

# AUTM ANNUAL MEETING

# 2026

February 8–11 | Seattle, Washington  
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# CHAIR'S WELCOME

Welcome to Seattle! Let's Build Connections and Cultivate Knowledge Together!



Dear AUTM Members and Colleagues,

I am thrilled to welcome you to Seattle for the 2026 AUTM Annual Meeting! I couldn't be more excited to launch our biggest event of the year under the theme: Building Connections, Cultivating Knowledge.

The past year has tested the resilience of our profession. We have collectively navigated a demanding landscape, from unpredictable funding shifts and complex regulatory changes to rapid technological advancements that challenge our traditional models. These challenges require more than individual effort; they demand a powerful, unified response.

The AUTM Annual Meeting is the definitive place where the entire ecosystem comes together to tackle these obstacles head-on.

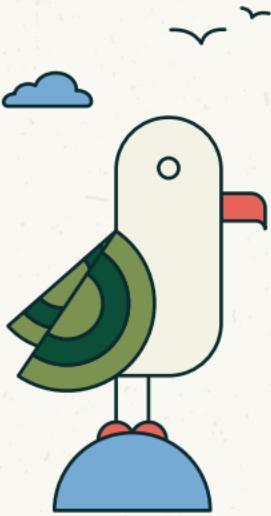
We have intentionally structured every session, reception, and coffee break to foster the professional bonds needed to solve shared problems. Whether you are strategizing with federal lab professionals, forging an agreement with an industry partner, or sharing a hard-won best practice with colleagues, these connections are the vital support network that helps us weather external pressures and identify collaborative solutions.

Our program is your premier resource for transforming challenges into opportunities. You can look forward to a schedule packed with thought-provoking sessions, from deep-dive policy discussions on federal investment and practical workshops on valuation in an uncertain economy, to forward-looking talks on navigating the intellectual property landscape of AI and identifying alternative financing models. We are committed to equipping you with the latest strategies and tools to drive innovation and ensure your institution remains resilient and effective in the face of rapid change.

Together, we will ensure that public research continues to be the engine that turns discovery into life-changing societal impact.

Welcome to Seattle – let's build the future of tech transfer together.

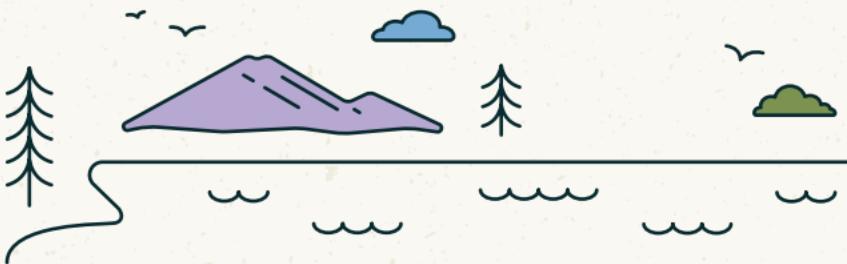
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Goswami".



**Rain or Shine,  
Seattle is Always  
in Season!**

**Seattle isn't just about  
drizzle and great coffee**  
(though it does both  
extremely well).

It's a city that hums with creativity, flavor, and panoramic views. Start your adventure at **Pike Place Market**, where flying fish and the **world's first Starbucks** set the tone for a day of quirky fun. From there, wander the **waterfront** for stunning views of Puget Sound — or hop on a **ferry** for a breezy escape to Bainbridge Island.



Take things sky-high at the **Space Needle**, then head next door to the **Chihuly Garden and Glass** for a swirl of color and artistry. Music lovers can dive into Seattle's rock roots at the **Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP)**, while foodies can snack their way through Capitol Hill's indie eateries or Ballard's cozy breweries.



Need some outdoor time? **Discovery Park**, **Gas Works Park**, and the **Washington Park Arboretum** offer fresh air and unbeatable skyline views. And when the sun sets, tuck into a rooftop bar, local jazz club, or waterfront restaurant to toast a day well spent.

Seattle's charm is in its mix of nature, innovation, and a good sense of humor about the rain. So grab your raincoat — and maybe a latte — and get to exploring.



For more Seattle  
hotspots, scan here!



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# 2026 AWARD FINALISTS

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The 2026 Better World Project Award celebrates tech transfer professionals who turn academic research into real-world impact.

Read the full stories by visiting [autm.net/bwp/2026-award](https://autm.net/bwp/2026-award) to learn about each finalist.



Visit [autm.net/bwp/vote](https://autm.net/bwp/vote) or scan here to vote!  
Voting closes at Noon PT on Tuesday, February 10.

## MEET THE FINALISTS & CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE:



### Photosynthesis 2.0: From UPM Research to a Global Agritech Breakthrough

If photosynthesis efficiency has remained largely unchanged for millions of years, could nanotechnology unlock a new layer of performance? Prof. Dr. Suraya Abdul

Rashid at the Universiti Putra Malaysia has developed carbon quantum dots from natural agricultural waste that, when applied to plant leaves, drive more photosynthesis to occur, a next-generation approach to light-use efficiency in plants. With QarboGrow, farmers see higher crop yields without requiring alterations to their existing growing practices.



## A Simple Blood Test from HKUST is Transforming the Alzheimer's Disease Ecosystem

Early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease remains a global challenge, as conventional diagnosis methods rely on costly and invasive procedures. A team led by Professor Nancy Ip at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology has developed patented blood biomarker assays that provide precise, stage-specific indicators of Alzheimer's from a simple blood draw. The team has also developed 21-protein diagnostic panels, enabling early detection and staging of the disease with 96% accuracy across ethnic groups.



## The Memorial Sloan Kettering Innovation Powering a Pediatric Cancer Breakthrough

Young children and early adolescents are among the most vulnerable cancer patients, with about 15,000 diagnoses each year in the U.S. Nai-Kong Cheung, MD, PhD, a medical oncologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, is fighting back. His team has developed innovative antibody therapeutics targeting some of the deadliest pediatric cancers. One breakthrough, Danyelza®, offers new hope for patients with neuroblastoma who have not fully responded to prior therapy.

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- View full session details
- Download handouts
- Search for licensing and collaboration opportunities
- Schedule one-on-one meetings
- Submit feedback

Download the AUTM Connect App to do all that and more while you're on the go.

Still have questions? Visit the AUTM Connect Help Desk at Registration in the Atrium Lobby, Level 4.

#### **AUTM CONNECT HELP DESK HOURS**

Sunday, February 8	1 – 5 p.m.
Monday, February 9	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, February 10	7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday, February 11	7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## AUTM CONNECT PARTNERING PLACE

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## AUTM CONNECT PARTNERING PLACE HOURS & LOCATION

### Room 6A

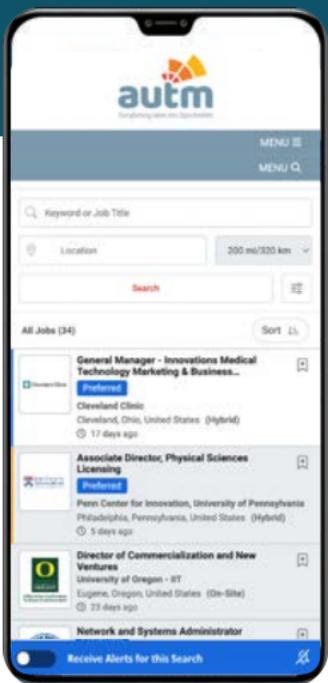
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## CAREER CENTER

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Visit [careercenter.autm.net](http://careercenter.autm.net) to get started!

# TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER



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We offer:

- The largest tech transfer job board
- The industry's go-to compensation database
- The biggest professional network in the field

Plus, in the AUTM Connect app, companies that are hiring are now marked with a special badge, making it easier than ever to spot organizations looking to recruit.

## STAY CONNECTED YEAR-ROUND

Join webinars, e-Groups, courses, and more to stay engaged with AUTM and keep your finger on the pulse of the industry throughout the year.

## CHECK OUT HOW YOUR SALARY COMPARES



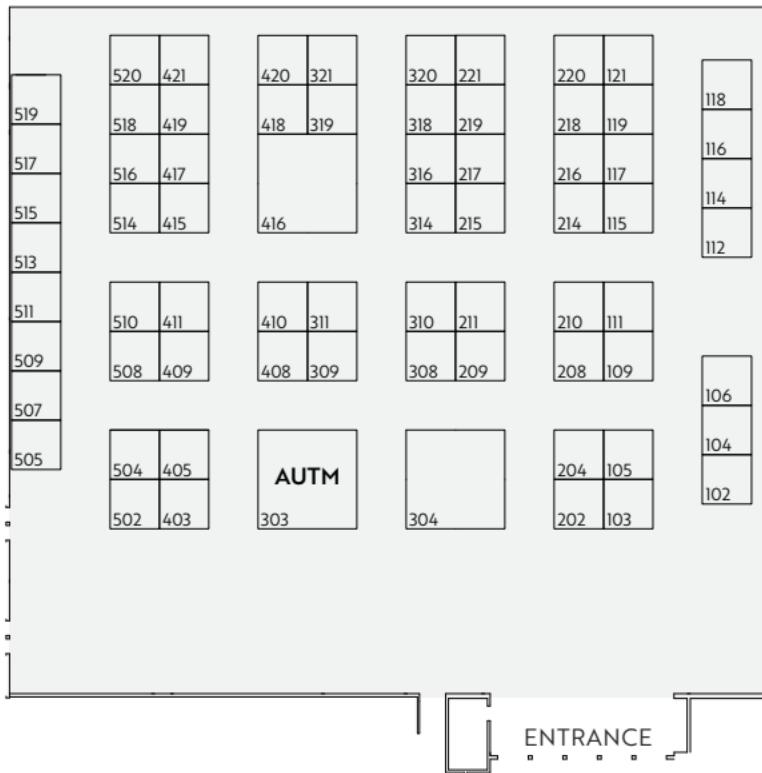
Access the Salary Survey database by scanning here!

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## EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

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Tuesday, February 10 9:30 AM – 4 PM

# SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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<b>7 a.m. – 5 p.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b> Atrium Lobby, Level 4
<b>7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Developing Your Comprehensive, Impactful, and Actionable Marketing Plan</b> <i>(Additional fee, seating limited)</i> Room 606
<b>7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Technology Valuation and the Financial Side of Licensing Course</b> <i>(Additional fee, seating limited)</i> Room 608
<b>7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Advanced Licensing: Strategy and Structure for Successful Deals</b> <i>(Additional fee, seating limited)</i> Room 609
<b>1 – 5 p.m.</b>	<b>AUTM Connect Help Desk</b> Atrium Lobby, Level 4
<b>1 – 5 p.m.</b>	<b>AUTM Connect Partnering Place</b> Sponsored by  OSAGE UNIVERSITY PARTNERS Room 6A
<b>7:30 – 8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chairs' Reception</b> <i>(By invitation)</i> Sponsored by <b>SULLIVAN &amp; CROMWELL LLP</b> Cirrus Ballroom, Sheraton Grand Hotel



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Learn more at [tradespace.io](https://tradespace.io)

# SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7 – 8 a.m.	<b>Coffee and Tea Available</b> <i>(Breakfast on Your Own)</i> Atrium Lobby, Level 4
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>Registration</b> Atrium Lobby, Level 4
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>AUTM Connect Help Desk</b> Atrium Lobby, Level 4
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>Nursing Room</b> Sponsored by   NYU Room 301
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>Contemplation Room</b> Sponsored by BLANK <del>ROME</del> Room 302
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>AUTM Connect Partnering Place</b> Sponsored by  Room 6A
8 – 10 a.m.	<b>Opening General Session with Michelle Durborow</b> Sponsored by  Room 6 B/C



**9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open**

Room 4B

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**10 – 11 a.m. Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall**

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Room 4B

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**11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions**

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**Finding Allies to Help Advocate for Tech Transfer**

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Room 606

**Marketing Magic: How to Use Data to Fuel Your Marketing Strategies**

Room 607

**De-risking the Deal: Evaluating University Startups Like an Investor**

Room 608

**Identifying High-Value IP for Monetization**

Room 609

**Not Just Any Licensee Will Do: Building Smart Due Diligence into Every Deal**

Room 611

**Cracking the Code of Patenting Diagnostics in a Shifting Legal Landscape**

Room 612

**All-Star Lineup: How Innovation Between Health Systems and Universities Can Be a Team Sport**  
Rooms 613 – 614

**AI Live! Live Demos of AI Tools Built Internally by Tech Transfer Professionals**  
Rooms 615 – 616

**The Root of the Matter: A Roundtable on Plant Licensing and IP**  
Rooms 618 – 620

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**12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Directors' Lunch**  
(*By invitation*)  
Room 4C-3

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**12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Attendee Lunch**  
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**1 – 1:45 p.m. Dessert Reception in the Exhibit Hall**  
Room 4B

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**1:45 – 3 p.m. Industry/Academia Connect and Collaborate – Part 1**  
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Science  
Room 606



1:45 – 3 p.m.

## Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions

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### **Navigating Dual-Use Innovations: Successfully Commercializing University Technologies with National Security Applications**

Rooms 602 – 603

### **Don't Get Eaten Alive: Lessons on Emerging Industries from the Plant-Based Foods Sector**

Room 607

### **Taking the Heat Out of Negotiating Research Agreements with Biopharma**

Room 608

### **Optimizing Your European Patent Strategy**

Room 609

### **Cracking the Code: Software and Copyright Licensing Discussion**

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Room 611

### **Beyond Incentives: Redefining the Value Proposition for Underserved Populations**

Sponsored by 

Room 612

### **Founder Matchmaking: Swipe Right on the Next University Unicorn**

Rooms 613 – 614

## **Modern Strategies for Partnering and Marketing Technologies**

Rooms 615 – 616

## **Finance & Accounting Roundtable**

Rooms 618 – 620

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**3 – 3:45 p.m.**

### **Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall**

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Room 4B

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**3:45 – 5 p.m.**

### **Industry/Academia Connect and Collaborate – Part 2**

Sponsored by **Qualcomm**  

Room 606

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**3:45 – 5 p.m.**

### **Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions**

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#### **Can AI Be Patented? Navigating Patent Subject Matter Eligibility**

Rooms 602 – 603

#### **Show Me the Money! Using Both Philanthropic and Commercial Funding to Drive Innovation**

Room 607

#### **Clauses I Regret (the Sequel)**

Room 608

# Assign of the Times: Implications of Academic IP Ownership Policies on Entrepreneurship and Consulting

Room 609

## Unlocking Alternative Funding Streams Through Strategic IP Monetization

Room 611

## The Sound of Innovation: Commercializing Music and Audio Technologies

Room 612

## From Reactive to Proactive: Building Operational Strategy in Tech Transfer

Sponsored by  wellspring

Rooms 613 – 614

## Networking as a Catalyst for University Spinouts: Building Entrepreneurship Ecosystems that Drive Growth

Rooms 615 – 616

## Closing the Compliance Gap: Real-World Strategies for Auditing and Enforcing License Terms

Rooms 618 – 620

5 – 6 p.m.

## Industry Reception in the Exhibit Hall

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Room 4B

6 - 8 p.m.

## Opening Reception

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## Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Grand Hotel

# SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**7 – 8 a.m.** **Coffee and Tea Available**  
*(Breakfast on Your Own)*  
Atrium Lobby, Level 4

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**7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** **Registration**  
Atrium Lobby, Level 4

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**7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** **AUTM Connect Help Desk**  
Atrium Lobby, Level 4

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**7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** **Nursing Room**  
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Room 301

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**7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** **Contemplation Room**  
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Room 302

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**7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** **AUTM Connect Partnering Place**  
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Room 6A

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**8 – 10 a.m.** **Awards and General Session Panel:  
The State of University Innovation**  
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Room 6 B/C



**9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open**  
Room 4B

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**10 – 11 a.m. Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall**  
Sponsored by **TreMonti**  
Room 4B

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 **11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**  
**Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions**

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**AI Innovations: Pharma-Academia Partnerships  
Driving the Future of Drug Discovery**

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Rooms 602 – 603

**Strategic Use of the European Patent System  
for Your Global Patent Portfolio**

Sponsored by 

Room 606

**Equity, Royalties, and the Startup License:  
What Goes in 2026?**

Room 607

**Dormant No More: Alternative Paths to Fund  
and Activate Dormant IP**

Room 608

**Metrics and Why it is More Important Than Ever  
to Tell Our Stories Across our Ecosystems**

Room 609

**Rooted in Protection: Smart IP Strategies for  
Plant-Based Innovations**

Room 611

**Permission to Iterate: Designing Ops Systems  
That Evolve**

Room 612

**Assets-Forward, Needs-Focused. Strategies that  
Strengthen the Grassroots of Innovation Across  
Regional Economies**

Rooms 613 – 614

**A Checklist for a Successful and Profitable  
Licensing Campaign**

Rooms 615 – 616

**Small Office Roundtable**

Rooms 618 – 620

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**12:15 – 2 p.m.      Lunch on Your Own**

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**2 – 5:15 p.m.      Special Topics in Negotiation Course  
(Additional fee, seating limited)**

Room 612

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**2 – 3:15 p.m.  
Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions**

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**The Super Bowl of Tech Transfer: Lessons from the  
Big Game**

Room 602 – 603

## **Seeds of Innovation: The Growing IP Challenges for Plant Technology**

Room 606

## **Safeguarding Mental Health in Technology Transfer Amid National Uncertainty**

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Room 607

## **Are Universities Dead Equity? Unveiling the Diverse Perspectives on Shareholding**

Room 608

## **Royalties, Rights, and Reality Checks: TTOs, VCs, and Startups in Life Science and AgTech Deals**

Room 609

## **Decoding Startup Dreams: Metrics That Matter**

Room 611

## **Building and Culling an IP Portfolio for Maximum Value**

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Rooms 615 – 616

## **Confessions and Fixes: Peer Problem-Solving in Tech Transfer Operations**

Rooms 618 – 620

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**3:15 – 4 p.m.**

## **Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall**

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Room 4B



4 – 5:15 p.m.

## Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions

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### **Proposed Federal Royalty Sharing: Risks, Realities, and Response Strategies**

Rooms 602 – 603

### **Beyond the Single TTO: A Multi-Institutional Model for Impact & Access**

Room 606

### **Collaboration, Meet Clarity: Insights from the Trenches of Research Partnerships**

Room 607

### **The TTO-VC Term Sheet Toolkit: Best Practice or Best Avoided?**

Room 608

### **From Bench to Term Sheet: Aligning TTOs, Startups, and VCs for IP-Driven Success**

Room 609

### **Welcome to the Deep End: Rethinking Onboarding for Tech Transfer Operations**

Room 611

### **Building, Maintaining, and Enforcing an Effective Global Patent Portfolio**

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Rooms 613 – 614

## Removing the Hard in Hardware: Commercializing Medical Device Inventions

Rooms 615 – 616

## Physical Sciences & Engineering Roundtable

Rooms 618 – 620

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**5:30 – 6:30 p.m. RTTP Reception**

*(By invitation)*

Cirrus Ballroom, Sheraton Grand Hotel

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**6 – 7 p.m.**

**Canadian Reception**

*(By invitation)*

Metropolitan A Ballroom,  
Sheraton Grand Hotel



SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Registration**  
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Room 302

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**7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. AUTM Connect Partnering Place**  
Sponsored by  OSAGE UNIVERSITY PARTNERS  
Room 6A

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**8 – 9 a.m. Coffee and Tea Available  
(Breakfast on Your Own)**  
Atrium Lobby, Level 4





9 – 10:15 a.m.

## Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions

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### For Whom the Bell Tolls: Expanding Horizons for U.S.-India Technology Transfer Collaboration

Rooms 602 – 603

### Hands Across the Water – A Fulbright Perspective of TTO

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Room 606

### Addressing the "Three I's" Undermining U.S. Patent Competitiveness

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Room 607

### It Takes a Village! Teaming Up with Consultants to Turn Medical Innovations into Investible Products

Room 608

### Deal or No Deal: Unlocking the Business Side of Licenses

Room 609

### License Agreement Management and Monitoring in Technology Transfer

Room 611

### Using Data to Prove Inventive Step at the EPO & USPTO

Room 612

### Dollars and Cents: How License Agreement Language Shows Up in Royalty Audits

Rooms 613 – 614

## Flipping the TTO Script: From Cost Center to Revenue Driver

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Rooms 615 – 616

## AI in Biopharma Licensing: Game-Changer or Gamble?

Rooms 618 – 620

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10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Transition Break**

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10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

**Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions**

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## Licensing AI in Practice: Models, Data, and Emerging Legal Norms

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Rooms 602-603

## IP Mastery for Medical Devices: A Global Perspective

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Room 606

## Supporting High-Volume, Non-exclusive Licenses with Analytics

Room 607

## You Signed the Alliance Agreement. Now What?

Room 609

## Inventor Portals: Invention Disclosures and Beyond

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Room 611

## Maximizing Your Royalties: Ensuring You Collect Every Dollar You're Owed

Room 612

## Are You Ready to Partner? Building Internal Readiness for Strategic Engagement

Rooms 615 – 616

## Measuring and Communicating the Value, Impact, and Benefits of What We Do Using Stories

Rooms 618 – 620

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**11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.      Attendee Lunch**

Room 4A

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**11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.      AUTM Annual Meeting Program Committee Lunch**

*(By invitation)*

Room 208

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1 – 2:15 p.m.

**Concurrent Education and Roundtable Sessions**

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## Do We Need Inventors? Inventorship Determination Is Not a Mere Formality, Should It Be Scrapped?

Rooms 602 – 603

## Documenting the Path to Efficiency: Implementing a QMS in a TTO

Room 606

## Empowering Women Inventors

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Room 607

## **Finding, Hiring, and Retaining New Blood in Operations**

Room 609

## **Software Startup Growth: Strategies and More**

Room 611

## **In Pursuit of Claim and Fortune: Balancing Scope and Spec in Biotech**

Room 612

## **Venture Studios: Package-Deal Startup Launches for Universities**

Rooms 615 – 616

## **The Role and Impact of Metrics on Knowledge and Technology Transfer (KTT) Ecosystem Development**

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Rooms 618 – 620

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### **2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break**

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### **2:45 – 4:30 p.m. Closing General Session with Brian Muirhead**

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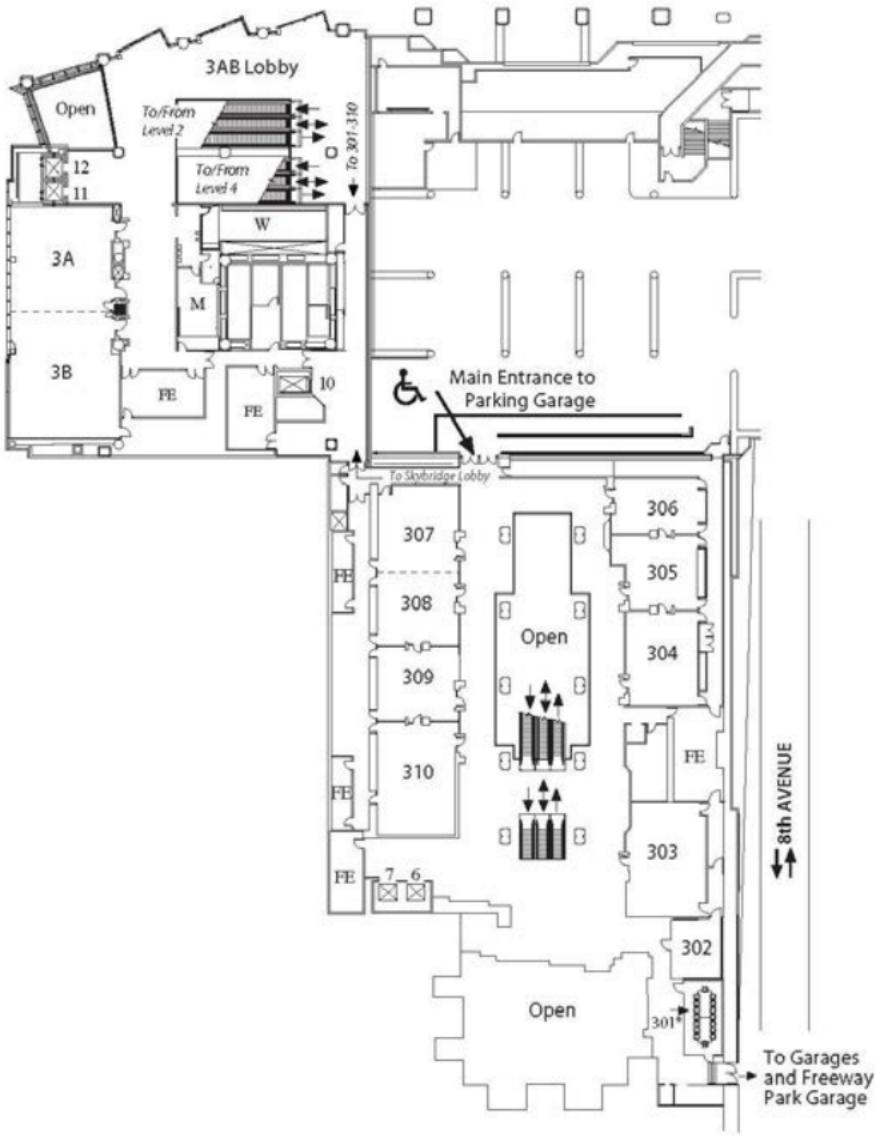


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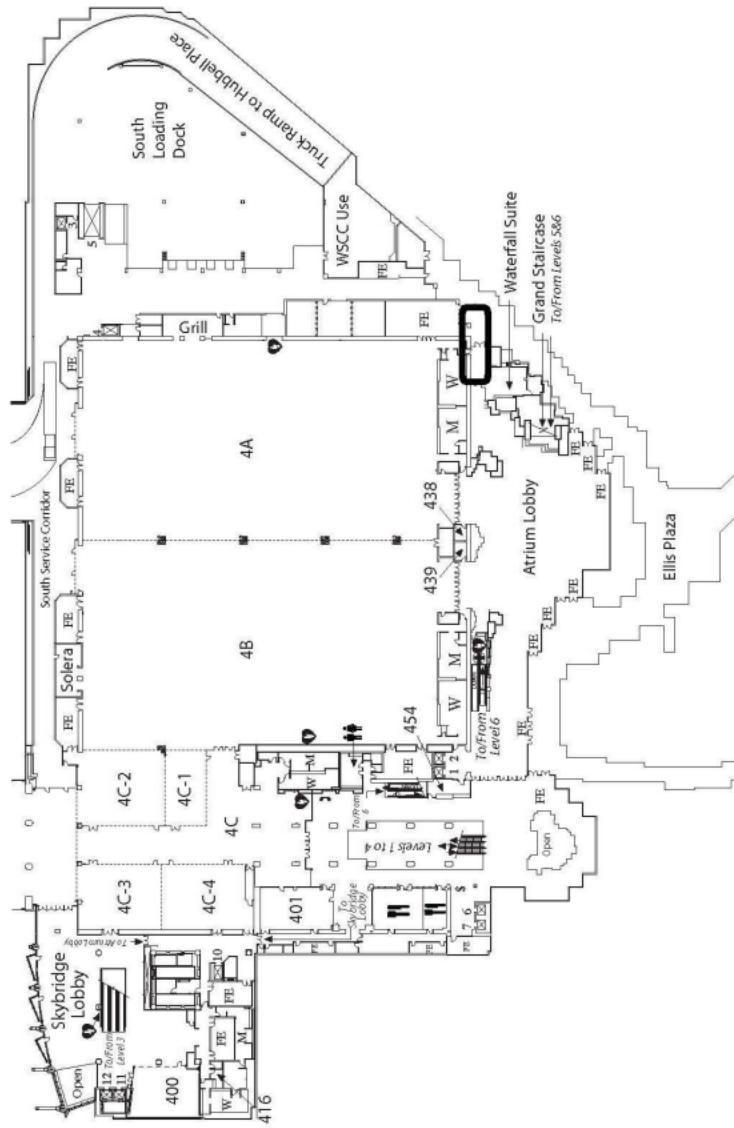
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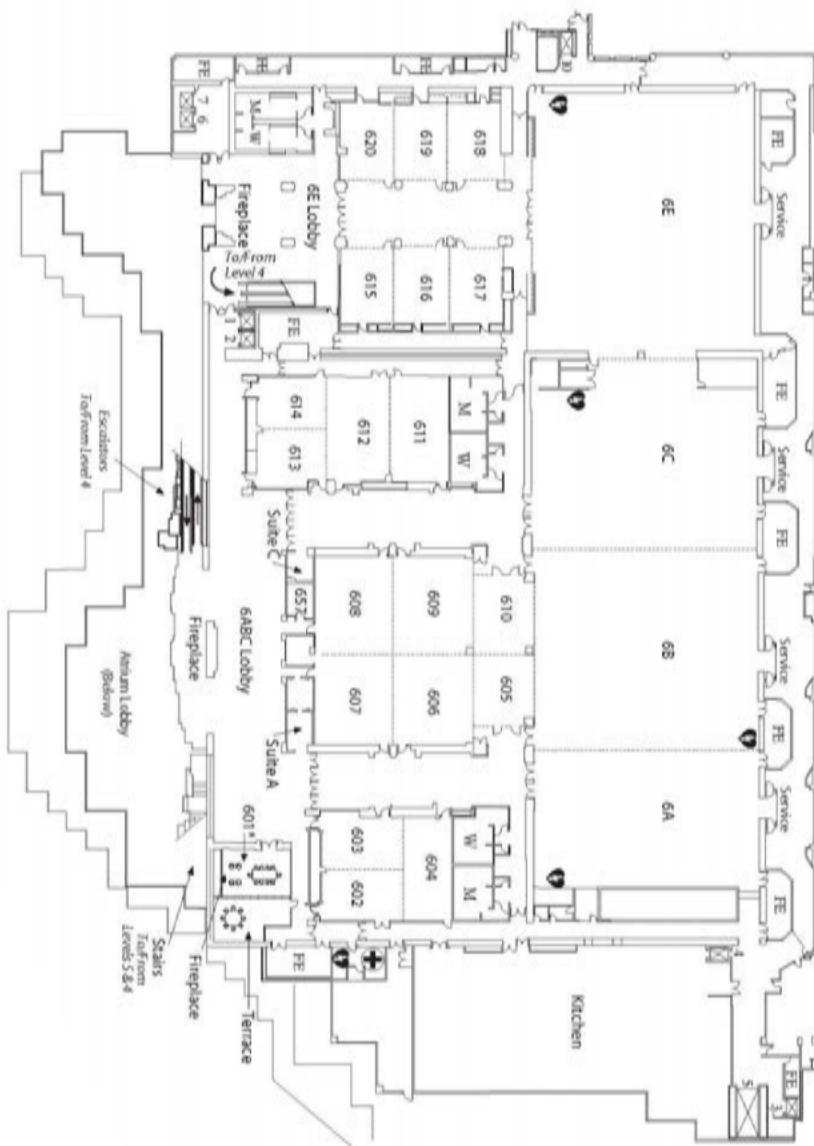
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## AUTM CODE OF CONDUCT

AUTM is dedicated to providing a harassment-free meeting experience for our diverse audience, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, religion, or opinion. Meeting participants are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and respect for others at all meetings, courses, and events.

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In situations where you prefer to make an anonymous comment, please send information via EthicsPoint.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration is available in the Atrium Lobby, Level 4.

**Sunday, February 8**      **7 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Monday, February 9**      **7 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Tuesday, February 10**      **7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 11**      **7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Additional information about sessions, meeting rooms, the exhibit hall, and meeting evaluations is available at **autm.net/2026**.

AUTM is committed to ensuring all attendees have access to the Meeting. In addition to any need for assistance you might have indicated on your Meeting registration or room reservation, please note that AUTM also provides the following:

- A private nursing area for nursing mothers to use throughout the duration of the conference. Please visit the AUTM registration desk to obtain a key for this secure area.
- A contemplation room for those who need to take a moment for quiet time or meditation. Please note that cell phones must be silenced while in the room.
- Transcription services during all general and keynote sessions for those who need hearing assistance. Headsets are also available in each of the concurrent breakout rooms.

## FIRST TIMERS

If you're attending the AUTM Annual Meeting for the first time, consider these tips from seasoned pros:

- Wear a New Member or First-Time Attendee ribbon (or both) on your badge. Mentors and AUTM leadership do their best to welcome and talk with everyone they see who are wearing these ribbons.
- Attend roundtables for informal discussions on topics of interest.
- Meet new people in a casual atmosphere at receptions.
- Use AUTM Connect to network outside your organization or form a dinner group for informal socializing.
- Visit the AUTM Connect Help Desk located at Registration.
- Get involved at the AUTM Membership Booth in the Exhibit Hall.
- Attend sessions to get a feel for the diverse programming content offered at the AUTM Annual Meeting.
- Spend time in the Exhibit Hall to learn from more than 50 companies showcasing the latest software, tools, and solutions supporting the innovation ecosystem.

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- **DON'T** participate if you think something is improper.
- **DO** alert the AUTM Chair, CEO, or legal counsel to any concerns about competitively sensitive information.



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