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Program
Real Stories, Real Impact – MedUni Vienna Spinoffs

Termin: 28.10.2026 | 9.00 – 20.30 Uhr | Van Swieten Saal, Van-Swieten-Gasse 1a, 1090 Wien

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About

Building on the success of previous MedUni Vienna Spin-off Days, the **Founders' Lunch (FLOUNDERS)** initiative, supported by the **Technology Transfer** and the **Alumni Club**, brings together researchers, clinicians, entrepreneurs and innovation supporters from across MedUni Vienna. Under the theme "From Research Insight to Healthcare Venture", the event explores how scientific discoveries and unmet clinical needs can be translated into meaningful healthcare innovations that create value for patients.

Program details

Opening session 09:00 – 09:30

- Welcome address (Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation at the Medical University Vienna Michaela Fritz, Technology Transfer Office Helga Kroschewski, Flounders chair Thomas Beyer)
- Spinning off – Overview of the existing and supporting spin-off infrastructure of the MedUni Vienna

The founder journey 09:30

A journey from research to venture by Thomas Binder (123 Sonography)

Panel I: The first 100 Days of a spin-off 09:45 – 10:30

Thomas Beyer (Zenta), Elisabeth Brunner (Thyra Imaging), Daniela Buchmayr (XISTA), Brian Walker (Ring Street Health)

Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00

Keynote 11:00 – 11:45

How biomedical ventures actually start". On myths, mistakes, and decision points.
Brian Walker (Ring Street Health)

Founder reality check 11:45 – 12:15

Three short spin-off stories Jan Ankersmit (Aposcience), Karoline Strobl (Foolproof Skin), Petra Heffeter (P4 Therapeutics)

Networking lunch 12:15 – 13:30

Eight themed tables (selected representatives)

- TT: staff and Oliver Kemper (MedUni Vienna)
- Regulatory affairs: Anca-Sarmiza Gültekin-Tigan (Quaregia), Thomas Schneider (MedUni Vienna)
- Pharma: Sylvia Felzmann, Cornelia Kutzer,
- Funding: Astrid Stakne (FFG), Arnold Reikerstorfer, Julia Wilflingseder (AWS), Markus Pietzka (INITS), Alexander Schwarz ISTA
- Clinical validation: Michael Wolzt (KKS)
- Pre-clinical validation: Bruno Podesser (MedUni Vienna)
- AKH/WGV: Albert Frömel
- Spin-out Alliance: Alexander Svejkvosky (AIT); Alexander Schwartz (ISTA)
- AIM Austria: Network for Medicine, IT & Data Science
- Austrian Startups: Varya Deulina

Panel II: Hall of Learning" from the MedUni Vienna spin-offs 13:30 – 14:15

Q&A with Daniel Aletaha (Dayotec), Georg Dorffner (The Siesta Group Schlafanalyse), Johann Lehrner (Psimistri), Gunpreet Oberoi (SVAN Technologies), Alexander Pichler (Exalt)

Reverse pitches: Unsolved problems from clinical care 14:15 – 15:00 à 5 minutes

Alberto Benazzo, Bernd Jilma, Antonia Müller, Bruno Podesser, Dominik Roth, Thomas Szekeres

Matchmaking coffee break 15:00 – 15:30

Reactivating coffee with prompts

Investor insights: What makes a venture fundable? 15:30 – 16:00

Alexander Schwartz (ISTA), Philipp Stangl (Noctua Science Ventures)

Venture Building Sprint 16:00 – 17:30

Interactive group exercises. Five teams of 5 people and a mentor each will prepare for a pitch and present during the next session.

Closing session: Team pitches, feedback and recognition 18:00 – 18:30

Networking reception from 18:30