



Breakthrough News and Views



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The Power of Connection

Innovation is often measured by breakthroughs, discoveries and milestones. Yet behind every advancement is something equally important: **connection**.

At Fitzsimons Innovation Community, we believe innovation thrives when people come together to share ideas, challenge assumptions and build relationships that create new possibilities. Over the past month, we've seen that commitment to connection in action across our campus and throughout Colorado's growing life sciences ecosystem.



In May, our team joined hundreds of industry leaders at the Colorado BioScience Association's All Member Meeting, which welcomed a record number of attendees from across the state's life sciences community. The energy in the room reflected Colorado's growing momentum as a center for health innovation and reinforced something we know well: meaningful progress happens when organizations, researchers, entrepreneurs and industry partners come together to learn from one another.

We also had the privilege of welcoming a distinguished delegation from Iași, Romania, for a thoughtful exchange focused on healthcare innovation, research and economic development. The visit highlighted the value of global collaboration and the opportunities that emerge when innovation communities share knowledge and perspectives.

Our commitment to collaboration was evident at the CU Anschutz Innovations Forum, where innovators, researchers and entrepreneurs gathered to explore ideas. Events like these demonstrate the strength of our campus as a place where discovery, expertise and entrepreneurship intersect.

The strongest innovation communities are not built by buildings, funding or technology alone. They are built by people who choose to engage, share their expertise, support one another and invest in a shared future. That commitment to connection is what sets this community apart and what gives me confidence in the opportunities ahead.

I appreciate your continued engagement in the connections and collaborations that strengthen this community every day.

Kelly Jean Brough

President & CEO

Fitzsimons Innovation Community

Innovation Spotlight: Intero Biosystems

Intero Biosystems Receives Key Funding to Advance Innovation

Congratulations to [Intero Biosystems](#) on receiving an Advanced Industries Accelerator Grant from the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). Intero was among the Colorado life sciences companies recognized during the latest funding cycle, which awarded nearly \$7.5 million to innovators across the state's advanced industries.



These grants provide critical non-dilutive funding that helps early-stage companies accelerate growth, attract investment and advance breakthrough technologies. As a member of Fitzsimons Innovation Community, Intero Biosystems is helping strengthen Colorado's reputation as a hub for life sciences innovation and entrepreneurship.

We are proud to celebrate this milestone and look forward to seeing Intero's continued impact on the future of healthcare innovation.

[Learn More](#)

Community Updates & Milestones

Turning Research Into Hope: Pearl Scientific's Fight Against Postpartum Breast Cancer

Postpartum breast cancer is an aggressive and often under-recognized form of the disease that affects approximately 18,000 women each year. In the latest HIE Impact story from CU Anschutz Innovations, Traci Lyons, PhD, and Virginia "Ginger" Borges, MD, MMSc, share how their discovery of SEMA7A as a key driver of postpartum breast cancer led to the launch of [Pearl Scientific](#) and the development of a potential first-in-class therapy.



Early studies have shown remarkable promise, with the therapy not only slowing cancer progression but eliminating cancer cells in mouse models. With support from CU Anschutz Innovations, the team continues to advance development efforts toward future human clinical trials.

A member of Fitzsimons Innovation Community located in Bioscience 1, Pearl Scientific exemplifies how collaboration across research, clinical care and entrepreneurship can accelerate discoveries with the potential to improve patient outcomes.

[Watch Now](#)

Have a win to share? [Email us](#) your updates and milestones – we'd love to highlight your work.

Building Colorado's Life Sciences Workforce



Investing in the People Behind the Innovation

While Colorado's life sciences ecosystem is powered by breakthrough discoveries and emerging companies, its continued growth depends on a strong workforce equipped with the skills needed to bring new therapies, technologies and healthcare solutions to market.

As the industry evolves, demand continues to grow for professionals who understand quality systems, regulatory requirements, compliance and product development. These roles are essential to helping organizations navigate complex pathways from research and development to commercialization and patient impact.

Building and retaining this talent is critical to Colorado's competitiveness as a life sciences hub. Workforce development programs, industry partnerships and continuing education opportunities help ensure that both individuals and organizations can adapt to changing industry needs while strengthening the ecosystem as a whole.

For those interested in exploring one such opportunity, **CU Denver** | **CU Anschutz** and the **Colorado BioScience Institute** are hosting an upcoming information session about the Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs (QA/RA) Certificate Program, which prepares professionals for key roles across the life sciences sector.

Whether you're building your own expertise or supporting the growth of your team, we encourage you to take advantage of opportunities like this. The future of Colorado's life sciences ecosystem depends on the people who choose to invest in learning, growth and innovation.

QA/RA Certificate Program Information Session

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

QUALITY ASSURANCE & REGULATORY AFFAIRS

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM INFO SESSION



The QA/RA Certificate Program is a flexible, online learning opportunity designed to help you build in-demand skills in quality assurance and regulatory affairs—supporting your career growth in the life sciences sector.

**UPSKILL. RESKILL.
ADVANCE YOUR CAREER.**



Thursday, June 4 at 12:30 p.m.

WE OFFER

- Online, flexible courses
- 3-day, in-person immersion experience
- Capstone experience with real-world case studies and mentorship through the Colorado BioScience Institute

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Fitzsimons Summer BBQ & E-Recycling Event is coming soon...

Mark your calendars for one of Fitzsimons Innovation Community's favorite summer traditions. On Wednesday, July 15, community members are invited to enjoy a complimentary BBQ and take advantage of a convenient on-site E-Recycling Event.

The Community BBQ will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the lawn between Bioscience 1 and The Chapel, offering an opportunity to connect with colleagues and neighbors from across campus.

The E-Recycling Event will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., making it easy to responsibly dispose of approved electronic items while you're on campus.

We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of community, connection and sustainability.

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SUMMER BBQ & E-RECYCLING EVENT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026



**COMMUNITY
BBQ**

11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Between BS1 & The Chapel

Join your Fitzsimons community
for a complimentary
summer BBQ!



**E-RECYCLING
EVENT**

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Drop off approved
electronic items for
secure recycling
throughout the day.





✓ ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Computers & Laptops
- Monitors
- Keyboards & Mice
- Tablets & Cell Phones
- Cables & Power Cords
- Other Electronic Equipment

✗ NOT ACCEPTED

- Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Ink/Toner Cartridges
- Household Appliances
- Hazardous Materials
- Paper or Cardboard



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Events & Opportunities

BioScience on Tap

Thursday, June 11 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Northglenn, CO

Join the Colorado BioScience Institute community at Prost Brewing Northglenn Biergarten for a fundraiser benefitting education, workforce and talent development programs designed to cultivate and diversify the state's life sciences workforce. The 2026 Colorado BioScience Institute Mentor of the Year Awardee will be announced during the event!

Register [HERE](#).

International Workshop on Bio-Design Automation

Saturday, June 13 – Saturday, June 20

Boulder, CO

Hosted by CU Boulder, this workshop brings together researchers and industry partners working on the latest advances in software for synthetic biology, biological design automation, reproducible workflows and biological engineering standards.

Register [HERE](#).

BIO 2026: The Global Biotech Event

Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25

San Diego, CA

The world's largest gathering of the biotechnology community, bringing together innovators, investors, researchers and leaders focused on strengthening public-health systems and turning discovery into results.

Register [HERE](#).

Colorado School of Mines: Fall 2026 Career Days

Tuesday, September 15 – Wednesday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Golden, CO

One of the largest career fairs in the Rocky Mountain region! Recruiters can attend to connect with students, network with industry peers and find ready-to-hire talent.

Learn more and register [HERE](#).

The Watson Institute Environmental Sustainability Entrepreneurship Program

August – November

Denver, CO

Do you know someone building a business that's good for people and the planet? ESEP is a fully-funded, no-cost fellowship for early-stage entrepreneurs who are creating environmental products or services. Fellows will receive:

- 16-week expert-led entrepreneurship and leadership training
- Financial tools and workshops
- Pitch coaching
- \$1,000 community development grant
- Global network of 2,400 peers and alumni

Priority application deadline June 21, 2026.

Apply [HERE](#).

2026 Rocky Mountain Life Sciences Investor & Partnering Conference

Wednesday, September 30 – Friday, October 2

Grand Hyatt Vail | Vail, CO

Nearly 40 investor-ready companies from Colorado and the broader Rocky Mountain West will participate in a comprehensive pitch training process before presenting to investors and strategic partners from across the U.S. Learn about fast-growing quantum companies deepening the state's technology base and enjoy Vail during peak fall color season.

Sponsorships available.

Registration Open Now [HERE](#).

The MedTech Conference

Sunday, October 18 – Wednesday, October 21

Boston, MA

Hosted by AdvaMed, The MedTech Conference will feature cross-cutting education led by top MedTech minds, live company presentations, hands-on tech demos and networking. Exhibition and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Register [HERE](#).

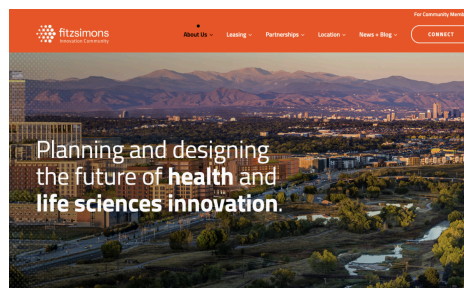
Community & Partner News



Community News

Explore What's New on the Fitzsimons Website

We're continuing to enhance the Fitzsimons Innovation Community website to make it easier to navigate, more accessible and more valuable for our members, partners and visitors.



Recent updates include the launch of a new **Community Resource** page, designed to connect members with helpful tools, programs and opportunities across Colorado's innovation ecosystem. We also invite you to explore our searchable **company directory**, which highlights the diverse organizations that call Fitzsimons home, and visit the **Master Plan** page to learn more about the vision guiding the future growth of our campus.

These updates are part of an ongoing effort to improve the user experience and better showcase the people, companies and resources that make our community unique. We encourage you to take a look around and be on the lookout for additional enhancements in the months ahead.



Partner News

[Startup Prize: Health accepting applications from health, medical and life sciences startups, with opportunity to compete for \\$10,000 in non-dilutive funding. Apply by June 15.](#)

[Colorado-based grant consulting firm, Akela, purchased by Grant Engine – SBIR program reinstated with active solicitations available now.](#)

[BIO President & CEO calls for immediate strengthening of FDA after the firing of thousands of employees and shifting standards for drug approvals.](#)

[The Center for Devices and Radiological Health launches an innovation challenge to give patients access to home medical devices to reduce hospital readmission. Submissions accepted through September 2026.](#)

[CU Anschutz introduces ASCEND cell and gene therapy program, giving investigators a roadmap from concept to first-in-human studies.](#)

[The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute \(NHLBI\) and March of Dimes present a five-part virtual series highlighting resources for translational researchers and companies developing novel technologies for addressing maternal mortality and morbidity.](#)

[National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering C3i program seeks applicants for 24-week Concept to Clinic program.](#)

[Boettcher Foundation awards \\$2 Million to Colorado Biomedical Researchers, including four CU Anschutz-based scientists.](#)

[Innosphere announces 38 startup companies advancing solutions across biopharma, digital health, diagnostics, medical devices and therapeutics in life sciences cohort supported by the U.S. Economic Development Administration Build to Scale Grant.](#)

[CSU and CU Anschutz perform study assessing CAR-T cell treatment for canine patients with brain tumors.](#)

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