

PnuVax SL Biopharmaceuticals is a recently-formed Canadian biotechnology company, with headquarters located in Kingston, Ontario and a manufacturing facility located in Montreal, Quebec.

TEAM is a fantastic program unique to Queen's that provides students with the rare opportunity to work in multidisciplinary teams on current issues faced by real companies. As a result, we feel that the TEAM program contributes to the undergraduate education in a way that no other course has or can.

This year, our team of students investigated a novel approach to produce Water for Injection for use in biopharmaceutical facilities, while incorporating sustainable energy sources where possible. The team members gained practical experience in the growing Canadian biotech industry and significantly expanded their knowledge surrounding fermentations, pharmaceutical technologies, large-scale utilities handling, and process design, while complying with regulatory requirements unique to the industry.

We were particularly impressed by the team's professionalism and quality of work. The project was well managed from start to finish, and we were able to leave the project largely in the hands of the students.

From our perspective, we will benefit not only from the project's findings, but also from the opportunity to meet and work with students truly interested in the field.

This year we are happy to be hiring two students from our 2012/2013 PnuVax SL Bio TEAM group as full-time employees, where we hope they will carry on the TEAM legacy: starting their own careers with valuable skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

We look forward to a lasting relationship with the program, and will be back again next year!

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