

Present

# 2025 Building a Life Science Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

May 20, 2025 | 3:00pm - 6:00pm | Tyler, TX

### **Objectives:**

At the end of this activity, attendees should have increased information to discuss why Tyler is the location for new biotech opportunities, review challenges in the research process and the role of entrepreneurship in navigating biotech development and IP complexities to drive innovation and accelerate commercialization and analyze the critical role of technology transfer and licensing in Tyler's growing biotech sector, and how these processes drive innovation, bridge research and commercialization, and create new business opportunities in Tyler's biotech landscape.

#### Accreditation:

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler designates this live educational activity for a maximum of 2.25 AMA PRA Category 1 credit<sup>™</sup>. Participants should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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#### WHY TYLER? UNLOCKING BIOTECH OPPORTUNITIES IN THE HEART OF TEXAS



Scott Martinez, CEcD
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Pierre Neuenschwander, PhD, FAHA
Professor of Cellular & Molecular Biology, Director of the PhD
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#### OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IN BIOTECH: RESEARCH, IP, & ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Lisa Bush, MS, CIP
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## **TECH TRANSFER & LICENSING: FUELING BIOTECH GROWTH IN TYLER**



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