



# IO Scholarships STEAM Innovation Summit 2026 Brings Together Leaders in AI and Space Technology

*IO Scholarships connects students with leaders in AI, space, genomics and entrepreneurship while expanding access to workforce AI training opportunities*

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, August 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [IOScholarships STEAM Innovation Summit 2026](#) Brings Together Leaders in AI, Space Technology, Genetics and the Future of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)

IO Scholarships Foundation will host the STEAM Summit 2026 on Saturday, August 29, at Miami Beach Convention Center, uniting students, technology leaders, entrepreneurs, recruiters and community leaders around innovation, mentorship and careers.

The Summit explores space technology, genetics, AI, entrepreneurship, arts and culture, connecting students with training, mentorship, scholarships and careers. IOScholarships serves 10,000+ high school, university and graduate students nationwide, with multicultural and first-generation representation.

"Talent is everywhere, but access to opportunity is not," said Maria Fernanda Trochimezuk, Founder & CEO of IOScholarships Foundation. "This Summit is about putting emerging innovators in the same room with people who are building technologies, companies and solutions that can change the world. We want students to see that they belong in those conversations and to leave with relationships and opportunities that can help move their ideas and careers forward."

The Summit opens with Trochimezuk and Juan Carlos Gutierrez, Managing Director, Technology and Innovation, Amazon Web Services (AWS). The welcome remarks is followed by the innovator of the future, Nelson Badillo, Mechanical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate at Harvard University and Visiting Operations Engineer on the Mars Perseverance Rover at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, presents "Exploring the Cosmos, One (Soft) Robot at a Time,"

The panel session "Grey Hair and Young Blood: How Two-Way Mentorship Creates Cutting-Edge Innovation" features Pete Martinez, Chairman & CEO of SIVOTEC, and Robert Cancio, Director of Product Development at SIVOTEC.

SIVOTEC is behind GENA™, an AI-powered genomic analysis platform advancing diagnostics and precision medicine. GENA 3.0 is being built as an AI clinical decision-support solution creating scored, evidence-based differential diagnoses for complex and difficult-to-diagnose cases. SIVOTEC reports GENA has supported 1,600+ geneticists, 160,000+ case analyses and 40+ countries, showing how AI, data science, genetics and software engineering address healthcare challenges.

Other sessions include: Daya Brown, Founder of Elom & Co. Productions and author of The Heart of the Matter Poetry Collection, presenting “Funded. Founded. Fearless.” Additionally, “Using Technology to Create Impact” features Ashley Prado, President of the FIU Society of Women Engineers, and Veronica Rojas Mora, an undergraduate Computer Science student at Florida International University.

The Innovators of the Future Scholarship Awards Presentation recognizes emerging talent demonstrating leadership, creativity and potential impact through STEAM and entrepreneurship. The Summit concludes with the Fiesta STEAM Cultural Dance Performance.

The Foundation recognizes in-kind support from Chicago-based Sugar Bliss, founded by Teresa Ging. After finance and pastry training at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, Ging launched Sugar Bliss in 2007, opened a downtown Chicago bakery in 2009 and expanded into packaged products and distribution.

“When I left finance to open Sugar Bliss, I was betting on an idea and on myself. That is exactly what innovators do every day, and it is why I love supporting them. Investing in future leaders keeps our community growing, and it is one of the sweetest things we get to do as a business,” said Ging.

Caimán Cane, founded by Yesireth Larrazábal, is recognized as an in-kind beverage partner. Inspired by family tradition of papelón con limón, the sugarcane-and-citrus brand grew from a 2024 trip to Breckenridge, Colorado. Original Caimán combines sugarcane and lime without chemical additives or preservatives. “Caimán” represents resilience, strength and protection; “Cane” represents sugarcane. Its vision includes employment opportunities, economic independence and financial education.

The Summit connects students with leaders, scholarships, AI workforce training, mentorship and careers while enabling recruiters to engage STEAM talent.

It is supported by Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority. Davos Club is recognized as a Community Partner supporting visibility and engagement. Together, partners help students see how ideas become careers, companies and technologies.

Event Details

IOScholarships STEAM Innovation Summit 2026  
Saturday, August 29, 2026  
Miami Beach Convention Center  
1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida

Registration: 9:00 a.m.  
Executive Breakfast: 9:15 a.m.  
Opening Remarks: 9:30 a.m.  
Program concludes: 1:30 p.m.

Attendance is available in person or via free livestream registration. For more information, visit:  
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