

CAPITAL REGION

BiInnovation Forum '23

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

University at Albany ETEC, 1st Floor Lobby & Shared Training Room

PROGRAM AGENDA

8 to 8:30 a.m. – Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:30 to 8:45 a.m. – Welcome

- [Stephanie Dosiak](#) PhD, Director, Office of Translational Research, Innovation, and Technology Transfer, Albany Med Health System
- [Kesh Kesavadas](#) PhD, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, University at Albany

8:45 to 9:30 a.m. – Keynote Address: Academic & Industry Partnerships, Research Translation

Introduced by: [Michelle Lewis](#) PhD, Executive Director, Stack Family Center for Biopharmaceutical Education at Training at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

- [Crystal Leach](#) PhD, Program Director, National Science Foundation

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. – Panel Discussion: Forging Collaboration with Industry – Building Successfully Models of Academic and Industry Partnerships

Moderated by: [Win Thurlow](#) JD, Executive Director of LifeSciencesNY, formerly MedTech

- [Molly Zimmermann](#) JD, Managing Director, New York State Science & Technology Law Center at Syracuse University College of Law's Innovation Law Center
- [Sripathy Venkatraman](#) MBA, PhD, Vice President, Head of Global R&D Operations, Curia Global
- [Krissy Roberts](#) MBA, Business Manager, StemCultures
- [Eric Ledet](#) PhD, Vice President, Research & Development and Director, Health Innovations Incubator & Technology Center at the Center for Disability Services

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. – Break

10:45 to 11:45 a.m. – Case Studies: Academic Researchers and Startups at Different Stages of Commercialization

Moderated by: [Kelly Reardon-Sleicher](#), Program Director for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Programs, University at Albany

- [Anghesha Murray](#), Co-Founder, ADuCare, PhD Candidate; [Nathan Smith](#), Co-Founder, ADuCare, PhD Candidate, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- [Erin Lennox](#) PhD, Research and Clinical Trials Manager, ZEPHYRx
- [Scott A. Tenenbaum](#), PhD, Professor, College of Nanotechnology, Science, and Engineering, The RNA Institute, Laboratory of RNA Nanotechnology, CEO, sxRNA Technologies

11:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Closing Remarks

Speaker: [Brett Orzechowski](#), Lecturer, Program Coordinator for the MBA in Life Sciences Entrepreneurship, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

12 to 1 p.m. – Networking Lunch and Poster Session