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ENTREPRENEUR & INVESTOR LIFE SCIENCES SUMMIT 2026

MARCH 12-13, 2026

AGENDA

PRESENTED BY BIOUTAH BYU College of Life Sciences Technology Transfer Office

SUMMIT INFORMATION

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UTAH'S PREMIER EVENT FOR LIFE SCIENCES INVESTMENT

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SUMMIT

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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

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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, Brigham Young University College of Life Sciences **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,** Founder & General Partner, 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**	LUNCH SPONSOR ENGAGE CONTRACTING

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SPARC HEALTH

LOCATION: MAIN BALLROOM		HOST: ADAM STEVENS, 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	**Craig Jeppson,** Epic Ventures **Matt Dormer**, Managing Dir., Health & Life Sciences, Stephens **Julia Gregory**, Chair & CEO, Isometry Advisors
SHARK TANK GROUP 2: MED DEVICE & DIAGNOSTICS SERIES A		**JUDGES:**
1:50 PM	1. **Path Fertility,** Andy Olson, CEO 2. **Microvascular Therapeutics,** Emmanuelle Meuillet, PhD, CSO 3. **Purgo Scientific,** Nicholas Ashton, CTO	**Chris Cooley,** Managing Director, Stephens **Jolene Anderson,** Managing Director, VectorPoint Ventures **Jay Muse,** CEO, Piper Access
SHARK TANK GROUP 3: MED DEVICE & DIAGNOSTICS		**JUDGES:**
2:40 PM	1. **Freyya,** Gabriele Niederauer, CEO & Co-founder 2. **Bloom Surgical,** Jacob Sheffield, CEO 3. **DigiBeat Health,** Clifford Steele, CEO	**Branden Rosenhan MD,** Founding Partner, MedMountain Ventures **Mark Paul,** Executive Director, Center for Medical Innovation, Univ. of Utah **Zachary Betts,** CEO & Founder, Zandia Ventures
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. **UV Sense,** Kristina Schiffman, Founder & CEO	**Tina Marriott,** Founder/Principal, Lindrow **Dani Goff**, Program Director, Intermountain Ventures **Gabi Tellez**, Investor, SpringTide Ventures
4:20 PM	**Break**	
4:45 PM	**Announcement of Shark Tank Winners**	

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ENTREPRENEUR TRACK		LOCATION: ALPINE ROOM
HOST: ALISON JOHNSON, WILSON SONSINI		
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**, CEO/President, Institute for Biomedical Entrepreneurship (IBE) & EurekaConnect **Ryan Rust**, Senior Director, Business Development, Eli Lilly
1:40 PM	**Universities as Innovators: Perspectives from the Tech Transfer Offices**	**Dave Brown,** Director, BYU Tech Transfer [Moderator] **Jason Young**, Director of Commercialization, University of Utah Technology Licensing Office **Jeri Hansen**, Exec. Director for Research, Innovation & Impact, Utah State University **Brad Baugh,** Assoc. Gen. Counsel & Director, Utah Valley University Office of IP & Technology Transfer
2:10 PM	**How the BYU School of Medicine Can Inspire Innovation and Research**	**Michael Stark, PhD,** Associate Dean, BYU College of Life Sciences [Moderator] **Mark Ott, MD,** Dean, BYU School of Medicine **Brandon Webb, MD,** Assoc. Dean of Research, BYU School of Medicine
2:40 PM	**Break**	

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FINANCE & LEGAL TRACK		LOCATION: ALPINE ROOM
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, PhD,** CEO, Denali Therapeutics
3:25 PM	**Seed Fund Investor Panel**	**Jenny Barba,** Managing Partner & Co-Founder, Features Capital [Moderator] **Tomi Smith,** Ecosystem Venture Partner/LP of Fund, Northwest Angel Fund **Kristin Wihera**, Director of Fund Operations, Nucleus Fund **Bob Mitchell**, Founder & Chairman, RDM Enterprises, LLC
4:10 PM	**Yes, There is Venture Capital in Utah**	**Ryan Morley,** Partner, SpringTide [Moderator] **Luke Larsen,** Vice President, Wasatch Health **Branden Rosenhan, MD,** Founding Partner, MedMountain Ventures **Jack Boren,** Managing Partner, Epic Ventures/University of Utah Ventures
4:45 PM	**Announcement of Shark Tank Winners** (Main Ballroom)	

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LOCATION: CANYON ROOM B		HOST: ANDY ROBERTSON, BIOHIVE
12:10 PM	**LUNCH KEYNOTE:** **An Entrepreneur's Journey** [Main Ballroom]	**David Bearss, PhD,** CEO, Halia Therapeutics
1:00 PM	**The Funding Landscape Explained (Without the Jargon)**	**Anh Hoang-Lindsay,** CEO, Jana Care [Moderator] **Ryan Morley,** Partner, SpringTide **Taylor Nadauld,** Professor of Finance, BYU Marriott School of Business
1:45 PM	**Student Engagement with Utah's Biotech Industry**	**Andy Robertson,** Executive Director, BioHive [Moderator] **Bryce Nelson,** Coop. Education Program Manager, Talent Ready Utah **Mark Paul,** Executive Director, University of Utah Center for Medical Innovation **Cindy Dunkle,** Chief People Officer, Denali Therapeutics
2:15 PM	**From Lab Bench to Startup: What Students Need to Know**	**Tim Jenkins, PhD,** Associate Professor, BYU [Moderator] **Chad Pollard,** CEO, Renew Biotechnologies **Brad Randall,** Managing Partner, Union Capital Partners

ROUNDTABLES

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Our expert-led roundtables help life sciences companies anticipate challenges, avoid pitfalls, and maximize innovation. Open to all attendees (no appointment required), these interactive small-group sessions span three themed tracks and foster candid conversation and practical insights. **Discussions run every 30 minutes from 1:00–2:30.**

OPERATIONS SECTION		LOCATION: CANYON ROOM C	
START TIMES:	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	2:00 PM
musa TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS	**IT Strategy with Musa Technology Partners & Binary Solutions**	For companies at any stage: Explore IT strategies for growth—from secure, scalable infrastructure & cybersecurity to regulatory readiness and long-term planning	**Justin Rusko**, Musa Technology Partners **Steven Fredericks**, Binary Solutions
WILSON SONSINI	**Using AI Inside Startups: Where it Helps, Surprises, & Creates Risks**	Explore where & how AI tools are working, unexpected efficiency gains, emerging risks, & practical governance approaches that don't slow teams down.	**Meredith Krannich**, Wilson Sonsini

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION		LOCATION: CANYON ROOM A	
START TIMES:	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	2:00 PM
WILSON SONSINI	**Best Practices for Pitching to Investors**	Experienced advisors will cover investor types, effective outreach, crafting a compelling pitch deck, and confidently handling tough investor questions.	**Matt Brown**, Wilson Sonsini
CONTENT CARNIVORES	**Investor Relations**	Join an interactive roundtable on investor relations, featuring practical strategies to communicate your value in ways that resonate and stick.	**Chelli Miller**, Content Carnivores

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NON-DILUTIVE FUNDING SECTION		LOCATION: WASATCH ROOM	
START TIMES:	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	2:00 PM
APEX ACCELERATORS	**Contracting with DOD**	Defense agencies are seeking to collaborate with biotech companies to transition cutting-edge technology for national defense & security. Learn about federal partnership opportunities.	**Chuck Spence**, APEX Accelerators
G2G Consulting	**Securing Non-Dilutive Government Funding**	Discover how to navigate federal grants & position your company for success with practical insight into accessing critical non-dilutive capital.	**Aditya Girish**, G2G Consulting
nucleus^	**Funding Options Available Through Nucleus Institute**	Nucleus Grow advises companies on securing non-dilutive SBIR/STTR grants. Nucleus Fund provides early-stage capital for companies with an affiliation to a Utah-based university.	**Linda Cabrales**, Nucleus Grow **Kristin Wihera**, Nucleus Fund

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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** (Ending at 4:00 PM)	

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