



CPRIT Approves \$90M to Boost Cancer Research, Prevention Efforts in Texas



CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

The governing board of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) took a major step forward in the fight against cancer by approving over \$90 million in new cancer research and prevention grants at its quarterly meeting near the Texas Capitol.

“Today’s grants are an illustration of how CPRIT is fulfilling the original promise made to Texans at our founding,” said CPRIT CEO Wayne Roberts. “From recruitment & prevention grants to boosting the development of cancer research in critical areas of Texas, today’s awards strengthen Texas’s position as a national leader in cancer research.”

[Read full press release](#)

Nine Startups Selected for HSC Next SBIR Phase 0 Program



Leaders from The University of North Texas Health Science Center selected nine business owners this month to receive funding from a program designed to spur local innovation.

Articulate Labs, Entvantage Dx, Memsel, Neuro Rehab, PaRxVision, SecureFoundry, Sinclair Digital Services, TerraStor and VaxDome comprise the inaugural cohort of the HSC Next SBIR Phase 0 Program.

The HSC Next SBIR Phase 0 Program provides innovative Tarrant County companies with one-on-one guidance, beginning with technology assessment. Select companies will enter a comprehensive one-month, cohort-based program that meets weekly and guides them through the grant writing process. Additionally, participants receive one-on-one mentorship with SBIR experts that help founders fine-tune their proposals to increase the likelihood of receiving federal funding.

[Apply to the SBIR Phase 0 program](#)

Johnson & Johnson Celebrates 50 Years of Venture Investing!

Johnson & Johnson Innovation – JJDC, Inc. is the strategic venture capital arm of the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies. JJDC finds transformative ideas and helps them mature into potential solutions for today's patients.

2023 marks JJDC's 50th Anniversary of investing in innovative healthcare companies.

JJDC's 2022 Venture Investing Accomplishments

>\$3.5 B+

total capital over the last 10 years

170+

active portfolio
companies

Investments across
Pharmaceutical, MedTech,
and Consumer Sectors

Global portfolio, approximately:

60% US,
40% OUS

~50

New/Follow-on
investments

4

Venture Exits
(IPO, M&A)

3

Onboardings*

[Learn more about JJDC 50th anniversary](#)

BioNTX Highlights The Strength & Potential of the North Texas Bioscience Ecosystem

BIONTX

BioNTX launched a video promoting the growth and strength of the North Texas biomedical innovation ecosystem. The video serves as a cornerstone for BioNTX's value campaign, which will highlight the area's emerging potential.

"With this effort, BioNTX is advancing the awareness of the rich and growing regional biomedical innovation ecosystem. The life sciences industry is booming in North Texas,

and we want to spread the word that we are quickly emerging as a premier hub with the essential ingredients needed for continued expansion," said Kathleen Otto, CEO, BioNTX.



[Read full press release](#)

Thank You New & Renewing BioNTX Members!





BioNTX hosted a Career Expo last week at Pegasus Park where top STEM talent gained insight on CV's vs resumes, networking tips, career & industry pathways in business development and more! Attendees had the opportunity to interact with NTX Life Science hiring employers.

Attendees from Baylor, MD Anderson, TWU, UNT, UNTHSC, UTA, UTD, UTMB, UTSW, UT Tyler and UT Tyler Health joined us at our Career Expo.

Thank you all for attending our 2023 Career Expo!

Lantern Pharma Expands RADR®'s Roadmap via AI Drug Discovery Platform



Lantern Pharma Inc., a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company using its proprietary RADR® artificial intelligence ("AI") and machine learning ("ML") platform to transform the cost, pace, and timeline of oncology drug discovery and development, announced expansions and updates to RADR®'s product roadmap, which will further enhance its oncology drug discovery capabilities.

These RADR® advancements will focus on additional innovative AI and ML approaches to develop Antibody Drug Conjugates (ADCs), which are highly specific cancer-targeted antibodies linked to potent anti-tumor small molecules and designed for the treatment of cancer.

[Learn more about Lantern Pharma's RADR expansion](#)

Nanoscope Therapeutics' CEO Joins BIO Health Section Governing Board



Sulagna Bhattacharya, CEO,
Nanoscope Therapeutics

Nanoscope Therapeutics Inc., a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing gene therapies for retinal degenerative diseases, announced that Sulagna Bhattacharya, CEO and Co-Founder of Nanoscope Therapeutics, has been named to the Health Section Governing Board of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) Board of Directors.

[Read full press release](#)

Help Raise Awareness of Rare Disease Day



February 28, 2023 is Rare Disease Day

Rare Disease Day, held annually on the last day of February, is observed around the world to raise awareness of rare diseases and their impact on patient's lives. In Texas there are an estimated 3.5 million people living with a rare disease, many of these conditions are not understood nor are there effective treatments.

By raising awareness in Texas, together we can unite patient family foundations with researchers, medical professionals, government officials and the general public to advocate for more research and better support for Texans living with rare diseases.

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Dallas College Partners with AIIR to Advance STEM Education



Dallas College and the American Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (AIIR) have created the AIIR STEM Coaching Collaborative at Dallas College to help ensure a steady workforce for STEM fields and open opportunities in these fields to more students.

Through this coaching collaborative, students in targeted STEM courses will receive intensive in-class and out-of-class support through supplemental instruction, tutoring and faculty-led group coaching. In addition to its generous contribution of \$90,000 toward the coaching collaborative, AIIR has also earmarked an additional \$10,000 in scholarships, totaling a \$100,000 donation. AIIR has earmarked these scholarships for students pursuing STEM degrees.

[Read full press release](#)

Texas A&M Doubles Budget for the

First Fort Worth Building



TEXAS A&M
FORT WORTH

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved plans to expand the costs for the first building, the Law & Education Building, from \$85 million to \$150 million. “The reason for the increase in budget is because we have had so much more interest in being in Fort Worth than we anticipated,” said Billy Hamilton, deputy chancellor of the board.

Residents, students and leaders of industry and education are rallying behind the Texas A&M plans for Fort Worth, Mayor Mattie Parker said. “Texas A&M sees what we see, which is that Fort Worth is where the future begins, and now is the time to go big for the Texas A&M-Fort Worth urban research campus,” she said in a statement.

[Learn more about Texas A&M's Fort Worth Campus](#)

In Celebration of International Women's Day



Women have contributed significantly to advancing the life science and healthcare innovation we are so proud of here in North Texas. Join BioNTX in celebrating the role that women continue to play in shaping the culture and economic success in our State. A panel of women leading our industry will gather for discussion & networking on March 8th.

[Register now](#)

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.

[Apply now](#)

[ARPA-H Overview](#)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities in North Texas



2023 Annual Meeting
AUTM

Join AUTM to connect with technology transfer offices from around the globe, make deals and gain insights from world-class speakers and panels.

February 19 - 22, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



THE UNIVERSITY
OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

UTD Bioengineering Career Fair
The University of Texas at Dallas

Join UTD at their Career Fair where you can promote your open job positions. There will be over 700 students at all academic levels interested in internships, co-ops, and jobs.

February 24, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



WISH Network Series
Health Wildcatters

Join Health Wildcatters at their Women In Science and Healthcare Series Event where they continue to gather and meet like-minded individuals.

February 27, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Innovation Hub
at Research Park

**Choosing the Right Entity
For Your Startup**

Texas Tech University Innovation Hub

Join the Texas Tech Innovation Hub for their seminar to help you learn what business entity is right for your startup company!

March 1, 2023

[Learn more here](#)



Women Driving Innovation
BioNTX

Join BioNTX to hear stories of the successes and contributions women in life sciences and health care innovation industries have made in Texas and future trends and the migration of life sciences to North Texas.

March 8, 2023

[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 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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