

## Owen Mushisha

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Owen is currently the Manager of Research and Development at Edesa Biotech, a Nasdaq listed drug development company with offices in Ontario and California. In this role, he is engaged in a wide range of activities including, coordination of the intellectual property portfolio, API and IP manufacturing activities, filing of drug dossiers with FDA and Health Canada regulatory agencies and management of clinical trials. Owen's current focus is seeking FDA approval for a novel compound that is currently in clinical trials for Allergic Contact Dermatitis as well as ongoing involvement in gaining approvals for new compounds from Health Canada for Clinical Trial Applications in dermatology and gastroenterology.



After the completion of his undergraduate degree in Pharmacy, Owen held various roles in hospital pharmacy, community pharmacy, pharmaceutical distribution and licensing of generic drugs. It was while engaged as a pharmaceutical sciences lecturer that Owen developed a strong interest in entrepreneurship and the biopharmaceutical industry and decided to seek further training to develop his understanding of the ever-growing biotechnology and therapeutic landscape. The MBT program offered a unique training combination that spoke exactly to those goals. The internship at Edesa Biotech paved the way to a position that Owen has been steadily growing in.

“In the process of repositioning my career trajectory in alignment with the Canadian and US biopharmaceutical landscape, I find that the MBT program was instrumental in opening doors and developing an invaluable industry network. Presently I am in a unique position to work alongside, and learn from, a highly talented and immensely experienced management team.”