

Spark Biomedical Wins 1st Place at the Dell for Startups SXSW Competition



Spark Biomedical rose to the top competing against over 250 startups through three rounds of pitches to take the grand prize of \$70,000 in cash this week in Austin.

The competition was sponsored by Dell Startup, a division of Dell specifically designed to foster early relationships with Startups, providing them specialized service and support to accelerate their success.

Congratulations Spark Biomedical for winning the Dell Pitch Competition!

[Learn more about Spark Biomedical](#)

OncoNano Medicine to Present at the 2023 AACR Annual Meeting



OncoNano Medicine, Inc. announced three poster presentations at the American

Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2023, taking place April 14-19, 2023 at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida.

[Read full press release](#)

Lantern Pharma Announces Positive Data for LP-100 with PARP Inhibitors



Lantern Pharma Inc., a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company using its proprietary RADR® artificial intelligence and machine learning platform to transform the cost, pace, and timeline of oncology drug discovery and development, announced new data for its product candidate LP-100 supporting the development of LP-100 in combination with the class of anticancer agents known as PARP inhibitors.

[Read full press release](#)

Simmons Cancer Center at UTSW Receives \$15M in CPRIT Funding



Ten scientists in the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center have been awarded nearly \$15 million in grants from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) to advance research on a wide range of cancer issues.

“Our researchers continue to push the envelope on developing a better understanding of cancer and new ways to help cancer patients in Texas and beyond, efforts that are well recognized in this current round of CPRIT funding,” said Carlos L. Arteaga, M.D., Director of the Simmons Cancer Center, Associate Dean of Oncology Programs at UT Southwestern, and holder of The Lisa K. Simmons Distinguished Chair in Comprehensive Oncology.

[Read full press release](#)

Texas Turns its Attention to the Life Science Industry during 88th Legislative Session



BioNTX and other Texas BIO partners support the bills being proposed in the

88th legislative session. Texas is a leader in research and development of new medicines and technology for patients around the world. State support for our industry will help our companies grow, prosper and remain in Texas.

HB2466 and **SB1478**: Relating to the creation of a grant matching program for the federal SBIR and the SBTR programs.

HB15/HJR135: A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Mental Health and Brain Research Institute of Texas and establishing the Mental Health and Brain Institute Research Fund for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of mental health and human brain disease and disorders.

HB3188 and **SB989**: Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain biomarker testing.

[Learn more about the 88th Texas Legislative Session](#)

What the Silicon Valley Bank Collapse Means for Science Start-Ups

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The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) March 10th sent science and technology start-up companies into chaos, and has left many questioning where investment will come from in future. SVB was known for funding technology start-ups. Its location in Silicon Valley, a region in the San Francisco Bay Area of northern California, meant that many of these were biotech companies.

“Thanks to quick action by the government, there were no major shake ups in NTX.”
Gabby Everett, PhD

[Learn more about the SVB collapse](#)

Techstars Now Accepting Applications to Their Accelerator Program in Fort Worth

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Apply to Techstars Accelerator Program to join one of their 3-month, mentorship-driven accelerators, receive up to \$120,000 in funding, get hands-on mentorship and access to the Techstars network for life.

Techstars is the worldwide network that helps entrepreneurs succeed. They are one of the largest pre-seed investors in the world, they have funded over 3,200 companies that have gone on to have a market cap of \$79B+.

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How Well Is The State of Texas Serving People with Rare Disease?



NORD's State Report Card analyzes all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Each state has their own individual report card and are graded based on nine policy issues that impact the rare disease community.

1. Medicaid Financial Eligibility
2. Medical Nutrition
3. Newborn Screening
4. Prescription Drug Out-of-Pocket Costs
5. Protecting Patients in State Medicaid Programs
6. Protecting Patients in State-Regulated Insurance
7. Rare Disease Advisory Councils
8. Step Therapy
9. Telehealth

[View Texas' grade on rare disease](#)

Showcasing International Talent

Apply to become a judge or volunteer at the Regeneron ISEF



The Regeneron International Science and Engineer Fair (ISEF) is the world's largest international pre-college science competition. Regeneron ISEF provides an annual forum for more than 1,800 students in grades 9-12 from nearly every state in the US and about 80 countries, regions and territories to showcase their talent on an international stage.

[Register to volunteer](#)

[Apply to be a judge](#)

DFW Economic Development Commits to the Life Science Industry



In a Big Way! The Dallas Regional Chamber has launched a new economic development campaign to bring more life science and biotech jobs and companies to North Texas, by leveraging the region's abundant, world class tech talent.

[View new website!](#)

Transform the Future of Health with ARPA-H



ARPA-H accelerates better health outcomes for everyone by supporting the development of high-impact solutions to society's most challenging health problems.

ARPA-H is looking for a Program Manager who will champion a core idea to improve health, frames the challenge, and awards projects to new multidisciplinary teams, with measurement and evaluation conducted throughout the process to ensure the best solutions advance. Program Managers coach program performers through obstacles and efficiently define and recognize progress, success, and failure.

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[ARPA-H Overview](#)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities in North Texas



WISH Network Series

Health Wildcatters

Join Health Wildcatters at their Women In Science and Healthcare Kick-Off where they continue to gather, meet like-minded individuals, and learn more about the WISH network.

March 20, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



How North Texas Became a Biotech Hub

D Magazine

Join D Magazine to hear from a group of entrepreneurs, managers, and funders in the life science space share their first-hand experience and expertise.

March 21, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



University Health Discussion

Healthcare Think Tank

Join Healthcare Think Tank to learn how technology changed the way healthcare is delivered and how artificial intelligence plays a role.

March 22, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



Achieving Organizational Growth

Taylor Strategy Partners

Join Taylor Strategy Partners to learn proven practices to attract and retain top talent. They will highlight the importance of hiring right based on traits and culture fit, not just on resume and experience.

March 22, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



Homecoming Community Happy Hour
Health Wildcatters

Join Health Wildcatters for a Happy Hour to celebrate our 10 years!

March 28, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



2023 State of Entrepreneurship
The DEC Network

Join The DEC Network at the 2023 State of Entrepreneurship which has become a tradition for celebrating the people, places and passions that keep the North Texas startup ecosystem thriving.

March 29, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



18th Annual Chili Cook-off
BioHouston

Join BioHouston to network with the Houston life science community and gather for a good time with LOTS OF CHILI!

April 14, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



BioFest Invest 2023
BioMedSA

Join BioMedSA at their annual spring event that brings together potential investors from across the nation and Texas bioscience companies seeking investment funding.

April 19, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



**Horman McFadden Scholarship
Golf Tournament**
UNTHSC

Join UNTHSC at their gold tournament to help improve someone's life. Proceeds from the tournament help HSC team members and their dependents pursue higher education goals and change their lives for the better.

April 21, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



Regeneron ISEF 2023
Society for Science

Join The Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) to be a part of the world's largest pre-college STEM competition. To participate in this event, you can volunteer or become a judge.

May 13 - 19, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



2023 Research & Quality Symposium
JPS Health Network

Join JPS Health Network for a free two-day event featuring research and quality abstracts.

Thursday evening's event will include a networking event showcasing abstract

BioNTX works to build a strong bioscience and healthcare innovation community through collaborative peer to peer networking events and educational programming.

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[View the North Texas community calendar of events](#)

presentations and prize giveaways. Friday morning's virtual session will feature live poster and gallery presentations.

May 18 - 19, 2023

[Learn more here](#)

[Look at upcoming BioNTX events](#)



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BioNTX delivers opportunities for Members to connect across the State. Join us and collaborate with others, receive industry insights and visibility. We serve as the voice and champion for the life science community in NTX.



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