



Day 1 | Tuesday, February 24

7:30am to 5:00pm | Conference Registration Open

9:00am to 3:00pm | 1:1 Partnering Meetings (Alfred Mitchell)

9:15am to 9:30am | Opening Remarks

- **James Schaeffer, Ph.D.**, VP, Business Strategy, PhenoTarget

9:30am to 10:30am | Feeding the Pipeline

Moderator: Nina Kjellson, General Partner, Canaan Partners

- **John Connolly, Ph.D.**, Chief Scientific Officer, Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy
- **Giulio Draetta, M.D., Ph.D.**, Chief Strategy Officer, Orionis Biosciences
- **Isy Goldwasser**, CEO, OmRx Oncology; CEO, Calibr BioVentures
- **Karla Frohmader Hilsaca**, Director, Business Development & Technology Development, Mayo Clinic

10:45am to 11:45am | AI & Drug Discovery: The Scorecard as of 2026

Moderator: D.A. Wallach, Co-Founder & General Partner, Time BioVentures

- **Evan Feinberg, Ph.D.**, Founder & CEO, Genesis Molecular AI
- **Thomas Miller**, Co-Founder & CEO, Iambic Therapeutics
- **Marc Tessier-Lavigne, Ph.D.**, Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO, Xaira Therapeutics

11:45am to 1:00pm | Networking Lunch (Arroyo Terrace)

1:00pm to 2:30pm | Small Company Presentations (Everett Jackson)

2:45pm to 4:00pm | Innovation & Productivity in China: Challenges & Opportunities for U.S. Biotech & Pharma

Moderator: Nancy Thornberry, Founding CEO & Chair, R&D, Kallyope

- **Paul Biondi**, Managing Partner, Flagship Pioneering
- **Niels Emmerich, Ph.D.**, Vice President, Search and Evaluation & Global Alliances, AbbVie
- **Judith Li**, Partner, Lilly Asia Ventures
- **Mathai Mammen, M.D., Ph.D.**, Chairman, CEO & President, Parabilis Medicines
- **Ken Song, M.D.**, Chairman, President & CEO, Candid Therapeutics

4:15pm to 5:15pm | What's Hot & What's Not in Venture Investing

Moderator: Rajarshi Banerjee, Partner, Ropes & Gray

- **Srini Akkaraju, M.D., Ph.D.**, Founder & Managing Partner, Samsara BioCapital
- **Richard Glynn, Ph.D.**, Acting CEO, Belharra Therapeutics; President & CSO, Inception Therapeutics Discovery Engine; Venture Partner, Versant Ventures
- **Corey Goodman, Ph.D.**, Managing Partner, venBio Partners
- **Carole Nuechterlein**, Head, Roche Venture Fund

5:30pm to 7:00pm | Welcome Reception (Charles Reiffel)



Day 2 | Wednesday, February 25

7:00am to 8:15am | Breakfast & Networking

7:30am to 5:00pm | Conference Registration Open

7:30am to 5:00pm | 1:1 Partnering Meetings (Alfred Mitchell & Hotel Rooms)

8:15am to 8:25am | Morning Remarks

- **Tim Scott**, President & CEO, Biocom

8:25am to 8:30am | Founding Co-Chair Remarks

- **Jennifer Giottonini Cayer**, Chief Business Officer, Pulmocide

8:30am to 9:30am | Pharma Partnering & Acquisitions: A View from the Top

Moderator: Steven Chinowsky, Moderator, Latham & Watkins

- **Erin Denny, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, External Research & Development Inflammation, Oncology, Amgen
- **Grace Han McMahon**, AVP and Head, Pacific Hub, BD&L, Merck
- **Jeremy Quirk**, VP, BD&L Commercial Portfolio, GSK

9:45am to 10:45am | Lessons to be Learned in Venture Investing

Moderator: Jim Krenn, Partner & Co-Chair, Emerging Companies and Venture Capital Group, Morrison Foerster

- **Tim Luker, Ph.D.**, Vice President, Lilly Ventures, West Coast USA Head, Corp BD, Eli Lilly
- **Detlev Mennerich, Ph.D.**, Global Head, Boehringer Ingelheim Venture Fund
- **Lior Teitelbaum, M.Sc.**, Principal, Venture Investments, Johnson & Johnson Innovation – JJDC
- **Chen Yu, M.D.**, Founder & Managing Partner, TCGX

11:00am to 12:15pm | Small Company Presentations (Everett Jackson)

12:00pm to 1:30pm | Networking Lunch (Arroyo Terrace)

1:30pm to 1:45pm | Capital Markets Update

- **Lyla Bibi**, Head, U.S. Healthcare Equity Capital Markets Group, Goldman Sachs

1:45pm to 2:45pm | Pharma Partnerships & Business Development Perspectives

Moderator: Adam Welland, Counsel, Technology & Life Science Transactions, Sidley Austin

- **Stacy Feld, J.D.**, Global Head, External Scientific Innovation, Johnson & Johnson Innovation
- **Issei Tsukamoto, Ph.D.**, Senior VP, Head of Business Development, Astellas Pharma

3:00pm to 4:30pm | Small Company Presentations (Everett Jackson)

4:30pm to 5:15pm | Fireside Chat

- **Sonia Gupta**, Partner, Goldman Sachs
- **Carole Neuchterlein**, Head, Roche Venture Fund

5:30pm to 8:30pm | Sunset Networking Reception (Arroyo Terrace)



Day 3 | Thursday, February 26

7:00am to 4:00pm | Conference Registration Open

7:30am to 8:15am | Breakfast & Networking

7:30am to 4:00pm | 1:1 Partnering Meetings (Alfred Mitchell & Hotel Rooms)

8:15am to 8:30am | Welcome Remarks

- **James Schaeffer, Ph.D.**, VP, Business Strategy, PhenoTarget

8:30am to 9:30am | Venture Perspectives in 2026

Moderator: Michael Bellin, Deals Partner & U.S. IPO Services Leader, PwC

- **Mira Chaurushiya, Ph.D.**, Managing Director, Westlake Village BioPartners
- **Benjamin Chen, Ph.D.**, Partner, Panacea Venture
- **Jon Edwards, Ph.D.**, Partner, Forbion
- **Tomotaka Goji, Ph.D.**, Co-Founder, Managing Partner, CEO, President & Representative Director, The University of Tokyo Edge Capital Partners
- **Deborah Palestrant, Ph.D.**, Partner & Executive Chair, 4:59 Initiative, 5AM Ventures

10:00am to 11:00am | Frontier AI/ML Approaches for Small-Molecule Drug Discovery

Moderator: Richard Heyman, Ph.D., Venture Partner, ARCH Ventures

- **Ben Cravatt, Ph.D.**, Professor & Gilula Chair, Chemical Biology, The Scripps Research Institute
- **James Fraser, Ph.D.**, Professor & Chair, Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences, California Institute of Quantitative Biosciences, UC San Francisco
- **Richard Tillyer, Ph.D.**, Global Head, Discovery, Product Development & Supply, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine

11:15am to 12:15pm | Heads of Pharma R&D: What Big Pharma Is Looking For

Moderator: Thomas Daniel, M.D., Director, Scripps Research; Chair & Founder, Life Science Cares San Diego

- **Jay Bradner, M.D.**, Executive Vice President, Research & Development, Amgen
- **Jonathon Sedgwick, Ph.D.**, Senior Vice President & Global Head, Discovery Research, AbbVie

12:15pm to 1:15pm | Networking Lunch (Arroyo Terrace)

1:15pm to 2:15pm | Mergers & Acquisitions

Moderator: Bradley Wolff, Senior Managing Director, Evercore

- **Jay Hagan**, President, CEO & Director, Ambros Therapeutics
- **Jeffrey Stein, Ph.D.**, President & CEO, Cidara Therapeutics

2:30pm to 3:30pm | Pharma Search & Evaluation: What Works & What Doesn't

Moderator: Stephen Abreu, Partner, Cooley

- **M. Jaione Maiz, Ph.D.**, Senior Director, External Partnering, Eli Lilly
 - **Avi Spier, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, Search & Evaluation, Novartis
 - **Tari Suprpto, Ph.D.**, Senior Director, Global Head of Search, Novo Nordisk
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Day 3 | Thursday, February 26

3:30pm to 4:30pm | VC Insights

Moderator: Jason Skolnik, Corporate Partner, Wilson Sonsini

- **Racquel Bracken**, General Partner, Venrock
 - **Jeremy Caldwell, Ph.D.**, Managing Director, Red Tree Venture Capital
 - **Jay Lichter, Ph.D.**, Managing Director, Avalon Ventures
 - **Carolyn Ng, Ph.D.**, Partner & Managing Director, TPG Life Sciences Innovations
 - **Michael Yee**, Global Head of Biotechnology Research & Senior Pharma and Biotech Analyst, UBS
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4:30pm to 4:45pm | Closing Remarks

4:45pm to 6:00pm | Closing Reception (Charles Reiffel)
