

# BioUtah and the University of Utah’s PIVOT Center Announce Headline Speakers, Agenda for 2021 Virtual Entrepreneur & Investor Life Sciences Summit

*Head of Global Investment Opportunities Group of J.P. Morgan, Monica DiCenso, to address the state of the market and healthcare innovation at the February 25-26 noted Utah life sciences event*

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SALT LAKE CITY--(BUSINESS WIRE)--BioUtah, Utah’s only trade association dedicated solely to the life sciences, in partnership with the University of Utah’s Partners for Innovation, Ventures, Outreach & Technology (PIVOT) Center, today announced its agenda and distinguished keynote speaker, J.P. Morgan’s Monica DiCenso, for the 2021 Virtual Entrepreneur & Investor Life Sciences Summit (E&I Summit) to be held Feb. 25-26. Ms. DiCenso is the managing director and head of Global Investment Opportunities Group at J.P. Morgan Private Bank.

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“Ms. DiCenso’s expertise on market dynamics, particularly in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, will help set the stage for the two-day E&I Summit and shed light on the investment environment for the life sciences sector,” said Keith Marmer, chief innovation and economic engagement officer for the University of Utah.

To register and view the full agenda and speakers list, visit [eiflifesciencessummit.org](http://eiflifesciencessummit.org).

Also in the spotlight will be top-tier Utah CEOs of innovative life sciences companies, such as RenalytixAI, IONIQ Sciences and Alucent Biomedical. These CEOs will share their well-honed

perspectives on the search for funding.

Principals from national venture capital firms, including Bioventures Investors, Kaiser Permanente Ventures, Flare Capital, Exclaim Capital and Lightstone Ventures, will address changes in attracting investment as well as topics related to operating and developing life sciences companies. Panel discussions on capital raising for early-stage life sciences companies and finding funding in Utah bring together some of the best in the business - from General Inception, Echo Health Ventures and Vita Capital Partners to Park City Angels, Intermountain Ventures and Utah’s Small Business Innovation Research office, and more.

“We’re excited to have such world-class speakers,” said Kelvyn Cullimore, president and CEO of BioUtah. “Whether your focus is medical devices, diagnostics or therapeutics, the E&I Summit is designed to showcase all segments of our industry and connect innovators with the larger investment community.”

“Bringing BioHive into this year’s conference adds a whole new ‘buzz’ around our industry’s robust ecosystem and culture of entrepreneurship,” said Katelin Roberts, interim director of BioHive. BioHive is a bold branding initiative of BioUtah which aims to raise the profile of Utah’s fast-growing life sciences industry on a national and global scale. BioHive and its efforts to promote the state’s thriving healthcare innovation hub, will be prominently featured during the event.

The E&I Summit will hold its popular Pitch Competition virtually this year. [Ten companies](#) have been selected to pitch their product before a slate of seasoned judges. “We had more than 30 excellent applicants,” noted Cullimore. “Choosing only 10 was very difficult.” Information on all applicant companies will be available on the Summit platform in a section highlighting all 30 companies.

## About BioUtah

BioUtah is an independent 501(c)(6) trade association serving Utah’s life sciences industry. Its member companies reflect a broad spectrum of the industry with strengths in medical device manufacturing and services, research and testing, biotechnology, biopharmaceuticals, and advanced diagnostics, and healthIT, amongst others; and are a key driver of Utah’s economy. [BioHive](#), driven by BioUtah, is an industry branding initiative, in collaboration with key public partners, to bring cohesion within the broader industry and showcase the crucial innovations and contributions of the industry collective that boosts our state’s economy and helps patients worldwide.

## About the Partners for Innovation, Ventures, Outreach & Technology (PIVOT) Center

The [Partners for Innovation, Ventures, Outreach & Technology \(PIVOT\) Center](#) leads the University of Utah’s centralized and integrated strategy and operation for technology commercialization, corporate engagement and economic development. In doing so, the center serves as a hub for the U to foster partnerships between industry, university and government entities. The center formalizes the U’s commitment to broaden its impact on Utah’s economy by enhancing local and global collaborations to catalyze innovation. Dedicated to helping the University of Utah’s faculty inventors bring their innovations to market, PIVOTCenter is responsible for all aspects of invention management, patent prosecution, licensing, startup formation and support, equity management and early stage funding. The University of Utah was recently [ranked 2nd among large research universities for “innovation productivity impact.”](#)

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