


## SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 16, 2024




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### MONDAY, MAY 20 • PRE-EVENT



*Open to all Registered Attendees*

2:00 PM – 8:00 PM  **UCLA Campus**  
Ackerman Union Ballroom **Nucleate Final Pitch Showcase**  
8 PhD teams from area universities present their startups

### TUESDAY, MAY 21 • PRE-EVENT

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM  **Roundtrip Bus Tour from UCLA-Pasadena-UCLA**  
Sponsored by   **Pasadena Ecosystem Tour**  
*Open to LABEST VIPs Only*  
39 spots

Xencor Caltech based public biotech  
Caltech Famous Higher Ed Campus - what “Big Bang Theory” TV show is loosely based on  
Protomer Technologies A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Eli Lilly  
101 South Marengo an example of re-purposed space for bioscience  
HMRI – Huntington Medical Research Institute – emerging leader in biotech and lifescience ecosystem  
Doheny Eye Institute – Leader in Human Eyesight

1:00 PM – 7:30 PM  **Skirball Cultural Center**  
**First Look SoCal Innovation Showcase 2024**  
Alliance for SoCal Innovation  
24 startup teams pitch  
*Open to all Registered Attendees*  
*Continuous complimentary shuttle loop from UCLA to venue sponsored by Yuyu Pharma  Yuyu*

 **Keynote Address**  
Keith Strier, Vice President, Worldwide AI Initiatives, NVIDIA

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 • VIP PRE-EVENT

*Open to LABEST VIPs Only*

8:00 AM - Noon  **UCLA Campus**  
**UCLA Lab Tours**  
TBA

9:30AM  **Roundtrip Bus Tour from UCLA-Torrance -UCLA**  
**The Lundquist Institute and Biolabs Tour**  
The Lundquist Institute has over more than 120 principal investigators and 400 researchers in total working on 600 research studies  
Biolabs LA at The Lundquist Institute now houses 30 start-up bioscience companies  
Bonus stop: Kings Hawaiian, a uniquely Aloha Experience by serving irresistible baked goods and Hawaiian foods.

Noon  **Campus and Westwood Restaurant**  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
UCLA Ackerman Student Union Eateries  
Westwood Village Dining

1:30 PM  **Gateway to Drug Development Collaboration**  
Panelists:  
**Mike Jung**, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, UCLA  
**Stuart Conway**, Michael and Alice Jung Endowed Chair of Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery, UCLA

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Wednesday, May 22 Continued

2:00 PM

 **“Exciting Progress & Innovative Advancements in Ophthalmology”**

Panelists:

**Dennis O. Clegg**, Wilcox Family Chair in Biomedicine, Co-Director, Center for Stem Cell Biology and Engineering, Professor, [Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, UCSB](#)

**Peter Francis**, Chief Scientific & Chief Medical Officer, [Ray Therapeutics](#)

**Kristin Macdonald**, Retinitis Pigmentosa Patient Advocate

**Aya Barzelay Wollman**, Health Science Clinical Instructor Retina division, [UCLA Stein Eye Institute](#)

Moderated by **Abla Creasey**, Vice President of Therapeutics Development, [CIRM](#)

3:00 PM

**Networking Break**

3:15 PM

 **New Payment Models for Ultra Rare Diseases**

Panelists:

**Paul Ayoub**, CEO, Rarity PBC

**Abla Creasey**, Vice President, Therapeutics Development, [California Institute for Regenerative Medicine \(CIRM\)](#)

**Michael Meyers**, Vice Chairman, Head of M&A and Strategic Advisory Services, [H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC](#)

3:45 PM

 **“Pushing the Envelope to Reverse Fibrosis with Novel Technologies”**

Panelists:

**Dino Di Carlo**, Armond and Elena Hairapetian Chair in Engineering and Medicine, UCLA

**Brigitte Gomperts**, Associate Director of Translational Research, [UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center](#)

**Thomas Rando**, Director [UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center](#)


**Matthew James Thomas**, Head of Immunology & Respiratory Diseases Research, [Boehringer Ingelheim](#)

4:30 PM

**Pearl Cohen Poster Award Announcement**

**Mark Cohen**, Partner, Chair of the Life Sciences Practice Group, [Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer Baratz, LLP](#)

4:30 PM –  
6:30 PM

 **LUSKIN Conference Center**  
Centennial Terrace










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## THURSDAY, MAY 23 • LABEST 2024 MAIN EVENT

Open to all Registered Attendees

### LUSKIN CONFERENCE CENTER

7:00 AM	 Centennial Ballroom	<p><b>Registration Check-In &amp; Breakfast</b></p> <p> <b>UCLA Chancellor Gene Block</b></p> <p> <b>Robert Bradway</b> CEO, <a href="#">Amgen</a></p> <p> <b>California Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy at UCLA</b> Founders: <a href="#">Arie Belldegrun</a>, <a href="#">Eric Esrailian</a>, <a href="#">Gary Michelson</a> with <a href="#">Owen Witte</a>, UCLA Presidential Chair and <a href="#">Developmental Immunology</a></p> <p> <b>Christopher Viehbacher</b> CEO, <a href="#">Biogen</a></p> <p> <b>Meet the Experts in Drug Development</b> Panelists: <b>James Bradner</b>, Executive Vice President R&amp;D and CSO, <a href="#">Amgen</a> <b>Jane Grogan</b>, Executive Vice President and Head of Research, <a href="#">Biogen</a> <b>Priti Hegde</b>, Senior Vice President and Global Head of Research, <a href="#">Kite</a>, a <a href="#">Gilead Company</a> <b>Zachary Roberts</b>, Executive Vice President of R&amp;D, <a href="#">Allogene</a></p>	<p>Moderated by <b>Arie Belldegrun</b>, CEO, <a href="#">Bellco Capital</a></p>
1:30 PM	 Centennial Ballroom AB	<p> <b>Made in LA: Case Studies in Bio Success</b> Hear why several startups call the “City of Angels” their home Panelists: <b>Mark Alles</b>, CEO, <a href="#">TORL BioTherapeutics</a> <b>Sumant Ramachandra</b>, CEO, <a href="#">ImmPACT Bio</a> <b>James Robinson</b>, CEO, <a href="#">A2 Biotherapeutics</a></p>	<p>Moderated by <b>Amir Naiberg</b>, AVC, CEO and President, <a href="#">UCLA Technology Development Group</a></p>
2:30 PM	 Centennial Ballroom CD	<p><b>LABEST Research Pavilion</b> A MUST SEE! An exciting new program that features over 30 Medical Departments exhibiting their latest developments.</p>	
3:00 PM	 Centennial Ballroom AB	<p> <b>The Latest Trends in Venture Capital Investing</b> A stellar panel of VCs provide valuable insight Panelists: <b>Mira Chaurushiya</b>, Managing Director, <a href="#">Westlake Bio</a> <b>Sahil Chopra</b>, Principal, <a href="#">Vertex Ventures HC</a> <b>Jakob Dupont</b>, Executive Partner, <a href="#">Sofinnova Investment</a></p>	<p>Moderated by <b>Josh Greene</b>, Chairman Emeritus, <a href="#">National Venture Capital Association</a></p>

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Thursday, May 23 Continued

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM  Showcase Rooms

## Afternoon Showcase Highlights

**Startup Ecosystem** hosted by [Larta Institute](#) and [The Lundquist Institute](#)

**Learning Lounge / 1st Floor Laureate Room** hosted by [King and Spalding](#)

**Biomanufacturing** hosted by [CIRM](#) and [NIIMBL](#) Biomanufacturing Consortium

### Hot Topic: Metabolism

- **Orian Shirihai**, Professor, [Molecular and Medical Pharmacology](#), UCLA

### Hot Topic : Basic Neuroscience with Clinical Translation Potential

- **Rhonda Voskuhl**, Professor, [UCLA Dept. of Neurology](#); Director, UCLA Multiple Sclerosis Program; Faculty Neurologist, UCLA Comprehensive Menopause Care Program; Jack H. Skirball Chair
- **Lindsay M. De Biase**, Assistant Professor, [Department of Physiology](#); David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
- **Jason Hinman**, Associate Professor & Vice Chair of Research, UCLA Department of Neurology; Stroke Program Director, [WLA VA Medical Center](#)

 2nd Floor

**[Pearl Cohen Poster Displays](#)** **PEARL COHEN**

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  3rd Floor Centennial Terrace

 **LABEST 2024 Closing Reception**