

AGENDA

📍 Illumination, 2nd Floor

- 10:00am FROM ACADEMIA TO INDUSTRY: HOW TO ORIENT YOURSELF TO PHARMA AND BIOTECH JOB MARKETS**
Pejman Azarmina, Director, Physician-Scientist Career Development Office, DGSOM; Former Senior Medical Director, Pfizer
- 10:30am WORKSHOP WITH AUTOBAHN LABS: STRATEGIES FOR DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF NOVEL THERAPIES**
Tom Novak, CSO
(A Samsara BioCapital/Evotec Incubator)
- 11:15am A CAREER JOURNEY INTO WHITE SPACE**
Laurens Kruidenier, CSO, Cellarity
(A Flagship Pioneering Company)
- 12:00pm WORKSHOP WITH PEARL COHEN LLP: FTO/DUE DILIGENCE FROM AN INVESTOR PERSPECTIVE**
Mark Cohen, Senior Partner & Chair of Life Science Practice Group, Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer Baratz, LLP
- 12:30pm DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGIES FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN LIFE SCIENCES**
Main Ballroom
Moderator: Angela Talton, SVP and Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, City of Hope
John Balchunas, Workforce Director, NIIMBL
Helena Hansen, Professor and Chair, Health Equity in Translational Social Science (HETSS), UCLA
Tracy Johnson, Dean, Life Science Division, UCLA
Britt Kopping, Head of Recruiting Strategy for R&D Americas, Genentech
Perika Sampson, Global Head of Inclusion & Diversity, Gilead Sciences
- 1:30pm LUNCH/NETWORKING**
- PITCH SHOWCASE: NUCLEATE ACTIVATOR PROGRAM**
- 2:15pm INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW OF NUCLEATE'S ACTIVATOR PROGRAM**
Alex Kim, UCLA
Bryan Gerber, Caltech
- 2:30pm PITCH 1: REBREATHE**
G-Protein Coupled Receptor Stimulation for Opioid Addiction Treatment
Evgeny Bondarenko, UCLA
Anjali Vahalia, KGI
- 2:42pm PITCH 2: LYMPHAGEN**
Retinoic Acid to Prevent Post-Surgical Lymphedema
Alex Wong, City of Hope
Tiffany Tran, UCLA
Matt Chenoweth, UCLA Fielding
Matthew Bleich, UCLA Anderson
- 2:54pm PITCH 3: GAMMUNITY**
Memory CAR-Gamma Delta T Cells Against Solid Tumors
Derek Lee, UCLA
Yang (Alice) Zhou, UCLA
Zach Dunn, USC
Yifan (Anna) Ma, USC Marshall
- 3:06pm PITCH 4: CURIT BIOTECH-LA**
Anti-CD64 Human Cytolytic Fusion Proteins (hCFPs) for the Treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia
Fleury Nsole Biteghe, Cedars-Sinai
Stefan Barth, UCT
Anuksha Arsh Gulati, KGI
Olusiji Alex Akinrinmade, UCT
- 3:18pm PITCH 5: COGITO BIOSYSTEMS**
Focused Ultrasound Delivery of RNA Therapeutics
Joseph Alzagatiti, UCLA/UCSB
Victor Yu, UCLA
Catherine Sim, UCLA Anderson, Takeda
- 3:30pm PITCH 6: ORAFAY**
Microneedle Therapy for the Treatment of Reverse Gum Deterioration
Cher Zhang, UCLA Samueli
Crystal Xiao, UCLA Samueli
Raul Hernandez, UCLA Anderson
Martin Keyt, UCLA Anderson
- 3:42pm BREAK/NETWORKING**
- 4:10pm PANEL DISCUSSION: LIFE SCIENCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP, THE STARTUP JOURNEY, AND BEYOND**
Moderator: Amelia Palermo, UCLA
Bassil Dahiyat, President and CEO, Xencor
Helen Kim, Senior Managing Director, Vida Ventures
Sarkis Mazmanian, Luis B. and Nelly Soux Professor of Microbiology, Caltech
Bryan Yoo, CEO, Nuanced Health

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

NUCLEATE a free collaborative student-run organization that facilitates the formation of pioneering life science companies
UCLA PDA (POSTDOC ASSOCIATION) a volunteer organization run by postdocs that aims to build, enrich, and support the larger community of postdoctoral scholars at UCLA