

## AGENDA

### REGISTRATION OPENS

**7:30am REGISTRATION OPENS**  
South Courtyard/1st Floor

**BREAKFAST FEATURING THE CAPPUCCINO CONNECTION**  
Centennial Patio/1st Floor

### MORNING SESSION

Centennial Ballroom/1st Floor

Emcee: [Judy Fortin](#), Chief of Communications, [UCLA Health](#)

#### 8:30am WELCOMES BY

- [UCLA Chancellor Gene Block](#)
- LABEST 2023 Innovator Sponsors
  - [Rachna Khosla](#), Senior Vice President, Business Development, [Amgen](#)
  - [Aliya Z. Omer](#), Vice President and Head of Global Portfolio and Program Strategy, [Kite, a Gilead Company](#)

#### 8:45am "FIRESIDE CHAT" WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BOARD OF REGENTS AND UCLA CHANCELLOR

The importance of academic research and intellectual property

Introduction by [Amir Naiberg](#), AVC, CEO and President, [UCLA TDG](#)

- Moderated by [Judy Fortin](#)
- [Chair of the Board of Regents, Richard Leib](#)
- [Regent Lark Park](#)
- [UCLA Chancellor Gene Block](#)

#### 9:15am KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction by [Arie Belldgrun](#), Roy and Carol Doumani Chair in Urologic Oncology, UCLA

- [Dr. Albert Bourla](#), Chairman and CEO, [Pfizer](#)

#### 9:40am KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction by [Andrei Iancu](#), Partner, Irell & Manella LLP

- [Director General Daren Tang, WIPO](#)

#### 10:05am LA HOSPITAL LEADERS INNOVATING FOR FUTURE SUCCESS PANEL

A panel discussion with Hospital CEOs from our long-standing LABEST partners in the Los Angeles area, covering challenges, accomplishments, and what the future has in store for Hospitals.

Introduction by [Dr. John Mazziotta](#), Vice Chancellor, UCLA Health Sciences, CEO, [UCLA Health](#)

- Moderated by [Judy Fortin](#)
- Hosted by [Johnese Spisso](#), President of UCLA Health, CEO of UCLA Hospital System and Associate Vice Chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences

#### Panelists include:

- [Dr. Elaine Batchlor](#), CEO, [MLK Community Healthcare](#)
- [Dr. Jeffrey Golden](#), Director, Burns and Allen Research Institute, Vice Dean for Research and Graduate Education, [Cedars-Sinai](#)
- [Mr. Chad Lefteris](#), CEO, [UCI Health](#)
- [Dr. Anish Mahajan](#), CEO and Chief Medical Officer, [Harbor-UCLA Medical Center](#)

#### 10:50am MEET THE LEADERS IN THE BUSINESS OF LIFE SCIENCES PANEL

A panel discussion with CEOs of Life Sciences companies discussing recent discoveries, new diseases and drug discoveries in the pipeline.

- Moderated by [Arie Belldgrun](#), Roy and Carol Doumani Chair in Urologic Oncology, UCLA, Director and Founder of The UCLA Institute of Urologic Oncology, Co-Founder and Sr. Managing Director, [Vida Ventures](#), Executive Chairman and Co-Founder, [Allogene](#)
- [Norbert Bischofberger](#), President & Chief Executive Officer, [Kronos Bio](#)
- [David Chang](#), President, CEO, and Co-Founder, [Allogene](#)
- [Mark Cobbold, MD, Ph.D.](#), VP Discovery Oncology, Head of Oncology Cell Therapy, [AstraZeneca](#)
- [Aamir Malik](#), Chief Business Innovation Officer, Executive Vice President, [Pfizer](#)
- [Dennis Slamon](#), Director of Clinical/Translational Research, UCLA

#### 11:55am PEARL COHEN POSTER AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

This competition provides a unique opportunity to showcase the undergraduate and graduate bioscience research program to pharma and biotech industry leaders' entrepreneurs, and investors.

- Announced by [Michael Yamin](#), Scientific Advisor, [Pearl Cohen](#)

#### 11:30am EARLY LUNCH

Open to General Attendees  
Legacy or Optimist, 2nd Floor

#### 12:00pm-1:30pm LUNCH | EXHIBITORS | POSTER VIEWING | NETWORKING

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS — ALL SHOWCASES OPEN

Located throughout the venue in Centennial Ballroom, 1st Floor and North and South Meeting Rooms, 2nd Floors

#### UCLA TDG LEARNING LOUNGE

Optimist Room/North 2nd Floor sponsored by [McKool Smith](#)

#### 1:00pm WELCOME BY

[Alfonso Chan](#), Principal, [McKool Smith](#)

#### 1:01pm VC STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

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[Michael Fritz](#), Principal, [McKool Smith](#)

### 1:05pm VENTURE CAPITAL PANEL

This panel aims to explore the opportunities, challenges, and evolving landscape for biotech venture creation in Los Angeles. The panel will focus on the Los Angeles biotech ecosystem.

• Moderated by [Josh Green](#), Silicon Valley Advisor and Consultant

#### Panelists include:

- [Anurag Agarwal](#), Partner Life Science, [Osage University Partners](#)
- [Michael Fritz](#), Principal, [McKool Smith](#)
- [Sean Harper](#), Founding Managing Director, [Westlake Village BioPartners](#)
- [D.A. Wallach](#), General Partner & Co-Founder, [Time BioVentures](#)

### 2:10pm NETWORKING BREAK

### 2:30pm IMPROVING YOUR PRESENTATION SKILLS

Want to learn how to improve your skills and present like a pro? Join McKool Smith's Steven Pollinger for a workshop to help you craft your written and verbal remarks.

• [Steven J. Pollinger](#), Principal, [McKool Smith](#)

### 3:05pm INDUSTRY SPONSORED RESEARCH PANEL

An interactive discussion on the best practices for faculty to obtain Sponsored Research Agreements with the biopharma industry and how to maintain a successful collaboration.

• Moderated by [Angela Coxon](#), VP of Oncology Research, [Amgen](#)

#### Panelists include:

- [John Desjarlais](#), Executive Vice President, Research & Chief Scientific Officer, [Xencor, Inc.](#)
- [Mark Jurgens](#), Head of External Scientific Collaborations, [Kite, a Gilead Company](#)
- [Helen Kim](#), Executive Director, [Amgen](#)
- [Nick Match](#), Principal, [McKool Smith](#)
- [Sanjay Mistry](#), Vice President, Venture Investments New Company Creation, [Johnson & Johnson Innovation, JJDC, Inc.](#)
- [Karla Zepeda](#), ISR Director, [UCLA TDG](#)
- [Ran Zheng](#), CEO, [Landmark Bio](#)

### 4:30pm INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Why do technology transfer offices exist?

Discussion between [UCLA TDG](#) Chief IP Officer, [Charan Arora](#) and [McKool Smith](#) Principal, [Warren Lipschitz](#)

### 4:50pm PATENT LITIGATION PANEL

This panel aims to provide law firms' perspectives on patent litigation and share examples of cases that could've been avoided and how.

• Moderated by [Josh Budwin](#), Principal, [McKool Smith](#)

#### Panelists include:

- [Blair Jacobs](#), Principal, [McKool Smith](#)

### PEARL COHEN POSTER CONTESTANTS

Entrepreneur/South 2nd Floor

11:30am- 5:30pm VIEW FIRST AND SECOND PLACE WINNING POSTERS

### STARTUP ECOSYSTEM SHOWCASE

Sponsored by [Abbott Construction](#) and [Breakthrough Properties](#)  
Illumination/South 2nd Floor

### 1:45pm WELCOMES BY

• The [Lundquist Institute](#) and the [Larta Institute](#)

### 1:46pm KEYNOTE

• [Susie Harborth](#), Chief Business Officer, [Breakthrough Properties](#)

### 2:00pm INCUBATOR AND STARTUP RESOURCES PANEL

Select Los Angeles incubators will highlight their resources and top startups. They will participate in a panel discussion covering topics like: What is needed in our ecosystem? How can they improve? How can local government help us elevate Los Angeles on the map?

#### Panelists include:

- [Danielle Bogdanowicz](#), VP of Business Operations & Strategy, [Biolabs at the Lundquist Institute](#)
- [Johnny Lam](#), VP Business Development, [Scale Health](#)
- [Nikki Lin](#), Director of Entrepreneurship & Commercialization, [Magnify at CNSI, UCLA](#)
- [Howard Xu](#), Director, Incubator Development and Programming, [Cal State LA BioSpace](#)

### 2:45pm NETWORKING BREAK

### 3:00pm REAL ESTATE OVERVIEW AND ADAPTIVE REUSE FOR BIOSCIENCE IN LOS ANGELES

• [Marcella Ayala](#), Director of Business Development, [Abbott Construction](#)

### 3:15pm REAL ESTATE AND BIOSCIENCE PANEL

Real estate developers will discuss some challenges and successes they've experienced in aiding the growth of Los Angeles' startup ecosystem.

#### Panelists include:

- [Marissa Goldberg](#), CEO, [Doheny Eye Institute](#)
- [Howard Kozloff](#), CEO and Founder, [Noblespace](#)
- [Larry Lantero](#), Vice President, [Abbott Construction](#)
- [Peter Moglia](#), CEO and Co-Chief Investment Officer, [Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.](#)
- [Nancy Moses](#), Senior Managing Director,

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[Trammell Crow Company](#)

- [Chris Sinfield](#), Vice Chairman, [Cushman & Wakefield](#)

### 4:30pm CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO WATCH FOR

Panelists will discuss what makes proposed projects appealing for city/government approval and what is needed to continue working together in making Los Angeles the next big bioscience hub.

#### Panelists include:

- [Stephen Cheung](#), CEO, LAEDC
- [Fran Fulton](#), Economic Development Manager, Office of the City Manager, City of Torrance
- [Kelly LoBianco](#), Director, LA County Department of Economic Opportunity

### NUCLEATE | UCLA PDA SHOWCASE

Exploration/North 2nd Floor

- Featuring [Nucleate](#) and the [UCLA Postdoctoral Association \(PDA\)](#)

### 2:00pm WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS TO NUCLEATE AND PDA

- [Nucleate Activator Program](#) Pitch Showcase. The program provides a proven and unparalleled competitive advantage to begin the lab-to-market journey. The primary program begins with a “mutual-matching” team formation phase, followed by workshops and mentor office hours, culminating in a final pitch showcase at LABEST.

### 2:10pm PITCH TEAM #1 - SERENITY

Wearable Stress Monitoring and Therapy

### 2:22pm PITCH TEAM #2 - SEMPER

Mammalian ratio-tunable polycistronic RNA expression platform for in vitro and in vivo delivery

### 2:34pm PITCH TEAM #3 - STEALTHGENE

Creating gene therapies to evade the immune system

### 2:46pm PITCH TEAM #4 - MAQEC SOLUTIONS

Magnetic external control system for enhanced drug screening capabilities

### 2:58pm PITCH TEAM #5 - METABA

Novel adjunctive therapeutic for tuberculosis targeting metabolism

### 3:10pm PITCH TEAM #6 - OSEM

Rapid prototyping platform with customizable tools to develop nanodrugs

### 3:22pm NETWORKING BREAK

### 3:45pm IMPROVE YOUR PRESENTATION SKILLS

- [Judy Fortin](#), Chief of Communications, [UCLA Health](#)

### 4:25pm NETWORKING BREAK

### 4:40pm INDUSTRY SPONSORED RESEARCH PRESENTED BY UCLA TDG

An interactive discussion on the best practices for postdocs to obtain Sponsored Research Agreements with the biopharma industry and how to maintain a successful collaboration.

- Moderated by [Tom Novak](#), CSO, [Autobahn Labs](#)

#### Panelists include:

- [Dan Gorman](#), Principal Scientist & Group Leader, [Merck](#)
- [Jessica Malloy](#), External Research Program Lead, [Kite, a Gilead Company](#)
- [Nick Mourlas](#), Head of JLABS - San Diego, [Johnson & Johnson Innovation](#)
- [Ryan Potts](#), Scientific VP of Research and Chair of R&D Postdoc Program, [Amgen](#)

### NON-DILUTIVE FUNDING SEMINAR

Enlightenment/South 2nd Floor

- Opportunities for faculty & startups to learn about non-dilutive funding opportunities, including SBIR awards, translational grant programs, and others

- Opportunities to connect with representatives from select funding programs

### 3:00pm WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- [Dave Whelan](#), CEO, [BioscienceLA](#)

### 3:10pm NIH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Explore priorities, opportunities, and strategies with leaders from NIH institutes – with a focus on how LA’s diverse population represents a major priority for NIH funders and opportunity for LA founders

Moderated by [Carlos Gutierrez](#), Chief Strategy Officer, [Larta Institute](#)

#### Panelists include:

- [National Heart Lung and Blood Institute](#)
- [National Institute of Aging](#)
- [National Institute of Minority and Health Disparities](#)
- [National Institute of Neurological Sciences and Stroke](#)

*Note: Due to NIH travel schedules, participants are subject to change.*

### 4:00pm NON-DILUTIVE FUNDING STRATEGIES

Hear from experienced founders and advisors on best practices for non-dilutive funding

Moderator: [Nick Mourlas](#), Head of JLABS - San Diego, [Johnson & Johnson Innovation](#)

#### Panelists include:

- [Rupak Doshi](#), CEO, [OmniSync](#)
- [Earle Hager](#), Managing Partner, [The Neutrino Donut, LLC](#)
- [Shu Li](#), CEO, [Petri Bio](#)

### 4:45pm ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Meet our experts to explore specific ways that you can engage with them directly

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### LA BIOMANUFACTURING SHOWCASE

Legacy/South 2nd Floor

#### 2:30pm WELCOME BY

- [Shaym Patel](#), Senior Director of Business Development and Alliance Management, [California Institute for Regenerative Medicine \(CIRM\)](#)

#### 2:32pm KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- [Mitra Cruz](#), VP of Manufacturing, Site Head – El Segundo Manufacturing Facility, [Kite, a Gilead Company](#)

#### 3:05pm WHAT TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS ARE NEEDED TO DELIVER ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE ADVANCED THERAPIES TO PATIENTS?

- Moderated by [Gregory Theyel](#), PhD, Director, [Biomedical Manufacturing Network](#)

##### Panelists include:

- [Mohamed Abou El Einin](#), Executive Director, Joint USC/CHLA Cell Therapy Program, USC
- [Sylvain Roy](#), CTO, [ImmPACT Bio](#)
- [Dhruv Sareen](#), Founding Director of the (IPSC) Core Facility, [Cedars-Sinai](#)
- [Dawn Ward](#), Associate Clinical Professor, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine

#### 3:50pm NETWORKING BREAK

#### 4:10pm HOW THE GROWING LA BIOMANUFACTURING ECOSYSTEM IS WELL POSITIONED TO ADVANCE CELL AND GENE THERAPY DEVELOPMENT

- Moderated by [Gregory Theyel](#), PhD, Director, [Biomedical Manufacturing Network](#)

##### Panelists include:

- [Taby Ahsan](#), Vice President, Cell and Gene Therapy Operations, [City of Hope](#)
- [Elie Hanania](#), PhD, VP of Process Development Viral Vector Technologies, [Avid Bioservices](#)
- [Brianna Schoen](#), PhD, Sr. Scientific Director, [Charles River Laboratories](#), Cell Solutions

### UCLA UNIFIED RESEARCH THEME INTERACTIVE SHOWCASE

All Research Showcases are approximately 75 minutes each and may include a mix of

- Roundtable Discussions
- Panels
- Scientific Research Posters

#### 1:45pm UCLA RESEARCH SHOWCASE: [METABOLISM](#)

Artistry/South 2nd Floor, South Wing

All Roundtable Discussions Led by [Orlan Shirihaj](#), Professor of Medicine and Molecular and Medical Pharmacology & Chair and Professor, Endocrinology, Diabetes and Hypertension, UCLA

Participants TBA

##### Confirmed Topics:

- Liver disease
- Myopathies
- Cancer & Immuno-Metabolism
- Obesity & Diabetes

#### 1:45pm UCLA RESEARCH SHOWCASE: [REGENERATIVE MEDICINE](#)

Centennial Ballroom AB/1st Floor

• Led by [Thomas Rando](#), Director Broad Stem Cell Research Center, UCLA

- [Yvonne Chen](#), Associate Professor, UCLA
- [Denis Evseenko](#), Director of Skeletal Regeneration, USC
- [Don Kohn](#), Distinguished Professor, Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, UCLA
- [Antoni Ribas](#), Professor of Medicine, Molecular and Medical Pharmacology, UCLA
- [Lili Yang](#), Associate Professor, Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, UCLA

- Introduction of each researchers' work
- Translation of basic stem cell research into clinical trials
- Commercialization of stem cell findings

#### 1:45pm UCLA RESEARCH SHOWCASE: [CARDIOVASCULAR](#)

Centennial Ballroom CD/1st Floor

• Led by [Arijun Deb](#), Professor, Cardiology, UCLA

- [Hooman Allayee](#), Professor of Populations & Public Health Sciences and Biochemistry & Molecular Medicine, USC
  - [Jau-Nian Chen](#), Professor, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology, UCLA
  - [Mansoureh Eghbali](#), Professor, Anesthesiology, UCLA
  - [Jake Lusis](#), Professor, Departments of Medicine, Human Genetics and Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics, UCLA
  - [Eduardo Marban](#), Executive Director, Smidt Heart Institute, Cedars-Sinai
  - [Riccardo Olcese](#), Director, Basic Science Research Program Administration, UCLA Health
- Speakers will present early technology all the way through technology that is ready for FDA submission

#### 3:00pm NETWORKING BREAK

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**3:10pm UCLA RESEARCH SHOWCASE: IMMUNITY, INFLAMMATION, INFECTION, AND TRANSPLANTATION (I3T)**

Centennial Ballroom AB/1st Floor

- Led by  
[Manish Butte](#), Professor, Pediatrics, UCLA  
[Dino Dicarlo](#), Professor/Vice Chair Grad Education, UCLA
- [Joe De Rutte](#), Co-Founder and CEO, [Partillion Bioscience](#)
- [Steven Jonas](#), Clinical Instructor, Pediatrics, UCLA
- [Negin Majedi](#), CEO, [Symphony Biosciences](#)
- [Andre Nel](#), Director of Research, [CNSI at UCLA](#)
- [Phil Scumpia](#), Assistant Professor-in-Residence, Medicine,

UCLA

- [Lili Yang](#), Associate Professor, Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, UCLA

**3:10pm UCLA RESEARCH SHOWCASE: CLINICAL TRIAL ACCESS & ENROLLMENT**

Centennial Ballroom CD/1st Floor

- Led by [Arash Naeim](#), Professor-in-Residence, Medicine, UCLA
- [Maria Garcia - Jimenez](#), Health Sciences Clinical Instructor, UCLA; Director of Oncology Research, [Olive View-UCLA Medical Center](#)
- [Edward Garon](#), Professor, Medicine, UCLA
- [Zul Surani](#), Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement & Cancer Research Center for Health Equity, [Cedars-Sinai](#)
- [Maria Velez Velez](#), Fellow, Division of Hematology Oncology, UCLA
- [Kabir Yadav](#), Vice Chair for Research & Academic Affairs/ Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, UCLA

**4:25pm NETWORKING BREAK**

**4:35pm UCLA RESEARCH SHOWCASE: ACCELERATING INNOVATION IN ONCOLOGY**

Centennial Ballroom AB/1st Floor

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

- Led by [Edward Garon](#), Professor, Medicine, UCLA
- [Steve Rosen](#), Provost & Chief Scientific Officer, [City of Hope](#)
- [Cristina Puig Saus](#), Assistant Adjunct Professor, Medicine, UCLA
- [David Shackelford](#), Associate Professor, Medicine, UCLA
- [Dennis Slamon](#), Director of Clinical/Translational Research, UCLA

**4:35pm UCLA RESEARCH SHOWCASE: NEUROSCIENCE**

Centennial Ballroom CD/1st Floor

Neurotechnologies: Exploring the Future of Implantable Neural Devices

- Led by [Nanthia Suthana](#), Associate Director, Neuromodulation Division, Jane and Terry Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior, UCLA
- [Tyson Aflalo](#), Scientist, Convergent Research
- [Daniel Lu](#), Professor, UCLA
- [Dejan Markovic](#), Professor, Samueli School of Engineering, UCLA
- [Maryam Shanechi](#), Associate Professor and Viterbi Early Career Chair, [USC](#)

**LABEST 2023 CLOSING RECEPTION & NETWORKING**

**5:30pm JOIN US FOR DRINKS, BITES AND NETWORKING!**

Centennial Terrace/3rd Floor