

2nd- Annual



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AGENDA

April 17th, 2026

8:00 AM	Networking Breakfast and Check-In		
8:45 AM	Opening Remarks		
9:00 AM	Inside Salt Lake's Startup Ecosystem Erin Mendenhall Mayor, Salt Lake City Troy D'Ambrosio VP for Innovation, University of Utah Catherine Bennett Executive Editor, Utah Business	11:00 AM	Fundraising Advice for Founders Nick Efstratis Partner, Epic/UofU Ventures Noah Nasser CEO, datma Chandana Haque Executive Director, Altitude Lab Annette Lavoie, PhD Venture Development Partner, UofU
9:30 AM	The Early Days of Recursion Chris Gibson, PhD Founder, Recursion Jenna Barbari Senior Comms Director, BioHive	11:30 AM	Networking Lunch & Round Table Discussions
10:00 AM	Networking Break	12:30PM	Researcher to Founder Journey Doman Innovation Studio
10:30 AM	Building AI-Enabled Companies Warren Pettine Co-founder & CEO, MTN AI Carmen Kivisild, PhD Co-founder & CEO, Elnora AI Penny Atkins One-U Responsible Artificial Intelligence Initiative	1:15 PM	Break
		1:30 PM	IP & Legal Essentials Ballard Spahr LLP
		2:15 PM	Navigating SBIR/STTR and Other Funding Options Nucleus Grow
		3:00 PM	Closing Remarks

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