



## Salaris Pharmaceuticals and VolitionRx Enter into R&D Collaboration Agreement



Salaris Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing therapies for patients with cancer in need of new treatment options, and VolitionRx Limited (NYSE American: VNRX), a multinational epigenetics company, today announced the signing of a research and development collaboration to advance rapid epigenetic profiling using Volition's Nu.Q® technology to support further development of Salaris' clinical stage drug, seclidemstat.

"We are delighted to collaborate with Volition and believe its Nu.Q® technology may provide valuable biomarker information as we seek to advance the development of seclidemstat in multiple clinical indications," commented David Arthur, CEO of Salaris. "Biomarkers allow for a noninvasive method for determining target engagement and potential drug activity in patients. So, this exciting research collaboration with Volition Rx Limited provides another tool to aid in the development of seclidemstat in clinic."

[Learn more about Salaris Pharmaceuticals' collaboration](#)

## Caris Life Sciences and Xencor Enter Target Discovery Collaboration & License Agreement for Novel XmAb® Bispecific Antibodies



Caris Life Sciences and Xencor, Inc. announced a multi-year strategic option and license agreement to research, develop and commercialize XmAb® bispecific antibodies directed against novel targets for the treatment of patients with cancer. Under the terms of the agreement, Caris will apply its proprietary end-to-end discovery platform, Caris Discovery, to identify novel targets for bispecific antibody drug candidates.

"Consequently, we have launched a comprehensive platform agnostic to therapeutic modality to discover and validate novel cancer targets. Our collaboration with Xencor will combine Caris' proprietary, multi-omics target discovery engine and Xencor's XmAb engineering platform to design and manufacture investigational bispecific antibodies to develop first-in-class therapies for patients with cancer."

[Learn more about Caris Life Sciences' collaboration](#)

# Nanoscope Therapeutics Announces First Patient Dosed in STARLIGHT Phase 2 Clinical Trial of MCO-010 for Stargardt Disease



Nanoscope Therapeutics Inc., a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing gene therapies for retinal degenerative diseases, today announced that the first patient has been dosed in a Phase 2 trial of its Multi-Characteristic Opsin (MCO-010) ambient-light activatable optogenetic monotherapy for Stargardt disease.

“This trial represents the second indication for our vision restoring therapy for people blinded by rare inherited retinal degenerative diseases regardless of gene mutations,” said Sulagna Bhattacharya, CEO of Nanoscope.

[Learn more about MCO-010](#)

## BioNTX's First Annual Career Expo was a Success!

### BioNTX

BioNTX hosted a Career Expo at Pegasus Park where top talent in North Texas heard from life science career experts, hiring managers, industry professionals and recent Post Doc's who have navigated the transition from academia to industry.

Scientists from Texas A&M University, Rice University, UT Southwestern Medical Center, The University of Texas at Dallas, University of North Texas at Denton, University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth and University of Texas at Tyler gained insight and advice on networking, resumes, cover letters, LinkedIn and building a personal brand.





Thank you for your support!



## Dallas College Lands Historic Federal Grant To Grow Biotech Workforce in North Texas



Dallas College was awarded a groundbreaking U.S. Economic Development Administration grant to help underserved communities prepare for living-wage jobs in biotechnology, a sector that is poised to grow exponentially with the need for employees in North Texas.

Learn how Dallas College is leading the biotech workforce



BioNTX Member, Bracane Company, Pamela Nelson, RN, PhD

Congratulations Dallas College for receiving \$8.8 million in Federal Good Jobs Grant funds and taking the lead role in growing North Texas' biotech workforce!

BioNTX is proud to partner as a sub-awardee with Dallas College ensuring the 21<sup>st</sup> Century biotech workforce is strong and equitable in North Texas!

## Smart Staffing Solutions for the Life Sciences & Health Industries



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## Apply to TechFW's ThinkLab Start-up Accelerator

Their next cohort starts on September 7th, 2022



The ThinkLab startup non-seed accelerator helps founders and entrepreneurs determine whether there is sufficient value to pursue a product or service idea, identify potential markets, develop a path to market strategy, and learn how to communicate the value of the idea to early stakeholders and adopters.

[Apply Now!](#)

## Apply to TMCi's Cancer Therapeutic Accelerator

Applications closes on October 7, 2022



The TMCi Accelerator is a comprehensive nine-month program that provides participants guidance and education about market research, FDA regulations, intellectual property, licensing, finance, fundraising, legal, and other critical areas that will propel your business for long term success. The Accelerator culminates with at least one grant submission, and an option to pitch to investors, corporate partners, media, and other influential guests.

[Submit Your Application Now!](#)

## Apply to Fort Worth Techstars' Accelerator



Techstars' accelerator program is 3-month and helps entrepreneurs by surrounding them with the best mentors and an unrivaled network of corporate partners, investors, and alumni. They also provide funding and fundraising opportunities, workshops and curated resources.

Applications open six times a year, and stay open typically for 12 weeks. After applications close, they will review applications for about 7 weeks, and spend time getting to know even more about your team, market, progress and idea.

Apply Now!

## Join TTU Accelerator Program to win \$25,000

Applications open on September 1, 2022



The Texas Tech Accelerator Program fosters a unique, diverse environment that supports entrepreneurs launching innovative startups. Our ecosystem of iTTU Mentors and resources give Accelerator teams the tools to build and sustain successful ventures.

A cohort of up to 9 teams will be selected to participate in the year-long program. Each cohort of startup teams is focused around creating new technologies, innovative products and services, and solutions to social challenges that solve today's problems.

Apply Here!

## UT Southwestern ranked #1 Hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth

### UT Southwestern Medical Center

UT Southwestern once again is ranked the No. 1 hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth – the nation's fourth-largest metro area – and is among the top hospitals nationally for cancer, neurology and neurosurgery, cardiology and heart surgery, rehabilitation, geriatrics, urology, diabetes and endocrinology, pulmonology and lung surgery, and gastroenterology and GI surgery.



Learn why UT Southwestern is ranked #1 hospital in DFW

## ENR Ranks CRB among Top Design and Construction Firms for Life Science Facilities



ENR's annual Sourcebook – considered among the most-respected rankings within the AEC space – listed CRB as the no. 2 provider of pharmaceutical manufacturing design, up from no. 3 in 2021. The company held on to its no. 4 ranking for industrial process work, and was ranked 8th among food and beverage manufacturing service providers.

Additionally, ENR's recent list of top design-build firms ranked CRB among the United States' top 50. The company came in at no. 36, up eight spots from 44 in 2021. Earlier this summer, ENR's 2022 Top 500 Design Firms list ranked CRB among the top 100. Ranked according to revenue for design services performed in 2021, CRB came in at number 67 – up from no. 101 the year previous.

Learn why CRB ranks high for life science facilities

## Why DFW is the Next Emerging Market in Life Sciences



Texas is no longer a flyover state for the life sciences industry as Dallas-Fort Worth has rapidly become the next emerging market. As the fourth largest MSA in the country, DFW is home to over 7.6 million residents sprawling over 9,000 square miles.



With its immense size, DFW has access to the perfect cluster of resources needed to further advance the life sciences industry.

- Future Talent
- Funding
- Real Estate

Learn more about how DFW is emerging

## Thank you BioNTX New & Renewing Members



# RSVP for BioNTX's 8th Annual iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit

## BioNTX

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Join BioNTX on September 22nd and 23rd at the 8th Annual iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit

Sessions include: Investor Perspective Landscapes

- Funding Process for Start-up Companies in a Challenging Environment
- Market Assessment and Launch Strategies
- Corporate Licensing Acquisition and Alliance Management Process

And much, much more:

- Entrepreneurial Outlook and Report for North Texas
- Rising Star Presentations
- Tech Transfer Showcase and Pitch Competition
- Regulatory and Quality Hot Topics
- Jose Arrieta, former Chief Information Officer and Chief Data Officer at HHS

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We offer discounts through the **BIO Business Solutions®** program for our members only. Save thousands of dollars every year with the discounts available to you as a part of your BioNTX Membership!

### What is Humboldt?

Humboldt Storage and Moving, a United Van Lines agent, is your solution for all your moving and storage needs. Services include employee relocation, office and laboratory moves, and relocation and storage services for entire companies. Humboldt has a strong focus on customer service and has a unique expertise with serving the biotech industry.

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- Preferred discounts on all moving needs for members
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Learn more about our other member savings

## Post Your Open Job Positions Today!

# BioNTX



Join the Network!

BioNTX has created a Talent Network on LinkedIn and we invite all BioNTX Members to post their job opportunities to connect and network with job seekers.

By posting open positions, you will:

- Find qualified candidates for the bioscience and healthcare industry
- Save time and money on the recruitment process
- Gain more visibility
- Create a more engaging & personal experience for the candidate

## More Upcoming Events & Opportunities in North Texas



### Dallas Startup Week Official Kickoff Party *Frisco EDC*

*The Kickoff Party brings together the entrepreneurial community to celebrate the start of Dallas Startup Week. Enjoy bites and drinks as you mingle with other attendees passionate about the future of*



### Meet Caris Life Sciences *Healthcare Think Tank*

*Chase will share perspectives as a life science partner, diving into the value of building a brand to drive behavioral change focused on delivering organizational growth while keeping the*



startups and innovation in Texas.

August 7, 2022

[Learn more here](#)



**WISH Network Kick-off**  
*Health Wildcatters*

*The WISH Kick-Off is designed to support women in science & healthcare who have an interest in starting an entrepreneurial venture.*

August 24, 2022

[Learn more here](#)

**BioNTX**

**2022 iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit**  
*BioNTX*

*The iC<sup>3</sup> Summit is a forum where industry leaders come together. Here we discuss strategy, exhibit the broad spectrum of bioscience research in North Texas, and where the latest innovation, products and services can be seen.*

September 22 - 23, 2022

[Learn more here](#)

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August 24, 2022

[Learn more here](#)

**BISNOW**

**DFW Healthcare + Life Sciences Update**  
*BisNow*

Join BisNow in analyzing DFW's hospital and mob pipeline & how developers and investors are diving into the life sciences frenzy.

August 30, 2022

[Learn more here](#)

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

[Let us know about your event!](#)

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

[Look at upcoming BioNTX events](#)



## Join BioNTX

BioNTX delivers opportunities for Members to connect and collaborate, to provide industry insights and visibility, and to serve as the voice and champion for the North Texas life science community.



*Are you interested in becoming a BioNTX member? Email [kotto@biontx.org](mailto:kotto@biontx.org) for more details.*

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