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Career in Academia and
Industry: Perspectives and
Advice

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Dr. Davyd Chung is a molecular biologist by training with experiences as an entrepreneur, NIH program director, faculty member and administrative leader at an academic medical center, and currently a Director at DLH Corporation. In this role, Dr. Chung leads business development, strategic growth and partnerships, and client management. Prior to DLH, he was the Executive Director of Research and Strategic Operations for the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC) Cancer Center and a Research Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health. He also served in various roles at the NIH, including as a Program Director at the NCI's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities and at the NICHD National Children's Study, leading the operations of a national, multi-site, longitudinal study. He also was an entrepreneur leading a biomedical therapeutics company developed out of the University of Illinois. Dr. Chung earned his Doctorate in Physiological Molecular Biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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