

Kansas Bioscience Initiative	Private Trade Group	Publicly Funded Initiative
		
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What is the difference between the Kansas Bioscience Organization and the Kansas Bioscience Authority?	The Kansas Bioscience Organization (KansasBio) is an industry organization that serves to educate, advocate, and connect public, private and academic partners within our bioscience industry, spanning human and animal health, as well as plant science, bio-industrial and composite applications, and healthcare IT.	The Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA) is a \$581-million economic development initiative, created by the Kansas legislature, expanding Kansas' world-class research capacity; helping bioscience startups grow; developing the state's bioscience clusters; and facilitating business expansion and attraction.
Governance	KansasBio is a 501c3 tax exempt organization, governed by a 19-member board of directors comprised of public, private, and academic sector leaders within the bioscience industry.	The KBA is an independent entity of the state, governed by an 11-member board of directors comprised of local and national leaders in technology, science, and business.
Mission	The mission of KansasBio is to encourage and enable the successful attraction, creation, commercialization, and growth of bioscience technologies, products, and services in Kansas. KansasBio educates, advocates, connects, and empowers bioscience growth. KansasBio's scholarship fund provides support for higher ed students. The <i>Simply Science</i> and other K-12 programs enhance science exposure through hands-on learning.	The mission of the KBA is to make Kansas the best state for bioscience research, development, and commercialization. KBA's investments are intended to make Kansas a national leader in bioscience — creating new jobs, growing the economy, advancing scientific knowledge, and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Kansas.

<p>How were these organizations created and how are they funded?</p>	<p>In 2004 KansasBio was formed as a 501c3 tax exempt organization by the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation and the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute to serve as the official voice of the bioscience community. KansasBio is a state affiliate to the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO). KansasBio serves on the Council of State BIO Affiliates (CSBA) . KansasBio also participates nationally in the BIO Business Solutions program, providing discounts to members.</p> <p>KansasBio is funded by annual membership dues, sponsorship donations, event and sales proceeds, and grant revenue.</p>	<p>The Kansas Economic Growth Act of 2004 created an innovative funding mechanism based on the growth of state income-tax withholdings from employees of bioscience-related companies. State taxes that exceed the base-year measurement of such taxes accrue to the authority for investment in additional bioscience growth. This mechanism makes it unnecessary to raise taxes or reallocate amounts from other state budgets. Revenues that accrue belong exclusively to the Kansas Bioscience Authority and are not part of the state treasury. The KBA does not solicit or accept donations.</p>
<p>What programs are available within these organizations?</p>	<p>Programs of KansasBio –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make your voice heard – Join the organization and its Industry Advisory Panel, a group of bioscience subject matter experts, who meet quarterly and provide insight and direction on industry trends, as they work together to advance the state’s bioscience strategy and insure its success. 2. Help us shape policy – As a member of KansasBio, you will have the power to help shape policy statements, industry agenda and legislative platforms at the state and federal level. KansasBio facilitates the Kansas Bioscience Caucus with participation by more than half of the elected members of the State Legislature. Each year the organization calls on its members to develop a legislative platform on behalf of the industry as part of our federal and state policy agenda. 3. Get group purchasing benefits – Membership gives access to substantial discounts on products and services through a comprehensive purchasing program, BIO Business Solutions , and local B2B programs. 4. Participate in biotech events – This is your opportunity to grow your business and network by participating in and sponsoring KansasBio’s annual and 	<p>Programs of the KBA – Grants and Financial Assistance:</p> <p>The Kansas Bioscience Authority is looking to selectively partner with bioscience companies, research institutions, inventors, entrepreneurs and investment professionals to substantially advance Kansas’ vibrant bioscience industry.</p> <p>This typically means that the KBA provides grants or other financial assistance to accelerate research, help get products to market more quickly, and promote expansion of bioscience companies in Kansas. Whether you are a researcher, entrepreneur, or both, the KBA has unique tools to help you achieve your goals.</p> <p>To learn more about these tools, and to download applications for assistance, click on any of the following KBA program titles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kansas Bioscience Eminent Scholars Kansas Bioscience Rising Stars Kansas Bioscience R&D Voucher Kansas Bioscience Matching Fund Kansas Bioscience Expansion &

- [quarterly meetings, educational symposiums, networking events and other outreach programs](#). By leveraging relationships with sister organizations in other states, KansasBio members can expand their networking & partnering opportunities.
5. **Keep informed and up to date** – Because the industry is changing so rapidly, KansasBio provides members access to the very latest information on the bioscience industry with [online news updates](#) and [Biobuzz email newsletters](#).
 6. **Access industry resources** – KansasBio provides access to a variety of [educational, policy, and industry resources](#) to help you succeed.
 7. **Join a committee** – All members are eligible to participate in committees and working groups: [Public Policy, Talent Development and Education, Membership and Benefits or Programs and Events](#).
 8. **Contribute to scholarships** – KansasBio is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization, so your contributions to the KansasBio [scholarship fund](#) and annual dues are generally tax deductible. To date, 100 scholarships have been awarded to undergraduate and graduate students in Kansas through KansasBio.

6. [Attraction Collaborative Cancer Research Initiative](#)
7. [Kansas Bioscience Centers of Innovation](#)

Heartland Bio Ventures - Working with HBV:

HBV provides hands-on assistance and pre-venture financing to early stage bioscience firms to fundamentally address business, technology, management and other strategic issues critical to their success.

To help companies position themselves for venture capital investments, HBV seeks to mitigate the risk associated with these companies. This is achieved by providing business consulting to early stage companies in order to evaluate their level of risk and identify their growth needs.

Companies interested in benefiting from HBV services and support are asked to follow a client engagement process that allows HBV to assess their needs as comprehensively as possible. Learn about [the process](#).

How do I get involved?

Become a member of KansasBio
 Each member pays an annual investment to support the operations of the organization. Many members sponsor [activities and programs](#) offered throughout the year. [Membership dues](#) are based on employment, enrollment, or annual operating budget. KansasBio has grown to become one of the larger state BIO affiliates with [150 members](#) who are bioscience companies, research organizations, non-profits, institutions, investors and other important stakeholders within the bioscience community. KansasBio membership provides special privileges and a chance to make a difference.

Complete an [application](#) to join KansasBio and make a difference today.

The KBA Investment Process
 The KBA’s investment process was developed based on an analysis of best practices from across the economic development and investment communities, particularly as they related to the funding of bioscience research and commercialization activities. After studying programs of similar organizations and professional venture investors, and combining the best elements of each, the KBA’s process was tailored to its planned activities and enables future reference, benchmarking, and review.

For more details, visit the [KBA website](#).

