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LIFE SCIENCES
SUMMIT 2026

MARCH 12-13, 2026

AGENDA

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College of
Life Sciences

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SUMMIT INFORMATION

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
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: 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	Trina Higgens , Partner, Wilson Sonsini [Moderator] Paul Perreault , Former CEO, CSL Limited Greg Critchfield , CEO, RefloDX Travis Sessions , CEO, Biomerics
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: Disruptive Innovations in Life Sciences	Ann-Somers Hogg , Director, Healthcare Research, The Clayton Christensen Institute
12:00 PM	Networking Lunch	



INVESTOR TRACK

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LOCATION: MAIN BALLROOM

HOST: DAVE BROWN, BYU

SHARK TANK GROUP 1: THERAPEUTICS/PHARMACEUTICALS

JUDGES:

1:00 PM

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SHARK TANK GROUP 2: MED DEVICE & DIAGNOSTICS SERIES A

JUDGES:

1:50 PM

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SHARK TANK GROUP 3: MED DEVICE & DIAGNOSTICS

JUDGES:

2:40 PM

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SHARK TANK GROUP 4: DIGITAL HEALTH / BIOTECH

JUDGES:

3:30 PM

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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	Launching a Life Sciences Company: 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
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
2:10 PM	How the BYU School of Medicine Can Inspire Innovation and Research	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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FINANCE & LEGAL TRACK:

LOCATION: ALPINE EAST

2:50 PM	IP Panel	Sara Patak, Partner, Wilson Sonsini [Moderator] Kapil Sharma, CEO, Vira Regen Rachel Jones, Chief Product Officer, VedaBio
3:25 PM	Seed Fund Investor Panel	Jenny Barba, Founder, Features VC [Moderator] Tomi Smith, Northwest Capital Kristin Wihera, Director of Fund Operations, Nucleus Institute
4:10 PM	Local Investor Panel	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)	



BIOHIVE STUDENT TRACK

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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
Taylor Nadauld, Cougar Capital
Mike Hendron, Rollins Center, BYU

1:45 PM

**Student Engagement with
Utah's Biotech Industry**

Andy Robertson, BioHive [Moderator]
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 Partner



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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	

LIFT TICKETS

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