



Breakthrough News and Views



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Built for What Matters Most

At Fitzsimons Innovation Community, we often talk about accelerating the path from discovery to real-world impact. That focus reflects the pace and ambition of the work happening across our campus, but it is not the end goal. What ultimately defines progress across our campus is how it improves human health – how ideas become solutions, and how innovation reaches the people who need it most.



May is a powerful reminder of that purpose. As we recognize Mental Health Awareness Month, National Women's Health Month and Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month, we are reminded that innovation touches individuals, families and communities in ways that shape quality of life every day.

What sets this community apart isn't just the scale of innovation, but the intentional support behind it. Our model is built on connection, bringing together research, clinical proximity and commercialization to ensure companies have the relationships and resources needed to move from ideas to outcomes faster.

That support is especially critical in areas like special care like mental health and women's health, where progress depends on collaboration, access to clinical insight and the ability to translate innovation into care. Across campus, companies and partners are advancing solutions that address complex, often underserved health challenges in an environment designed to remove barriers and accelerate progress.

Ultimately, innovation only matters if it reaches people – and here at Fitzsimons, that is exactly what we are built to do.

Kelly Jean Brough

Innovation Spotlight

Suite 217: Where Innovation Connects and Scales

Here at Fitzsimons Innovation Community, innovation is driven by connection, and designed to scale. Bioscience 1 features a unique opportunity for companies at every stage of innovation – from emerging startups to established ventures – to leverage shared laboratory environments that support both immediate needs and long-term growth.



Suite 217 is one example of how a flexible model brings together diverse innovators working across bioscience, with access to shared infrastructure, scalable lab space and proximity to the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. The result is a dynamic environment where companies can move efficiently, expand strategically and benefit from being part of a connected community.

This month's Innovation Spotlight highlights four companies in Suite 217, and how shared space is helping them advance their work, adapt as they grow and accelerate the path from discovery to real-world impact.

[Read the full story](#) →

Community Updates & Milestones

GelSana Brings Novel Wound Dressing to Market

GelSana Therapeutics has introduced **CleraFlex™**, a next-generation stretchable hydrogel designed to improve care for chronic wounds. Built with advanced polymer technology, the innovation is engineered to conform to the body, support healing and enhance patient comfort – marking a meaningful step forward in wound care solutions.



"I could not be more proud of our GelSana team," said GelSana CEO and Founder, Dr. Melissa Krebs, Ph.D. "We built this product for patients who have been underserved by decades of incremental wound care innovation, and this is just the beginning."

GelSana is actively pursuing partnerships with distributors, healthcare systems and strategic investors to accelerate market access.

[Learn More](#)

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

Step Outside: Experience Fitzsimons Beyond the Lab



Fresh air, open space and a community designed to help you recharge...

As the days get longer and the weather warms, Fitzsimons Innovation Community invites you to take full advantage of everything happening beyond your workspace. Whether it's stepping out for a walking meeting, enjoying lunch in one of the campus' shaded outdoor areas or simply taking a few minutes to reset in the fresh air, getting outside is an easy and energizing part of the day here.

Throughout the summer, the Central Green becomes a natural hub for connection – hosting outdoor events, casual gatherings and moments that bring the community together in a more relaxed setting. It's a place where workdays extend into something more, offering opportunities to connect, unwind and experience the campus in a different way.

And just beyond our campus, even more options await. Sand Creek Park, just to the north, offers trails and open space for a quick walk or bike ride, while Bluff Lake Nature Center provides a peaceful escape only minutes away. Whether you have five minutes or a full break to spare, these nearby spaces make it easy to recharge, reconnect and enjoy the natural surroundings that make this community unique.

Plus, check out this special perk for Fitzsimons Campus community members:

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Innovation in Motion

Fitzsimons Innovation Community Welcomes New Companies

Our community is expanding. We're excited to welcome the latest companies to Fitzsimons – each innovator contributing to a shared environment where ideas move forward, faster.

We look forward to connecting, collaborating and supporting the next phase of growth.

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY



Aginnovation, LLC
Andon Bio, LLC
Intero Biosystems
Phytovo, Inc.
Pionarus Bio, Inc.

RefinedOrganoids, Inc.
Renova Biotech LLC
Stalagmite
Trilis Bioscience
Myomar

Learn. Educate. Network.

Events & Opportunities

2026 Regulatory Sciences Summit at CU Anschutz: Careers in Regulatory Affairs

Thursday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
890 N Revere Ct., Aurora, CO

Hosted by the Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology (BSBT) Master's Program at CU Anschutz in partnership with the Colorado Chapter of the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS), this summit will explore various regulatory roles in the healthcare/drug development/medical device industries. Learn more [HERE](#).

Chemical Engineering Research Symposium | Colorado School of Mines

Friday, May 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A one-day joint symposium with CU Boulder and Colorado State University that connects Front Range chemical engineering graduate students with industry professionals. Industry leaders will share practical insights, career lessons and real-world perspectives. Industry professionals can purchase tickets [HERE](#).

Executive Leadership: Energy, Relationships and Change | Colorado BioScience Institute

Wednesday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Flatiron Park, 2108 55th St., Boulder, CO

Facilitated by Rachel Kindt, Ph.D., a scientist and biotech executive turned leadership coach, this workshop is designed to address the specific needs of leaders at growing Colorado life sciences companies.

Register [HERE](#).

CU Boulder GoldLab Foundation | GoldLab Symposium

Thursday, May 14 – Friday, May 15

Boulder, CO + Virtual

A gathering of critical thinkers in bioscience, medicine, public policy and the humanities supporting initiatives dedicated to solving the nation's healthcare crisis.

Register [HERE](#).

Colorado SBDC | TechVenture Accelerator

Thursday, April 2 – Thursday, June 11

Virtual

The TechVenture Accelerator (TVX) is a 10-part cohort series specifically designed to help emerging science and technology companies in the State of Colorado. The program focuses on helping you grow through non-dilutive capital sources and technology commercialization. Learn more [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](#).

The Watson Institute Environmental Sustainability Entrepreneurship Program

August – November

Denver, CO

A fully-funded, no-cost fellowship for early-stage entrepreneurs who are creating environmental products or services, with expert-led training, mentorship, a community development grant and access to a 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

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. The first application period opened on March 2 and will close on **April 10**. A second application period will open on May 6 and close on June 3.

Registration Open Now [HERE](#).

Submit Company Applications [HERE](#).

Community & Partner News



Community News

Celebrating Medical Laboratory Professionals Week April 19-25

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week recognized the individuals whose work underpins modern healthcare.



From diagnostics to treatment decisions, lab professionals play a critical role in ensuring accuracy and improving patient outcomes. At Fitzsimons Innovation Community, this work is part of a connected environment where research, diagnostics and clinical care come together to drive real-world impact.

To mark the week, Fitzsimons hosted lobby activations, including treats and interactive Lab Week puzzles inspired by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS), creating space for the community to connect and celebrate these essential contributions.



Partner News

[The University of Colorado Anschutz Gates Institute achieves first-in-U.S. FDA clearance for campus-built CAR T-Cell therapy, allowing advance into Phase 1 clinical trial at Gates Biomanufacturing Facility.](#)

[University of Colorado Leeds School of Business reports that commercialization activities through Venture Partners at CU Boulder had an economic impact of \\$8.7 billion nationally and \\$5.1 billion across Colorado over five years.](#)

[Children's Hospital opens "Kool Clinic" as the first pediatric multidisciplinary clinic in the U.S. dedicated to Koolen-de Bries Syndrome.](#)

[RheumaGen Co-Founder and CEO joins Bio Report Podcast for a conversation on gene editing to cure common autoimmune diseases.](#)

[Colorado Economic Development Commission approves \\$3.5 million in tax incentives to medtech manufacturers Project Rhein and Project Hedge to expand manufacturing capacity in northern part of the state.](#)

[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 BioScience Association and Colorado BioScience Institute announce relaunch of Career Center, promoting open roles to a targeted audience of experienced life sciences professionals.](#)

[Alternative asset manager, Blackstone, collects \\$6.3 billion for the life science industry's largest-ever private investment fund.](#)

[Researchers from CU Anschutz discover how breast cancer cells hijack the lung's natural repair system, with suggestions for repurposed treatments to low metastatic cancer.](#)

[Women in Manufacturing \(WiM\) membership helps Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies build pathways for development and connection.](#)

[BIO President & CEO John F. Crowley warns about the urgency of safeguarding U.S. biotech leadership as a national security priority.](#)

[Foley Hoag provides guidance on announcement of Executive Order imposing new tariffs on imports of patented pharmaceuticals and associated pharmaceutical ingredients under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.](#)

[Colorado research team including scientists and engineers from University of Colorado \(CU\) Boulder, CU Anschutz and Colorado State University develops suite of therapies promising to reverse osteoarthritis within weeks and advances to the next phase of \\$33.5 million Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health \(ARPA-H\) grant project.](#)

[Webinar: New, non-opioid small molecule targets dopamine D3 receptor to treat opioid and other substance use disorders.](#)

[Registration Open Now! The 2026 Rocky Mountain Life Sciences Investor & Partnering Conference will be held 9/30-10/2 in Vail.](#)

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