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Thanh is currently a Sector Lead for the Life Sciences Industries Unit within the Ministry of Economic Development at the Government of Alberta. As the Sector Lead for Medical Devices, he is responsible for identifying, analysing, and fostering collaborative partnerships between private industry and Alberta researchers to cultivate economic development and diversify Alberta's life sciences industry. Thanh's work has resulted in significant investments for Alberta from large multinationals and has facilitated growth of many local innovations.

Having been interested in the sciences, technology, and entrepreneurship since a young age, Thanh enrolled in the University of Calgary's Faculty of Science and earned a degree in Biology, with a minor in Nanoscience. During his undergraduate career, Thanh held many different roles, including Research Assistant with the Stephenson Cardiovascular MR Centre and Technology Marketing Assistant with Innovate Calgary. These experiences paved the way for entry into the MBT program, where Thanh was able to pursue his enthusiasm for science and business.

For his internship/practicum, Thanh joined the Government of Alberta where he focused on building a business case for the collaboration between Alberta and Pfizer. The project held his interest and following his successful practicum, Thanh transitioned into a permanent role as Biopharmaceutical Analyst. He subsequently enjoyed further career growth, before moving into his current role as Sector Lead for the life science unit in Edmonton.

For Thanh, the MBT experience provided a foundational knowledge of technology commercialization and the ability to engage with stakeholders, build relationships, and drive innovative collaborations. He currently uses all of these skills to address economic, health, and social challenges facing Albertans today.