



TEMERTY FACULTY OF MEDICINE  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Research and Health  
Science Education

# ALUMNI NETWORKING PANEL

October 16, 2024 | 3-4 pm  
Schwartz Reisman Innovation Campus

**See what a graduate degree from  
Temerty Medicine can do for you!**

3:00 - 3:20 pm

Panelist Introductions and Career Experiences

3:20 - 3:50 pm

Audience Questions

3:50 - 4:00 pm

Open Networking



# MEET OUR MODERATOR

## Sara Sharifpoor

**Director, Office of the Vice Dean,  
Research and Health Science  
Education**

**Temerty Faculty of  
Medicine**

With a PhD in molecular genetics, Sara has experience working as a research associate, lab manager, research manager and research program manager with Temerty Medicine. She then took on a more senior leadership role in research operations and strategy at the Donnelly Centre. She is currently the Director of the Office of the Vice Dean, Research and Health Science Education where she oversees administrative, research, commercialization and educational initiatives.

## PhD

Molecular Genetics





# MEET OUR PANELISTS



**AADIL ALI**  
TRAFEROX  
TECHNOLOGIES INC.



**ANKUR BODALIA**  
NOVARTIS



**CHIDERA CHUKWUEKE**  
OLIVER WYMAN



**CHRISTINA MARIA DITLOF**  
UNIVERSITY OF  
TORONTO



**MAHMOUD EL-MAKLIZI**  
UNIVERSITY HEALTH  
NETWORK



**JULIA HANCHARD**  
QANATPHARMA



**KRISTINA KOKORELIAS**  
SINAI HEALTH &  
UNIVERSITY HEALTH  
NETWORK



**SALLY MOY**  
TORONTO GENERAL  
HOSPITAL



**DANIEL SEDRAN**  
FIRST LINE  
PHYSIOTHERAPY



# Aadil Ali

**Director of Clinical Development**  
**Traferox Technologies Inc.**

While completing his PhD in medical science at the University of Toronto, Aadil developed a novel method of preserving donor lungs. Aadil's research with the Toronto Lung Transplant Program led to the development of a commercial organ preservation cooler by a Mississauga-based medical device startup company, Traferox Technologies Inc. Aadil currently serves as the Director of Clinical Development at Traferox Technologies. He was recently listed on Forbes Magazine's top 30 under 30 list.

## PhD

Medical Science



Graduated 2021



# Ankur Bodalia

**Medical Science Liaison  
& Field Medical Advisor  
Novartis**

Prior to joining the Novartis Breast Cancer team as a Medical Science Liaison, Ankur Bodalia completed his PhD in physiology at the Hospital for Sick Children in the field of synaptic transmission. Subsequently, he was a Sessional Lecturer in the Department of Physiology at the University of Toronto. Since joining Novartis in the summer of 2021, he has shifted his focus from molecular research to clinical trials to help physicians make optimal treatment decisions for their patients.

## PhD

Physiology



Graduated 2020



# Chidera Chukwueke

**Associate**

**Oliver Wyman**

While completing his PhD, Chidera became interested in the world of management consulting. While in grad school, he engaged with student consulting groups like the Graduate Management Consulting Association and the University Consulting Group in order to learn more about the industry and gain relevant consulting experiences. These efforts culminated in a management consulting role with Oliver Wyman, where he has completed a number of projects on topics ranging from go-to-market strategy for a digital-twin software firm, to post-merger integration work for a larger health system.

## PhD

Pharmacology



Graduated 2021



# Christina Maria Ditlof

**Education Program Assistant**  
**University of Toronto**

Christina completed her MSc in applied immunology at the University of Toronto, conducting food allergy research in the lab of Dr. Eiwegger at the Hospital for Sick Children. After graduating, she worked in industry as a Data Manager for clinical trials and has since been involved in science communications focused on food allergies. Recently, she returned to the Department of Immunology as an Education Program Assistant, which has been a full-circle experience for her.

## MSc

Applied Immunology



Graduated 2020



# Mahmoud El-Maklizi

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
**University Health Network**

Mahmoud completed his PhD in immunology at the University of Toronto in the lab of Dr. Cynthia Guidos at the Hospital for Sick Children. Today, he works as a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Clinton Robbins' lab at UHN where he studies the functional regulation of macrophages and immune-regulatory B cells.

## PhD

Fundamental Immunology



Graduated 2022



# Julia Hanchard

**Senior Scientist**  
**Qanatpharma**

During her PhD, Julia uncovered the metabolic functions of uncharacterized genes and mapped metabolic traits to their causal genes. At UHN, she investigated how new anti-cancer therapeutics work and her work at Aphaia Pharma fostered her passion for human metabolic disease research. In her current role as Senior Scientist—Molecular Discovery at Qanatpharma, Julia develops novel blood pressure medicines that operate in the peripheral cardiovascular system.

**PhD**  
Molecular Genetics



Graduated 2018



# Kristina Kokorelias

Assistant Professor  
**University of Toronto**

Associate Scientist  
**Sinai Health**

Associate Research Fellow  
**National Institute on  
Ageing**

Kristina earned her PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences, completed a postdoctoral fellowship in implementation sciences and Alzheimer's disease, and later worked at UHN and Sinai Health. Currently, she is an Associate Scientist at Sinai Health, Associate Research Fellow at the National Institute on Ageing and Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. Her work emphasizes person-and-family-centered care.

## PhD

Rehabilitation Sciences



Graduated 2021



# Sally Moy

**Co-Founder**

**Innovo Labs Consulting**

**Manager, Ontario Health Team &  
Transformation**

**Toronto General Hospital**

Sally is currently the Manager in the Ontario Health Team and Transformation Department at North York General Hospital. Her work is focused on health system integration, community health and health equity. She is also a co-founder of Innovo Labs Consulting, which specializes in healthcare innovation. Sally has worked in a variety of settings including government, hospital, and long-term care.

## MHSc

Translational Research



Graduated 2022



# Daniel Sedran

**Founder, Owner & Physiotherapist  
First Line Physiotherapy**

I graduated from the University of Toronto with a Master of Science in Physical Therapy. I worked in 2 private clinics ahead of opening my private practice, First Line Physiotherapy, in November of 2020. Currently, I own and operate this practice alongside a team of 6 wonderful administrative staff and treating clinicians.

## MScPT

Physical Therapy



Graduated 2019