

SUNY – Biotechnology Innovations, Partnerships and Opportunities

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ABSTRACT

Biotech research in the United States is funded by the federal government based in part by advocacy for innovations to global healthcare issues. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the research enterprise to help deliver solutions such as new therapeutics and medical devices that will save and improve lives. With over \$1.0 billion in sponsored research, SUNY is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, and well positioned to continue to help deliver innovations to the global marketplace. SUNY incubators cover 11 campuses and 540,000 square feet of space, and SUNY campuses operate 311 SUNY tax-free areas, many of which, such as DTCI and BioBAT, are devoted to healthcare innovation. Companies affiliated with SUNY in the health and biotech fields have a strong history of success, collectively raising over \$265 million over the past five years. Some of the best venture capital funds in the world continue to invest in SUNY affiliated companies. Now, the SUNY Research Foundation intends to partner with Accelerate Long Island to form a new venture fund called “Accelerate New York”. Accelerate New York will focus a significant portion of its efforts to fund startup companies focused on healthcare and biotechnology innovation. In addition, SUNY RF is working with SUNY faculty and staff to attract entrepreneurs, angel investors and SBIR/STTR funding in a new program called “SUNY Start”. Finally, “SUNY Academic Industry Roundtables” or “SUNY AIR” seeks to foster discussions and match SUNY faculty members and service units to industry collaborators. In 2015, SUNY AIR will focus exclusively on healthcare research and innovation, and be part of Chancellor Zimpher’s SUNY CON 2015, held Oct. 29-30 at the Times Center in Manhattan NY.

BIOGRAPHY

Bryan Allinson was named Vice President for Innovation and Partnerships for the Research Foundation for SUNY (RF) in May 2014. In this capacity, he is responsible for coordinating SUNY’s efforts regarding innovation, industry partnering and economic development. Bryan works to coordinate the RF’s efforts to provide expert consultative services for enhanced research support including industry engagement, technology commercialization, new venture creation, research parks, incubators, web/media

accelerators, student competitions and other services. In this position, economic development, investor development, business services, government relations, support services and collaborative proposal development report to him. Bryan joins the RF from the University of Texas (UT) System where he served as Executive Director of the Office of Technology Commercialization and Managing Director of the UT Horizon Fund. Bryan is an active member of the National Association for University Technology Managers (AUTM), National Council of Entrepreneurial Technology Transfer (NCET2) and National Venture Capital Association (NVCA), and has served on the board of several high tech startups. As a member of AUTM, he serves as a co-editor of the licensing and startup metrics committee annual report.