



Member Spotlight

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Member Profiles

Check out BioAlberta's [Member Directory](#) to learn about our member organizations, their lines of business and their value proposition.

Member Benefits

Your membership includes many [member benefits](#). Contact [Robb Stoddard](#) to learn how to receive these benefits.

Member Press Release

BioAlberta will publish your press release! Click [HERE](#) to find out how.

BioAlberta Job Board

Use BioAlberta's [Job Board](#) to post opportunities with your company or find your future life sciences employer!

PLATINUM

GOLD

SILVER

BioAlberta's advocacy of life sciences is a reflection of our members' needs. Become an engaged member and get the most out of your membership. Let us know about your success stories and challenges. Contact [Robb Stoddard](#) to get involved.



Wishing you Happy Holidays from the BioAlberta Team!

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A Message From the President and CEO

Farewell and Onward from Mel Wong

Dear Friends,

By now, most of you know I will be leaving BioAlberta as President and CEO on December 31, 2019. For the support of company, institution, association and government colleagues, while I have been part of this wonderful organization, I will be eternally grateful.

With over 25 years being associated with the Life Sciences Industry, both in government and now at BioAlberta, I have learned how much the people, companies and research can offer to the well being of Albertans and the provincial economy.

I leave BioAlberta with a sense of fullness attributed to the personal relationships developed over the years. It is my hope that our friendships will continue. I leave with the confidence of knowing that BioAlberta's future is in Robb Stoddard's capable hands, keeping in mind that this Association is owned and influenced by its members and partners. Together, we have accomplished a great deal over the past few years, and I thank you for your loyalty, education and dedication along the way.

I am grateful for an eternally supportive Board, Co-Chairs and the various outgoing and incoming members. They have always had a listening ear, never hesitant to give constructive guidance and have provided wisdom that has kept the organization grounded.

You can continue to count on me as the Life Sciences Industry's biggest fan. Please know that I will not just be cheering from the sidelines, but at Robb's invitation will continue to be helping out about one day a week for a while. My tenure on the Board has also been extended for a year. For this, I am happy to do so.

In the immortal words of Winnie the Pooh *"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard,"* and Arnold Schwarzenegger *"I'll be back!"*

Onward,
Mel Wong
President and CEO, BioAlberta

BioAlberta News

[NANovember \(November 4-6, 2019, Edmonton, AB\)](#)

NANovember explored the ecosystem of initiatives, resources, and research enabling innovation and technology for the future of living. Mel Wong, President and CEO of BioAlberta (far right) participated in the afternoon panel on November 5 discussing translating health research into applications.



[A Tribute to Mel Wong \(November 18, 2019, Edmonton, AB\)](#)

More than 50 family, friends and colleagues gathered on November 18, 2019 at the University of Alberta's Faculty Club to pay tribute to Mel Wong, current President and CEO of BioAlberta. Mel retires on December 31, 2019 and noted in his remarks that "industry development and policy making were challenging but his most rewarding areas of work at BioAlberta." Robb Stoddard becomes President and CEO as of January 1, 2020. At the podium, Robb paid tribute to Mel's guidance and enthusiasm and looked forward to Mel's continued leadership as a Board member.



Industry News

- [Government of Alberta - Export program refresh helps cut red tape.](#) The newly streamlined Alberta Export Expansion Program reduces red tape for local businesses looking to expand around the world.
- [University of Calgary - LSI Hub EXPERT ADVISOR PROGRAM](#)
- [University of Calgary - iGEM Calgary wins undergrad first runner-up at #iGEM2019.](#) The competition includes over 350 teams from around the world and Calgary beat out a number of Ivy League schools to achieve this. This is the best ranking a Canadian iGEM team has ever received (the competition started in 2004). This is a huge win and shows why bio-engineering in Calgary is leading the way internationally.

Career Opportunities

- [BioAlberta - Manager Memberships \(Edmonton\)](#)
- [KMT Hepatech Seeking nPXB-cells Production Technologist](#)
- [MagnetTx Software Developer](#)

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Industry Funding, Events and Conferences

All Sectors

- [Connection Silicon Valley's Market Entry Immersion for Alberta Startups \(February 9-13, 2020, Silicon Valley, CA\)](#)
For Alberta-based startups - all industries and stages of growth welcome. The content, workshops, speakers and discussions will focus on how to effectively connect into Silicon Valley - be it for future capital, customers, strategic partners, Board members, advisors or mentors.
- [Edmonton Economic Development Corporations' Trade Accelerator Program \(TAP\) \(February 12-13, 2020, Edmonton, AB\)](#)
TAP is a 6-week program with four mandatory attendance days that provides companies with access to export authorities, experts, resources and contacts—all in one place—as they develop and execute a market-entry export plan.
- [Edmonton Economic Development Corporation's Survey on the Economic Future of YEG](#)
Take this opportunity to contribute to a new City of Edmonton Economic Strategy and fill out the survey.
- [Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's Strategic Innovation Fund \(SIF\), Stream 5: National Ecosystems \(continuous intake\)](#)
SIF aims to support large-scale, national innovation ecosystems through high impact collaborations across Canada. Proposals from all sectors are invited to apply for a minimum of \$10 million for industrial research and technology demonstration projects, with the goal of accelerating commercialization and scaling up businesses.
- [Alberta Export Expansion Program \(continuous intake\)](#)
Funding to help export-ready companies and non-profit organizations enhance access to international markets and attract global buyers.

OPEN-ENDED FUNDING PROGRAMS

BioIndustrial / Cleantech

- [Prairie Bioeconomy GUILD meeting \(Event is December 10, 2019, Edmonton, AB\)](#)
December's opening talk by Jan Slaski: "The many faces of cannabis: industrial hemp as a multipurpose crop."
- [Globe Series' GLOBE Forum \(Application deadline is January 20, 2020, Event is February 11-13, 2020, Vancouver, BC\)](#)
Join more than 2,000 business, government, and civil society leaders to share insights, find inspiration, make connections, and identify new opportunities in the clean economy. [Apply](#) for travel subsidy from Prairie Biosciences Canada.

OPEN-ENDED FUNDING PROGRAMS

Health

- [Medtech Canada's Mission to Arab Health \(Event is January 27-30, 2020, Dubai, United Arab Emirates\)](#)
Medtech Canada received support from Global Affairs Canada (via the Global Opportunities for Associations Initiative) to provide an opportunity for Canadian medtech companies to participate in [Arab Health](#). Arab Health brings together influencers from all major medical disciplines to facilitate the continuous advancements of healthcare in the region.
- [Canada-Chicago Mentoring Program \(C2MP\) \(Event is February 6, 2020, Chicago, Illinois\)](#)
The Canada-Chicago Mentoring Program (C2MP) has been renewed for the 6th year and is a Canada Technology Accelerator pilot for 2020. We have received funding for 6 Canadian start-ups for this program which offers an opportunity for selected Canadian life sciences/medical devices/digital health to obtain STRATEGIC GUIDANCE from Chicago-based experts with a global experience. Those mentors are members of Point B (formerly Chicago Innovation Mentors) at MATTER, the life sciences incubator/accelerator/ecosystem nexus in downtown Chicago. Companies need to submit the application in English which will be reviewed by Point B leading mentors to Chantal.glass@international.gc.ca or to laura.dalby@international.gc.ca.
- [Exploring Cannabis-Based Medicines and Tools \(mCannabis\) Program](#)
- [Institute of Health Economics' SME Commercialization Platform](#)
Be confident in your investment decisions - evaluate the commercial potential of healthcare technology in development through the IHE Early-Stage Life Sciences Technology Assessment service.

OPEN-ENDED FUNDING PROGRAMS

Agriculture BioTech, Natural Health Products and Functional Foods

- [Ontario Bioscience Innovation Organization's 2020 Niagara Investment Summit \(Event is February 5-7, 2020, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON\)](#)
Pitch applications are invited from health science companies seeking Series A or beyond investments. The Summit draws together top-ranked global investors with 30 of Canada's most innovative health science companies under the theme "Future of Medicine" across therapeutic, medical device, diagnostic & digital health sectors.

OPEN-ENDED FUNDING PROGRAMS

BioAlberta Publications

BioAlberta regularly publishes reports and other publications about the life sciences industry in Alberta, including:
[BioAlberta and Deloitte's State of the Industry 2019](#)
[BioAlberta's A Blueprint for Success 2019: Expanding Alberta's Life Sciences: If Not Now, When?](#)
[BioAlberta Canada's National 2018-2019 Compensation Guide](#)
[BioAlberta's 2018-19 Annual Report](#)
[BioAlberta's 2019 Hemp Directory](#)
[BioAlberta's 2019 BioIndustrial Directory](#)
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