

Scientific Founders Program



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About the Scientific Founders Program

Welcome to this exciting collaboration between the Stem Cell Network (SCN) and OBIO® as we present the **Scientific Founders Program**—a transformative, week-long, in-person entrepreneurship training initiative tailored for aspiring entrepreneurs in regenerative medicine and their team members.

- Delivered by industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and subject matter experts, this intensive bootcamp will equip participants with the essential skills and knowledge needed to launch and grow successful regenerative medicine startups.
- Highlights include networking opportunities with fellow entrepreneurs and industry experts, access to advisors and mentorship, daily sessions to advance projects, and a focused curriculum covering pitch preparation, intellectual property protection, product/clinical planning, value proposition enhancement, and company structuring for global investment.
- The program will culminate in pitch deck presentations to a Venture Capital expert panel, providing a comprehensive and hands-on experience for all participants.

Weekly Agenda

Day	Time	Session
Monday January 22	8:30 – 9:00	Registration, Breakfast and Networking
	9:00 – 9:15	Welcome & Commercialization of Research Dr. Maura Campbell, President and CEO, OBIO®
	9:15 – 9:30	Program Introduction Andreea Norman, Director, Workforce Development, OBIO®
	9:30 – 11:00	From benchside to bedside – The entrepreneurial journey Dan Mamelak, Founder and President, Custom Biologics
	11:00 – 11:15	Coffee and Networking Break
	11:15 – 12:45	Intellectual Property Kazim Agha, Partner, Patent Agent, Aird & McBurney LP
	12:45 – 13:45	Lunch and Networking break
	13:45 – 15:15	Licensing Basics – Licensing IP from universities Bharti Ranavaya, Principal, New Venture Creation, UHN
	15:15 – 15:30	Coffee and Networking Break
	15:30 – 17:00	Project work and advisory meetings
Tuesday January 23	8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast and Networking
	9:00 – 10:00	Planning for Product & Clinical Development Success Calley Hirsh, Co-Founder & Director, weCANdev Consulting Group Inc.
	10:00 – 11:00	Regulatory Approvals – CGT, therapeutics Patrick Bedford, Co-Founder & Director, weCANreg Consulting Group Inc.
	11:00 – 11:15	Coffee and Networking Break
	11:15 – 12:15	Regulatory Process and Approvals – medical devices, digital health technologies Golddy Kaur, President, MedTech Regulatory Strategist Inc.
	12:15 – 13:15	Lunch and Networking break
	13:15 – 14:15	Market Research, Business Potential and Value Proposition Nick Kuryluk, CEO, Virtus Insights Inc.
	14:15 – 15:15	Company Financing Garima Ghale, Senior Manager, OBIO®
	15:15 – 15:30	Coffee and Networking Break
	15:30 – 17:00	Project work and advisory meetings

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Wednesday January 24	8:30 - 9:00	Breakfast and Networking
	9:00 - 10:00	Marketing, Reimbursement and Sales Nick Kuryluk, CEO, Virtus Insights Inc.
	10:00 - 11:00	Finance Fundamentals John Jordan, CEO, RNA Diagnostics
	11:00 - 11:15	Coffee and Networking Break
	11:15 - 12:15	Presentations and Communication Christine Allen, Entrepreneur & Professor, University of Toronto
	12:15 - 13:15	Lunch and Networking break
	13:15 - 14:15	Pitching Nick Kuryluk, CEO, Virtus Insights Inc.
	14:15 - 14:30	Coffee and Networking Break
	14:30 - 15:30	Sources of Non-Dilutive Funding Ann Wong, Managing Director, Ryan
	15:30 - 17:00	Project work and advisory meetings
	17:30 - 20:00	Networking Reception *Attendees must be registered in advance of attending the reception*
Thursday January 25	8:30 - 9:00	Breakfast and Networking
	9:00 - 9:15	Incorporation and Corporate Structure Vanessa Grant, Senior Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP
	10:00 - 11:00	Building Advisory Boards, Teams and Partnerships Ella Korets-Smith, Co-Founder, Virica Biotech
	11:00 - 11:15	Coffee and Networking Break
	11:15 - 12:15	Leading New Ventures Mari Bardavilias, Founder, Kleronomia
	12:15 - 13:15	Lunch and Networking break
	13:15 - 14:15	Exit Strategies - Options for CGT/regenerative medicine companies Brian Bloom, Co-Founder, Bloom Burton & Co.
	14:15 - 14:30	Coffee and Networking Break
	14:30 - 15:00	OBIO® Tools and Programs Christina Yeh, Vice President, Programs & Strategic Partnerships, OBIO®
	15:00 - 15:15	Class Photo
	15:30 - 17:00	Project work, advisory meetings, pitch practice
Friday January 26	8:30 - 9:00	Breakfast and Networking
	9:00 - 10:00	Fireside Chat with Entrepreneurs, Companies, VC's and Advisors
	10:00 - 11:15	Pitch Session 1
	11:15 - 11:30	Coffee and Networking Break
	11:30 - 12:45	Pitch Session 2
	12:45 - 13:00	Wrap-up, closing remarks and certificate presentation
	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch




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