Increasingly, STEM researchers and professionals are engaging in entrepreneurial ventures. For this event Science Alliance (NYAS) and the Minority Graduate Student Network (MGSN) will bring together STEM researchers with key players in the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Participants of the event will include Kauffman Fellows, the global community of smart, connected stakeholders and leaders in the NYC entrepreneurial ecosystem.

This afternoon event aims to help researchers in STEM fields understand the basis of establishing and financing a company. The first panel will provide advice and recommendations about taking an idea from the lab to fruition, while the second panel will cover topics on financing strategies for new startups, what VCs are looking for, and how to pitch your idea to investors.

If you are considering starting a venture that commercializes university-owned intellectual property or are interested in understanding how to connect with investors, don’t miss this event.

**Promotional Partners: MGSN**

**About MGSN**

MGSN is a student-run organization founded in the early 2000s to advance the interests of diversity in the sciences. The aim of MGSN is to create a community to help retain and increase the number of underrepresented minority graduate students pursuing professional degrees in the sciences.

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**Location**

The New York Academy of Sciences
7 World Trade Center
250 Greenwich Street,
40th Floor
New York, NY 10007

**Event Time**

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Reception to follow

**Agenda**

6:00 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. – INTRO SCIENCE ALLIANCE AND MGSN

6:15 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. – PANEL I: FROM INCEPTION TO FRUITION
Moderator: Sabriya Stukes, PhD-
Co-Founder of Connect with STEM and Program Coordinator at Cell Motion Laboratories
Panelists: Ramphis Castro, PE, JD,
Managing Director, Founder Institute MindchemyNYC
Maria Luisa Pineda, PhD-
CEO & Co-Founder at Envisagenics
Isabel Aznarez, PhD-
VP, Head of Biology and a co-founder of ASOthera Pharmaceuticals
Joe Borello, CEO & Co-Founder, Dynamical

7:20 p.m.- 8:20 p.m. – PANEL II: VC, ANGELS AND INVESTORS ADVICE TO ESCAPE THE VALLEY OF DEATH
Jorge Torres, Venture Partner at Silas Capital
Bernard Peperstraete, President/CEO at iCareDx Inc.

8:20 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.- CLOSING REMARKS

8:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.- NETWORKING RECEPTION

**Registration Fees**

- Member: $35
- Student/Postdoc member: $25
- Nonmember: $70
- Nonmember student: $30