

# The Innovation Funding Journey

October 1, 2025  
9AM to 4PM

## NC Biotechnology Center Virtual and In-person

9:00 – 9:15                      Setting the Stage – Building a Funding Roadmap

### **Part 1: Grant and Contract Funding**

9:15 – 9:45	SBIR/STTR Federal R&D Grant and Contract Funding <i>Ramya Vijapurapu, SBTDC</i>
9:45 - 10:00	One NC Small Business Program – SBIR Incentive and Match
10:00 - 10:15	NC Innovation Grant Program
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 – 10:45	NC Biotechnology Center Grant Program
10:45 - 11:00	NC IDEA Grant Program
11:00 – 11:45	Grant Recipient Panel – Lessons Learned <i>Moderator: Conor Steenbock, SBTDC</i>

### **Part #2: Legal and Loans**

11:45 – 12:05	Lunch Pick-up
12:10 – 12:25	Legal Resources
12:25 – 12:40	NC Biotechnology Center Loan Program
12:40 – 12:55	Small Business Loans

### **Part 3: Equity Funding**

1:10 – 1:45	Introduction to Equity Funding: <i>Kevin Nicusanti, SBTDC</i>
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<b>1:45 – 2:30</b>	<b>Panel – Sources and Stages of Equity Funding</b>
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:45 – 3:15</b>	<b>Panel – Equity Funding Success Stories</b>
<b>3:15 – 4:00</b>	<b>Women Funders, Funding Women</b>

## **Speaker Bios**

Coming Soon!

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