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A Q&A WITH MICHAEL JOHNSON, PHD, IMMUNOBIOLOGY AND BIO5

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12:00 - 1:00 PM
LIVE VIA ZOOM

JOIN US FOR A TIMELY CONVERSATION ABOUT COMMERCIALIZATION & UNDERREPRESENTED INNOVATORS

Why are there such large disconnects between the numbers of women, black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) doing academic research and the percentages of those groups engaged in commercialization? What do those disparities look like and how can we begin to address them?

Submit your questions ahead of time, or ask your questions for our panelists live.

GUEST PANELIST:
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Michael Johnson received his bachelors from Duke University. He obtained a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Biophysics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For his postdoctoral training, he went to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Dr. Johnson joined the faculty of the University of Arizona in 2016, and in 2019 published “Hiring of Underrepresented Minority Assistant Professors in Medical School Basic Science Departments Has a Long Way To Go.”

"AS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS HAVE GROWN, A SIMPLE QUESTION TO ASK IS WHO HAS FILLED THOSE POSITIONS? WHEN I LOOK AROUND AT OTHER RESEARCH-INTENSIVE INSTITUTIONS, I DO NOT REALLY SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE ME PEERING BACK. HOW DO I EVEN BEGIN?"

~MICHAEL D.L. JOHNSON, PHD

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