The BIOTECH CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM
PRESENTS:
CAREER EXPLORATION PANEL:
Biotechnology Entrepreneurship
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Check out where these PhDs are currently and how they got there!

Brad Martin, Ph.D.
Commercialization Program Director, MTRAC for Life Sciences
Fast Forward Medical Innovation
University of Michigan

Dr. Martin earned his B.S. in biology from the University of Dayton and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in cardiac physiology. He now has 15-plus years of experience in the development of drugs and biologics, and particular expertise in preclinical development and translational research in the field of cardiovascular physiology and regenerative medicine. He has considerable experience in leading cross-functional project teams and has transitioned therapies from product concept through preclinical development, IND approval and eventual clinical trial. Prior to leading MTRAC, Dr. Martin served as a Mentor in Residence for the U-M Tech Transfer Office, was the Director of Product Development at Aastrom Biosciences, and the Director of Cardiac Research at Osiris Therapeutics Inc.

David Olson, Ph.D.
Mentor-in-Residence
Office of Tech Transfer
University of Michigan

Dr. Olson earned his B.S. in zoology from The Ohio State University and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in molecular biology. Dr. Olson has more than 18 years of experience in building life science companies, product development, intellectual property management, business development and venture financing. He has co-founded 6 biotech start-ups, managed other early-stage businesses, and authored business plans backed by more than $61M in capital. Most recently he was co-founder and CEO of Swift Biosciences Inc. where he led the creation, funding, and development of the company for six years. Prior to Swift, he was a founding member of Accuri Cytometers Inc. (acquired by Becton Dickinson in 2011), where he created Accuri’s product vision and played a central role in all aspects of corporate strategy.

Elke Lipka, Ph.D., M.B.A.,
President
TSRL, Inc.

Dr. Lipka earned her B.S. and Ph.D. from the Goethe University and attended the University of Michigan for her M.B.A. Dr. Lipka started her career as a Research Scientist at TSRL in 1992 and subsequently has held a number of scientific and management positions of increasing responsibility at Parke-Davis, Pfizer, and Esperion Therapeutics. She is an experienced professional capable of building and managing multidisciplinary teams involved in the discovery and development of pharmaceutical drug candidates and drug delivery systems. Her expertise includes pharmacokinetic, drug metabolism and drug safety scientific guidance to small molecule and biologic drug development programs.