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Angelo is currently the MITACS Business Development Director for Southern Alberta. His interests in innovation began at the University of Bologna, Italy where he studied biomedical engineering and continued to the University of Aberdeen, Scotland where he studied biomedical sciences, specializing in human physiology. Given his passion for innovation and entrepreneurship, Angelo decided on the MBT graduate program to initiate his career in business development, intellectual property management, technology commercialization and government research funding within the biotech space.



When it came time to selecting his 12 week internship, Angelo chose Circle Cardio Vascular Imaging, a Calgary start-up known for its medical imaging software for physicians. As a Business Development Associate, Angelo's role was to develop a systems requirement document and assist the team with anything that needed to get done, including creating customer centric products and user surveys. Upon completion of his practicum Angelo joined Innovate Calgary – the technology transfer office for the University of Calgary - as Technology Marketing assistant. Because of his understanding of market research, early stage technology assessments, IP strategy, licensing and negotiations, Angelo was quickly promoted to Marketing Technology Specialist, and soon after to Intellectual Property Manager. In 2018, Angelo joined the MITACS team. MITACS is a national research network that supports collaborative research projects between academia and industry. At MITACS, Angelo connects for-profit and not-for-profit organizations with academic research talent. He works closely with faculty, students and industry partners to achieve their R&D goals through MITACS funded research collaborations.

According to Angelo “The MBT program was a phenomenal opportunity that exposed me to a completely new world. Not many people get to see the “Behind the Scenes” of how new technologies move from the bench top in a university lab to the real world – and it is a fascinating journey.” Angelo credits the MBT program for providing the environment to cultivate his critical thinking, business communication and business acumen skills that are essential in his work with different high-performing teams.