

## Celebrate International Women's Day

March 8, 2024 at Pegasus Park

### CELEBRATE THE WOMEN DRIVING INNOVATION AND THEIR IMPACT IN LIFE SCIENCES & HEALTHCARE

Join BioNTX in celebrating International Women's Day and connect with the women leading in North Texas life sciences. The *Women Driving Innovation* program shines a spotlight on women who have- and are, shaping the landscape of the life sciences industry, fostering innovative, agile leadership, and pioneering new, best practices.



**Ayse McCracken, MBA**  
Founder  
Ignite Healthcare



**Elyse Dickerson, MBA**  
CEO  
Eosera



**Lyndsey Harper, MD, FACOG, IF**  
Founder & CEO  
Rosy Wellness

#### WOMEN LEADING THE WAY IN MANUFACTURING



**Victoria Wilmore**  
Director of Serialization  
and Change Control  
Johnson & Johnson



**Jill Baker, MEd**  
COO  
Signature Biologics



**Tammi Carter**  
Former CEO  
E4D Technologies



**Yun Jeong Song, MD**  
President  
Matica Holdings

#### WOMEN INVESTING IN WOMEN'S SUCCESS



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Liability Advisor  
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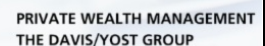
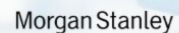
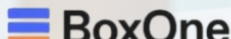


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**Jessie Santana**  
VP of Life Sciences &  
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## Girls in STEM: Mission Unstoppable



Mission Unstoppable, a children's TV series showcasing women excelling in STEM careers, is back with another episode! Every episode, a dynamic team of field reporters led by Miranda Cosgrove, highlight pioneering women in various fields such as zoology, engineering, space exploration, cryptography, and marine science. Funded in part by Lyda Hill, the series is one part entertainment and one part feminist career inspiration. Another North Texas example of Women Investing in Women!

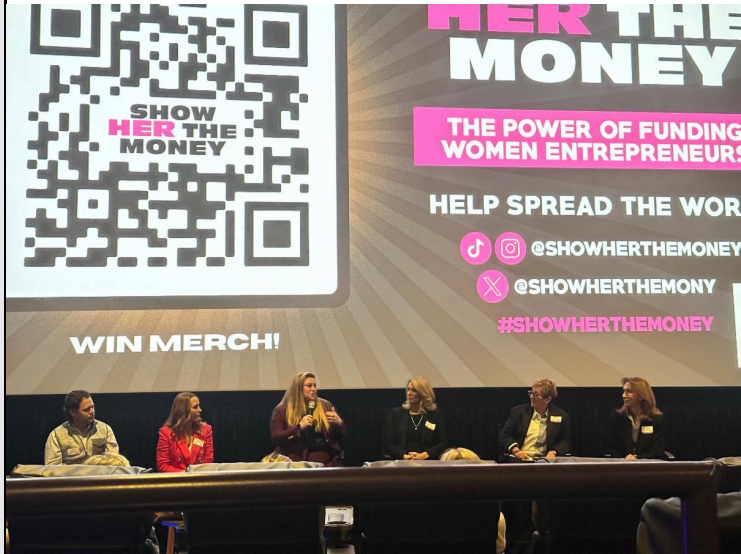
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## Women Investing in Women Brings Hollywood to North Texas

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Women Shaping the Future of Healthcare

Ignite Healthcare hosted the Dallas premier of *Show Her The Money*, where attendees were granted an exclusive screening. The film follows four, female startup founders as they endure uphill battles to turn their ideas into reality.



This must-see documentary also follows the women investors who support these driven founders. Following the screening, viewers enjoyed a panel discussion which reflected on the reality and challenges faced by women and founders in business. The film is another testament to the vital importance of women investing in women.

[Show Her The Money](#)

(from left to right) Trey Bowles, Techstars, Lindsey Harper, Rosy Wellness, Kelly Ann Winget, AWP, Dawn Freeda, Denny's, Catherine Gray, She Angel Investors, Ayse McCracken, Ignite Healthcare

## Medical City Launches \$50M Expansion Project for Enhanced Healthcare Services



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Medical City McKinney is launching a \$50 million expansion, including a five-story, 124,500-square-foot medical office building adjacent to the hospital.

The multi-phase expansion will accommodate more specialists and services like cardiology and orthopedics. Slated for completion and opening in summer 2025, the project is part of the hospital's multi-phase growth plan to meet community needs.

## I2SL Seeks Sustainable Lab Innovators: Apply Now for Awards Program

Applications due April 5, 2024



International Institute for  
Sustainable Laboratories

I2SL promotes sustainability within laboratory environments, emphasizing resource efficiency and environmental consciousness. Through their Sustainable Laboratories Awards Program, the organization seeks to acknowledge and celebrate outstanding individuals, projects, and initiatives that demonstrate innovative and exemplary practices in sustainable lab planning, design, engineering, operation, and use. These awards not only recognize leaders in the field but also reflect I2SL's vision of safe, efficient, and eco-friendly laboratories.

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## Texas A&M-Fort Worth Engineering Programs Receive \$2.5M Grant



TEXAS A&M  
FORT WORTH

The Sid W. Richardson Foundation has pledged \$2.5 million to enhance engineering programs at Texas A&M-Fort Worth, reflecting its commitment to the city's development.



Pete Geren, Former U.S. Representative, and current President of the foundation; commended the growth of Texas A&M-Fort Worth and Tarleton State University as pivotal advancements for North Texas. This investment supports the University's vision of becoming a

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Tier 1 research campus, solidifying its role as a hub for education, research, and innovation.

## Texas Tech Receives 6,000-Acres to Facilitate Collaborative Research in Texas



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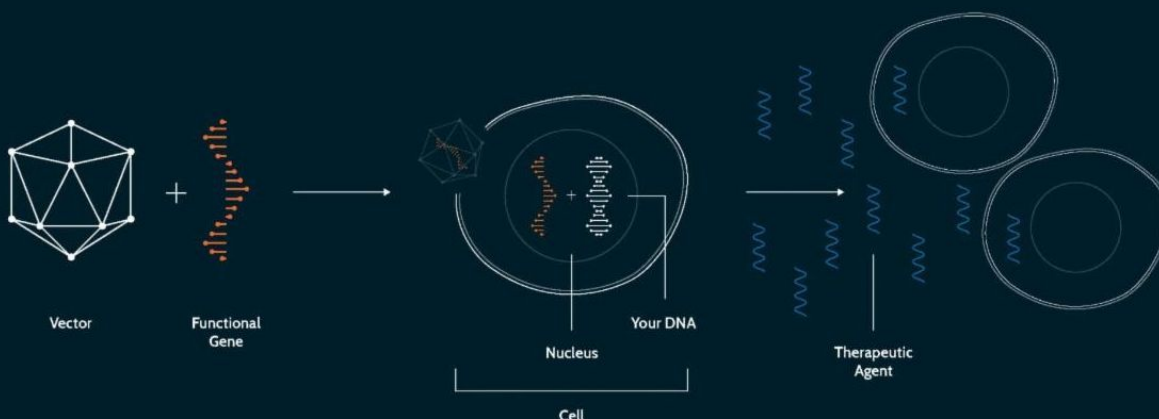


The Texas Tech University System (TTU System) recently received a generous 6,000-acre land donation from the 3 Rivers Foundation for Arts and Sciences. This includes the Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus (CSAC) near Crowell, Texas. The area, part of the "Big Empty" region between Dallas/Fort Worth and Amarillo, offers immense potential for research, education, and community engagement. The 3 Rivers Foundation, focused on promoting lifelong learning through arts and sciences, aims to support wildlife conservation, astronomy education, and STEM initiatives.

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## BIONTX MEMBER NEWS

### Form Bio and Ginkgo Bioworks Partner on AAV Gene Therapy Program



Form Bio and Ginkgo Bioworks have united in a strategic partnership to provide an integrated solution for AAV gene therapy design and development. By combining Ginkgo's robust platform for cell programming and biosecurity with Form's sophisticated computational life sciences solutions, including characterization, simulation, and AI-driven construct design optimization, we aim to streamline the gene therapy development process and empower developers with end-to-end capabilities.

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## Island Pharmaceuticals Updates on ISLA-101: Phase 1 Results, Funding & Phase 2 Plans



Island Pharmaceuticals CEO, David Foster, sat down with Jonathan Jackson to delve into the recent success of their \$1.95 million fundraising efforts and the latest developments surrounding ISLA-101. In the interview, Foster offered a detailed look into the company's plans, explaining that a significant portion of the funds will be directed towards dissecting data from the Phase 1 dose-escalation study.



Highlighting the importance of this analysis, Foster emphasized the positive safety and tolerability results observed thus far. These findings provide a solid foundation for Island Pharmaceuticals as they prepare to advance ISLA-101 into Phase 2 clinical trials.

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## Johnson & Johnson's IMBRUVICA® Receives FDA Approval for Expanded Use



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Johnson & Johnson, alongside its partner Pharmacyclics LLC, an AbbVie Company, announced FDA approval for a label expansion of IMBRUVICA® (ibrutinib). This expansion includes an oral suspension formulation for adult patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)/small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), Waldenström's macroglobulinemia (WM), and chronic graft versus host disease (cGVHD) after failure of one or more lines of systemic therapy. Dr. Lisa Nodzon from Moffitt Cancer Center highlighted the significance of this approval, particularly for patients who face challenges swallowing medications. The availability of multiple IMBRUVICA formulations provides prescribers with additional options when treating these conditions, potentially improving

patients' daily lives.

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## Lantern Pharma's RADR® Surpasses 60 Billion Data Points, Targeting 100 Billion in 2024



Lantern Pharma Inc., a leader in AI-driven cancer drug discovery and development, marks a significant milestone with RADR®, its proprietary AI platform focused on transforming the oncology drug development landscape. Surpassing 60 billion data points, RADR® stands as a testament to Lantern Pharma's commitment to innovation and advancement in cancer therapy. CEO Panna Sharma emphasizes the platform's potential, noting that each data point enhances their ability to drive precision and efficacy in therapy development. With plans to exceed 100 billion data points by 2024, RADR® is poised to revolutionize cancer treatment across diverse patient populations.

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## SHARx Teams Up with Mark Cuban's Cost Plus to Expand Access to Specialty Medications



SHARx and Mark Cuban's Cost Plus Drug Company announced they are joining forces to tackle the specialty drug market, providing underinsured members with access to medications at affordable prices. This partnership extends SHARx's sourcing channels, granting SHARx members access to Cost Plus Drug's catalog of medications.

As a patient advocacy organization, SHARx is dedicated to assisting uninsured and underinsured Americans by offering diverse access options for high-cost maintenance and specialty medications to its members.

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## United Health Care Grant Bolsters Rural Medical Mission Trips at UNTHSC-TCOM





The Office of Rural Medical Education at The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine announced it has received a grant from United Health Care that will support two, one-week medical mission trips to provide health care to rural communities in Texas for 2024.

The grant is to support the sustainability and expansion of the services provided by the rural medical mission trips while also increasing the exposure for interested medical students to continue their training for the practice of rural medicine. There is currently a massive shortage of primary care physicians in rural America.

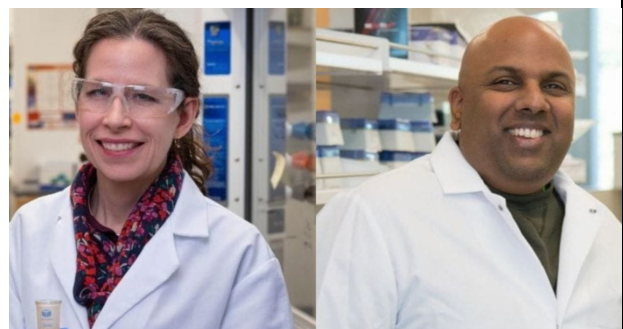
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## UTA Researchers Named Senior Members by National Academy of Inventors

Dr. Sherri McFarland and Dr. Venu Varanasi, faculty members at the University of Texas at Arlington, have been named senior members of the National Academy of Inventors.

McFarland, a professor of chemistry, is recognized for her patented technologies and commitment to mentoring students; while Varanasi, an associate professor of nursing, is honored for his pioneering research in biomaterials.

They join an exclusive group of just over 400 members who hold over 5,800 U.S. patents, and will be officially inducted as members during the NAI's upcoming annual conference in Raleigh, North Carolina.



(from left to right) Sherri McFarland, PhD, MS and Venu Varanasi, PhD, MS

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# UTD Researchers Find Correlation Between Family Size & Language Development



Mandy Maguire, PhD and Jackie Nelson, PhD, MS

Researchers from UT Dallas' School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences are examining how household size impacts children's language development. Drs. Mandy Maguire and Jackie Nelson, along with colleagues, studied the adult-to-child ratio and total occupants' effects on language development. Their findings, published in *Developmental Psychology*, show that increased household density, especially in extended family homes, can negatively affect children's language development, particularly in households with two adults or fewer.

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# UTSW Researchers Identify Gene Expression Component to Bacterial Infection



Kimberly Reynolds, PhD

UT Southwestern researchers, led by Dr. Kimberly Reynolds, have advanced personalized treatment for complex bacterial infections. Their innovative approach, published in *Cell Systems*, predicts how gene expression and environment influence bacterial growth rates.

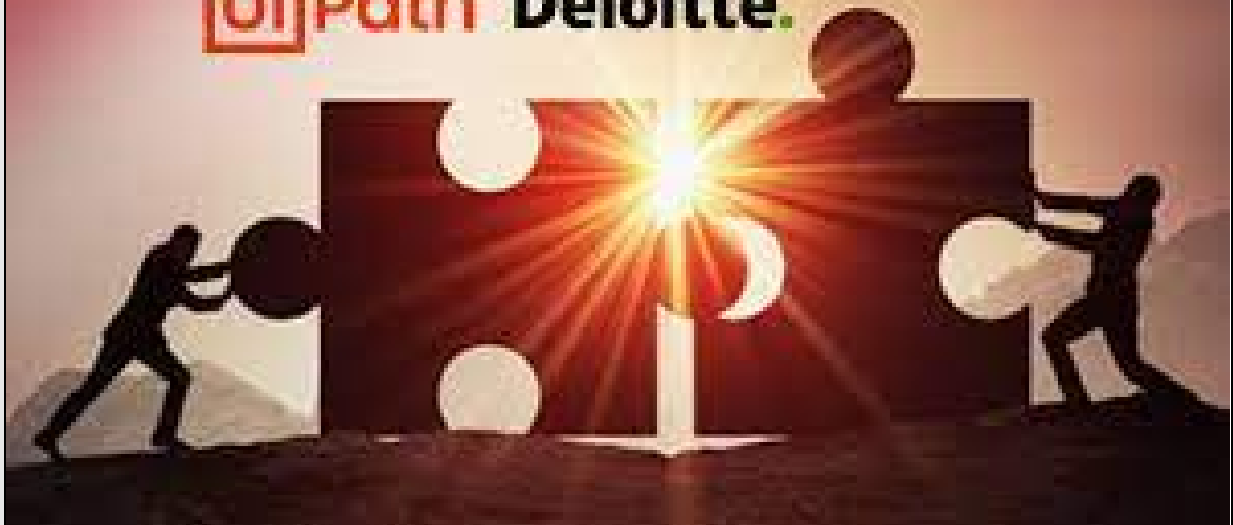
The study exploited a method called titratable CRISPRi, which allowed the researchers to gradually turn down, or titrate, the expression of specific genes. That process allowed researchers to compare hundreds of gene suppression options at various levels of intensity and build a model to predict how bacteria will grow in different environments- a breakthrough that could revolutionize antibiotic sensitivity prediction, enhance understanding of antibiotic resistance, and aid in drug discovery.

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# UiPath and Deloitte Unveil Smart Finance for Growth Companies to Accelerate Automation







Deloitte and UiPath have announced an alliance expansion to accelerate the transformation of businesses through new, AI-powered Intelligent Automation solutions to SAP implementations and operations. The expansion will serve as a catalyst to develop an innovative AI-led delivery methodology and new solutions for autonomous business operations, accelerating their joint clients' transformation goals. As a part of this expansion, UiPath and Deloitte will create a first-of-its-kind co-innovation market collaboration, combining Deloitte's SAP implementation skillset and deep AI talent pool with UiPath's AI and automation technology.

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## RSM's FamilySight Platform Recognized for Advancing Family Office Operations



RSM US LLP's cloud-based platform, FamilySight®, has earned recognition from Accounting Today for its innovative approach to supporting family offices. Leveraging advanced technologies like artificial intelligence, FamilySight® enhances data management and decision-making processes, driving efficiency in tax ecosystems. Sergio de la Fe, partner and enterprise digital leader at RSM US LLP, emphasizes the firm's dedication to delivering exceptional digital experiences for middle-market clients, solidifying RSM's competitive edge as a preferred advisor.

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## FUNDING AND MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Techstars Accelerators: Empowering

# Entrepreneurs for Success

Application closes on May 22, 2024

## techstars



Techstars accelerators are designed to support entrepreneurs in achieving success. Our three-month programs offer access to top mentors, a robust network of partners, investors, and alumni, funding opportunities, workshops, and peer learning experiences. With a track record of building thousands of successful companies globally, we invest \$120K in over 500 early-stage companies annually, providing hands-on mentorship and lifelong access to the Techstars network.

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## The Inclusive Ventures Lab: Empowering Early-Stage Companies with Morgan Stanley

Application closes on March 15, 2024

### Morgan Stanley

The Inclusive Ventures Lab, Morgan Stanley's in-house startup accelerator, is dedicated to fostering financial inclusion and facilitating access to capital for early-stage technology and tech-enabled companies. Our program connects startups with a network of bankers, financial advisors, and technology experts, offering access to potential clients and the broader investor ecosystem. Additionally, each startup is paired with carefully selected mentors, entrepreneurs in residence, and advisors who provide tailored guidance, sales support, and leadership coaching to facilitate growth and scalability.

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## The Golden Ticket: Empowering Women-Led Healthcare Startups in Texas and Beyond

Application closes on April 4, 2024

Ignite is thrilled to unveil its Golden Ticket Competition, tailored for women-led digital healthcare and medical device startups situated in Texas and surrounding areas. This exclusive opportunity, integrated into Ignite's renowned Accelerator Program, offers a springboard for local companies and neighboring startups to join the program's cohort. Scheduled for May 2, 2024, in Dallas, TX, the pitch competition will determine the top three contenders who will earn coveted spots in the Accelerator cohort for 2024.

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 Women Shaping the  
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# Health Focus Accelerator: Startup Prize Means Big Opportunity for Innovators

Application closes on July 1, 2024



Startup Prize: Focus on Health plays a pivotal role in catapulting health-related companies to success by offering a comprehensive support network. Through mentorship, entrepreneurs gain invaluable insights from seasoned professionals who provide guidance on navigating challenges and optimizing strategies for growth.

Additionally, access to potential investors enables startups to secure the vital capital needed to expand operations, develop innovative products or services, and scale their businesses. By facilitating these connections and providing essential resources, Startup Prize empowers companies to realize their vision, accelerate their trajectory, and make a meaningful impact in the healthcare industry.

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## The Hill Prizes: Recognizing Life Science Innovators & High-Impact Research in Texas

Applications open May 1, 2024



**TAMEST** *Texas Academy of Medicine,  
Engineering, Science & Technology*

The Hill Prizes, generously funded by Lyda Hill Philanthropies, aim to accelerate groundbreaking research ideas with high potential for real-world impact. These prizes celebrate the achievements of top innovators and researchers in Texas, spanning six categories: Medicine, Public Health, Engineering, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Technology. Each recipient of the prize will be awarded \$500,000 in funding to further their work and drive innovation.

[Learn more about the Hill Prizes](#)

## INDUSTRY EVENTS

### Unlocking Biotech: For the Non-Scientist



Join Biotech Primer and BioNTX for the BioBasics 101 class, which explores the basic principles and scope of Life Sciences.

This course is designed for the Non-Scientist and delves into genetic engineering, biomanufacturing, and applying the fundamental biology principles used everyday in our industry.

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## BIO BREAK: DFW's Life Sciences Happy Hour

March 7, 2024 at Pegasus Park



Sponsored by:



Mark your calendars for this month's March BIO BREAK! Join McDermott, Deloitte, and BioNTX for the premier, monthly happy hour event tailored for Dallas' Life Sciences ecosystem. Come together to network, exchange ideas, build relationships, and find community amid the innovative backdrop of Pegasus Park.

[Register now](#)

## Celebrating 10 Years of Innovation: the 2024 iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit

October 3, 2024 - October 4, 2024



This year's 10th annual BioNTX iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit will provide dynamic platform and a gorgeous setting for the North Texas bioscience community to share insightful discussion,

cutting-edge research, and emerging technologies set to revolutionize the future of healthcare and biomedicine. With a new, international focus; the 2024 iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit is proud to welcome the global life science community to North Texas.



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## Upcoming Events & Opportunities



### Explore Your Ideas With E4ALL

Join Foundations Entrepreneur Development Company to connect with supporting organizations, and learn how to support the growth and development of current and aspiring entrepreneurs.

**March 7, 2024**

**North Richland Hills, TX**

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### State of Entrepreneurship

Join The DEC Network to celebrate the people, places and passions that keep the North Texas startup ecosystem thriving.

**March 7, 2024**

**Dallas, TX**

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### Women Driving Innovation

Join BioNTX to celebrate International Women's Day and connect with the women leaders in the North Texas life sciences sector!



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE

### Biomedical Research Open House

Join UTARI to learn more about their facility and the Texas Manufacturing Assistance

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Dallas, TX

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Center (TMAC).

March 8, 2024

Fort Worth, TX

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**Branding + Biotech: Your Brand Makes the First Impression**

Join BioNTX to hear a panel discussion led by healthcare branding experts and investors, followed by one-on-one sessions to get real time, personalized feedback on your pitch deck and overall company branding.

March 19, 2024

Dallas, TX

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LAUNCHBIO

**Biotech Career Workshop**

Join Launch Bio for an immersive, full-day Biotech Career Workshop designed to inspire students' interest in biotechnology and entrepreneurship.

March 21, 2024

Dallas, TX

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**BioProspects: A Comprehensive Panel Discussion on Careers for MS Biology Graduates**

Join HBA DFW for an event designed for MS and PhD Biosciences professionals! Kick off the evening with a networking opportunity, and connecting with peers, industry experts, and potential mentors.

March 21, 2024

Denton, TX

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**Best Practices for Building a Life Science Entrepreneurial Ecosystem**

Join BioNTX for its inaugural program in Tyler, TX, as we embark on a captivating journey through the vibrant world of life sciences in North Texas.

March 22, 2024

Tyler, TX

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**Tech Together Networking Event**

Join TechFW for happy hour networking event designed to support and connect the innovative women in our entrepreneurial ecosystem.

March 28, 2024

Fort Worth, TX

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**Navigating the Federal R&D Funding Environment**

Join BioNTX for an engaging webinar as our speakers delve into guiding organizations through the intricacies of funding agencies and crafting a funding pathway aligned with their development stage.

April 14, 2024

Virtual

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### Healthcare & Life Science Reimagined: AI, Equity and Access

Join Gwen Lily Foundation for a groundbreaking event where AI meets healthcare innovation, inclusivity, and diversity. This event will dive deep into the power of AI in research and healthcare, with a spotlight on creating more inclusive and equitable health solutions.

**April 5, 2024**

**Dallas, TX**

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### BioBasics 101: The Biology of Biotech for the Non-Scientist

Join Biotech Primer to learn about the crucial roles of the FDA, NIH, academia, and drug sponsors and how they interact to promote scientific breakthroughs. This course culminates in genetic engineering and biomanufacturing, where all the essential biology principles learned are applied.

**May 14 - 15, 2024**

**Irving, TX**

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## Join the Movement at BioNTX

BioNTX provides opportunities for Members to connect and collaborate, obtain industry insights, access to industry resources, and increase market visibility; as the voice and champion of life sciences in North Texas.

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