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ASCENT26

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CBV is accepting applicants for ASCENT26, a highly curated program built for pre-seed and seed stage therapeutics companies to gain the strategic clarity needed to achieve investor traction.

Program Overview:

This six-month virtual, cohort-based program has been specifically designed for therapeutics companies to gain foundational and actionable knowledge that can help secure investment.

The program combines weekly expert-led seminars, office hours, personalized coaching from experienced biotech executives, investor 'test-the-waters' introductions with feedback, and access to Pitchbook presented by OBIO®.

ASCENT26 culminates with an in-person pitch event attended by investors & biotech executives. Top performing companies are invited to join the CBV portfolio in RIDGE - unlocking access to customized consulting services.

ASCENT26 Modules:

Module 1

Corporate Development

1. Company mindset & corporate development roadmap
2. Defining your business model
3. Asset positioning- defining your differentiation
4. Crafting a winning value proposition

Module 2

Product Development

1. Fundamentals of nonclinical studies & GLP work
2. Fundamentals of CMC & GMP work
3. Toxicology for early drug development
4. Early considerations for successful product development

Module 3

Financing & Operations

1. Financing strategy & pitching to investors
2. Building an effective dataroom & financing due diligence
3. Patenting strategy & licensing
4. Biotech accounting & building budgets/ financial projections

Who should apply?

1. Pre-seed/seed staged companies incorporated in Canada who are developing therapeutics or platforms.
2. Raised a minimum of \$250K (from dilutive and non-dilutive sources).
3. Have filed and licensed IP.

Key dates:

- **Application Period:**
Open until Aug 03, 2026.
- **Notice of acceptance:**
Aug 17, 2026.
- **Program dates:**
Sep 15, 2026 – Mar 31, 2027.
Feb 01, 2027 - Pitch competition.

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