

2026 Nebraska Drug Discovery & Development Pipeline (ND3P) Symposium

June 9-10, 2026

JUNE 9, 2026

9:15 AM WELCOME

9:30 AM PLENARY SPEAKER – STEPHEN W. FESIK, PHD - VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

10:30 AM DISCUSSION/Q & A SESSION WITH PROFESSOR FESIK

11:00 AM NEBRASKA ANIMAL HEALTH SECTOR PRESENTATIONS/PANEL

Daniel Coleman, Huvepharma

Perry Linz, Huvepharma

Matt Sobansky, Zoetis

Martha Morton, Department of Chemistry, UNL

Sophie Alvarez, Nebraska Center for Biotechnology, UNL

Dustin Loy, Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center

Wade Junker, Merck Animal Health

12:30 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM UNMC FEATURED SPEAKER

Don Ronning, PhD, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences

2:00 PM EMERGING INVESTIGATORS (45 MINUTES EACH WITH Q & A)

Lindsey Crawford, PhD, Assistant Prof. of Biochemistry/Virology Center (UNL)

Erik Garcia, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology (UNO)

3:30 PM CONCLUDING REMARKS

JUNE 10, 2026

9:15 AM INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

9:30 AM PLENARY SPEAKER – DAME CAROL ROBINSON, PHD – U. OF OXFORD/KAVLI INSTITUTE

10:30 AM DISCUSSION/Q & A SESSION WITH PROFESSOR ROBINSON

11:00 AM VC/START-UPS/INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIPS PANEL

Zane Gernhart, Executive Director, UNL Industry Relations

Agnes Lenagh, UNMC Director of Strategic Partnerships

Jennifer Nelson, Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation, UNL

Peter Dorhout, Vice President for Research, Iowa State University

Nicole Buan, Professor UNL Biochemistry & Co-Founder, Molecular Trait Evolution

Benson Edagwa, Professor UNMC Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, Co-Founder, Exavir Therapeutics Inc., & Co-Founder, Aion Medicines Inc.

Sean Carr, CEO of Molecular Trait Evolution

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Mark Wilson, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry

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Tim Gatzenmeier, PhD, Assistant Professor of Chemistry (UNL)

Peng Zhong, PhD, Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences (UNMC)

3:30 PM CONCLUDING REMARKS

