

## Allergan Aesthetics and University Lab Partners Team Up for the Golden Ticket Pitch Competition



For the second year, Allergan Aesthetics and University Lab Partners have partnered on ‘The Golden Ticket Pitch Competition’ to help accelerate Aesthetics start-ups.

The Golden Ticket competition was created to accelerate the research and development endeavors of startup aesthetics enterprises. The lucky winning startup team will earn free lab space for a year, access to top-tier equipment, and mentorship from industry leaders at Allergan Aesthetics.

This competition fuels innovation in the rapidly growing medical aesthetics market by highlighting this innovative collaboration with a non-profit incubator, University Lab Partners, to support early-stage startups. This program offers a glimpse into the cutting-edge technologies that will shape the future of beauty treatments.

“Advancing the standard of care within aesthetic medicine requires us to discover and develop novel innovations into products with strong safety profiles and meaningful patient impact,” said Darin Messina, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Aesthetics R&D, AbbVie. “Allergan Aesthetics is once again proud to sponsor ULP’s Golden Ticket

initiative and invest in supporting entrepreneurial visionaries who share that mission and are willing to challenge existing thinking to create cutting-edge platforms.”

The lucky winners will be granted free lab space for one year at ULP, with access to state-of-the-art research equipment, professional support staff, conference rooms, and collaborative community to support the sharing of ideas. They will have access to industry mentors, including some of the world-class scientific and business leaders from Allergan Aesthetics, and complimentary memberships to important life sciences trade associations.

This innovative competition underscores the impressive talent that is out there with fresh ideas and next-generation technologies who just need a little love to get their projects going.

Applications close on July 15, 2024. During the application period, applicants will have access to topic-specific webinars presented by Allergan Aesthetics and other esteemed industry mentors. The finalists will have the opportunity to pitch live at the ‘Demo Day’ which is scheduled for September 10, 2024, in Irvine, California, where the lucky winner will be revealed.