



<b>Baylor College of Medicine Ventures</b>		 
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Commercialization Symposium</b>		
<b>Agenda</b>		
<b>Date:</b> February 18, 2025 <b>Time:</b> 8:30a – 4:30 pm	<b>Location:</b> Cullen Auditorium & Rayzor Lounge Baylor College of Medicine, Cullen Building One Baylor Plaza, Houston, TX 77030	

<b>8:00 – 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Check-in and Continental Breakfast (Rayzor Lounge)</b>	
<b>Session 1 – Welcome and Visionary Insights (Cullen Auditorium)</b>		
<b>9:00 – 9:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Paul Klotman, M.D.</b> President and CEO, Baylor College of Medicine
<b>9:05 – 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Overview of BCM Ventures</b>	<b>Joseph Petrosino, PhD</b> Chief Scientific Innovation Officer, BCM Ventures Chair, Department of Molecular Virology & Microbiology Professor, Molecular Virology & Microbiology Director, Alkek Center for Metagenomics & Microbiome Research
<b>9:30 – 9:55 a.m.</b>	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS I Building the World’s Most Efficient Life Sciences Ecosystem</b>	<b>William F. McKeon, MS</b> President and Chief Executive Officer Texas Medical Center
<b>Session 2 – Successful commercialization of academic technologies (Cullen Auditorium)</b>		
<b>9:55 – 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Getting the first venture funding: Questions to ask and lessons learned</b>	<b>Sarah Hein, Ph.D.</b> CEO, Co-Founder, March Biosciences  <b>Maksim (Max) Mamonkin, PhD</b> CSO, Co-Founder, March Biosciences Associate Professor, Center for Cell and Gene Therapy, Baylor College of Medicine
<b>10:15 – 10:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Patent Protection Strategies for AI-enabled Inventions in Healthcare and Life Sciences</b>	<b>Gina N. Shishima, PhD</b> Chief Strategy and Operations Partner Norton Rose Fulbright  <b>Q. Andy Guo, PhD</b> Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright
<b>10:35 – 10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>Academic Innovation to Guide Small-Molecule Drug Discovery</b>	<b>Damian Young, Ph.D.</b> Associate Director, Center for Drug Discovery Assistant Professor, Pharmacology & Chemical Biology and Pathology & Immunology Blue Square Discoveries Scientific Business Development Director
<b>10:55 – 11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>From Bench to Industry: Managing the transition from academia to industry</b>	<b>Juan Vera, M.D.</b> CEO, Marker Therapeutics
<b>11:15 – 11:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Medical devices: Moving from concept to tested prototype</b>	<b>Zaffer Syed, MBA, MS</b> CEO, Aspira Medical, Inc.
<b>11:35 – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS II ShangBay Capital: MedTech Venture Capital Investing</b>	<b>William Dai, MBA</b> Founding Managing Partner, ShangBay Capital

**Session 3 - Poster Session & Lunch (Rayzor Lounge)**

<p><b>12:00 – 1:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Poster Session &amp; Lunch (Rayzor Lounge)</b></p>	<p><b>Judges</b></p> <p><b>Amanda Burkhardt, MS, MBA</b> CEO, Phiogen Inc.</p> <p><b>Sarah Hein, Ph.D.</b> CEO, Co-Founder, March Biosciences</p> <p><b>Steve Lehmann, MBA</b> Vice President, Venture Operations Managing Director, Stargaze Portal Innovations</p> <p><b>Zaffer Syed, MBA, MS</b> CEO, Aspira Medical, Inc.</p> <p><b>Juan Vera, M.D.</b> CEO, Marker Therapeutics</p>
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**Session 4– Advancing Biomedical and Life Sciences Innovation (Cullen Auditorium)**

<p><b>1:30 – 1:55 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS III Unlocking Academic Potential through Entrepreneurship</b></p>	<p><b>Nancy Chang, PhD</b> President, The Tang Family Foundation Adjunct Professor, Baylor of College of Medicine</p>
<p><b>1:55 – 2:25 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Inspiring Insights: Panel Discussions with Leading PIs and Entrepreneurs Sharing Their Journeys to Success</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Michael Dilling, PhD,</b> Executive Director, Commercialization &amp; Technology Management, BCM Ventures</p>	<p><b>Amanda Burkhardt, MS, MBA</b> CEO, Phiogen Inc.</p> <p><b>Livia Eberlin, PhD</b> Professor of Surgery, Co-Director of INSTINCT, BCM</p> <p><b>Henry Skinner, PhD, MBE, MJur</b> CEO, AMR Action Fund</p>
<p><b>2:25 – 2:45 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Financing the Biomedical Venture: from Aha! to Series A</b></p>	<p><b>Steve Lehmann, MBA</b> Vice President, Venture Operations Managing Director, Stargaze Portal Innovations</p>
<p><b>2:45 – 3:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>	

**Session 5– Pitch “Shark Tank” Competition (Cullen Auditorium)**

<p><b>3:00 – 4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Shark Tank Presenters:</b></p> <p>Rama Kommagani, PhD Pathology</p> <p>Vamsi Varra, MD Dermatology</p> <p>Yingbin Fu, PhD Ophthalmology</p> <p>Alex Robert Flores, MD Neurosurgery</p> <p>Guowei Gu, PhD Breast Cancer Center</p>	<p><b>Judges</b></p> <p><b>Paul Klotman, M.D.</b> President and CEO, Baylor College of Medicine</p> <p><b>Nancy Chang, PhD</b> President, The Tang Family Foundation Adjunct Professor, Baylor of College of Medicine</p> <p><b>William McKeon, MS</b> President and Chief Executive Officer Texas Medical Center</p> <p><b>Henry Skinner, PhD, MBE, MJur</b> CEO, AMR Action Fund</p> <p><b>Steve Lehmann, MBA</b> Vice President, Venture Operations Managing Director, Stargaze</p>
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	Robert Britton, PhD Molecular Virology and MicrobiologySar	Portal Innovations
4:00 p.m.	<b>Awards and Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Joseph Petrosino, PhD</b> Chief Scientific Innovation Officer, BCM Ventures Chair, Department of Molecular Virology & Microbiology Professor, Molecular Virology & Microbiology Director, Alkek Center for Metagenomics & Microbiome Research
<b>Afternoon Reception &amp; Poster Viewing (Rayzor Lounge)</b>		