO, Renew Biotechnologies
Brad Randall, Union Capital Partners



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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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