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Missouri Regional Life Sciences Summit planned for March 8-9 in Kansas City

The first-of-its-kind [Missouri Regional Life Sciences Summit](#) will take place March 8–9, 2010, at the University of Missouri–Kansas City. The theme of the summit is “Animal to Human Health Collaborations: Regional Partnerships for Innovation.”

At the summit, scientists and business leaders will come together to identify innovations that will lead to private sector investments, job creation and research discoveries.

“This is a unique opportunity for us to bring together the best minds in research and industry to discuss and discover new partnerships that will benefit those in the greater Kansas City region and ultimately the nation,” says Chancellor Brady Deaton. “The goal of the summit is to accelerate the movement of new ideas from the lab to the marketplace. This region and our state must emerge as a world leader in bioscience research and job creation; the economy depends on it.”

Speakers at the summit include:

- William H. Danforth, chancellor emeritus of Washington University, chair of the Coalition of Plant and Life Sciences and chair of the



MU Chancellor Brady Deaton is summit chair for the Missouri Regional Life Sciences Summit March 8-9, 2010, at the University of Missouri–Kansas City.

board of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. Danforth will present “Partnerships for Progress in Health and Economic Development.”

- U.S. Sen. Kit Bond
- U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill
- Scott Peterson, director of Functional Genomics and Research Technology and professor at the J. Craig Venter Institute. Peterson will present “Synthetic Biology in an Era of Personalized Medicine.”
- Tom Melzer, managing director and co-founder of RiverVest. Melzer will present “Financial Downturn and Impact on Biosciences Development.”
- David W. Kemper, chair of the board and president and CEO of Commerce Bancshares Inc. and Commerce Bank, N.A. Kemper will present “Venture Investment in Life Science.”

Other topics at the summit will include animal to human health collaborations, building innovative corporate-academic partnerships and biomedical tissue engineering.

Two-day registration costs \$100 for faculty and \$20 for students. Single-day registration costs \$75 and \$15, respectively. For a complete schedule and to register, visit missourisummits.com.

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