

Dr. Fernandez is the Founder & CEO of DreamCatcher Ventures (<https://www.dreamcatcher.ventures>), a specialized advisory services firm based in San Francisco, CA with domain expertise in the Life science, Biotech and Healthcare sectors (therapeutics, diagnostics, medtech and healthcare IT). It renders strategic advisory services to entrepreneurs, universities, incubators/accelerators and companies in these sectors. Its primary mission is to work with entrepreneurs from all over the globe to empower them to create, build and scale successful ventures in the lifescience industry. Dr Fernandez also serves as a Senior Managing Partner and Board Member for BSD Growth Fund PCC, a venture fund whose mission is to invest in disruptive healthcare technologies that are nurtured and grown in Poland while seeking global markets.

Dr. Fernandez has decades of experience that encompasses scientific and medical research, venture capital, finance and entrepreneurship. She has over 25 years of in-depth experience in the life sciences and over 10 years of venture capital experience with Burrill & Company, San Francisco, CA, a \$1.3 B life sciences venture capital fund. As Director she was responsible for sourcing, evaluating, and executing on several successful investment transactions across the Burrill funds. In addition to the US, she also led the firm's investment strategy for India and cross-border (US-India). She held/holds Board positions on Adlyfe, Strand, White Glove Health, Bioimagene, Midissia, Modularix, BSD Growth Fund PCC and the Advisory Board (Finance) for Express Pharma and UCSF's "Startup 101". She currently also runs an immune-oncology start-up in San Francisco, CA. She is heavily focused on fostering the innovation ecosystem and works extensively with entrepreneurs and leading innovation programs across the US.

Dr. Fernandez secured her doctorate at the Cancer Research Institute, India, having been awarded the Indo-US scholarship from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA. Her research work won her the Young Scientist Award and the most outstanding doctoral thesis award. Her postdoctoral work at the National Cancer Institute, NIH resulted in two awards for excellence in biomedical research. She also completed a post-doctorate in protein chemistry and genetic engineering at the College of Medicine, Texas A&M University. She previously gained operational experience at Hoechst Pharma.

Combining the worlds of science and business, Tania is passionate about helping start-ups assess the commercial relevance of technologies, evaluate business models, generate both strategic and financial road maps, understand the financing landscape and the due diligence process of investors. She works with several international markets. She has been/is a mentor/investor coach/judge to UCSF, UC Davis, Harvard University, Berkeley, Braga (Portugal). She was co-instructor at UCSF's "An Idea to IPO and beyond" course and mentor at Steve Blank's "Lean Launch Pad for Start-ups".

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*The journey of a company, from inception to exit is a challenging but exciting one with various elements that are essential for successful growth and maturation. We are firm believers that to navigate successfully you must understand the entire journey before you embark on it. Our team of multi-disciplinary and highly skilled advisors have a combined 150+ years of experience that ranges from technical, operational, deal making to finance and the art of capital raising. We have the domain industry expertise and the depth of understanding required to lay down the road map of a company's journey from start to finish. We know this because we have taken this journey over and over again. We seek to create and build disruptive companies around cutting edge intellectual property and innovative business models that are positioned to excel in global markets.*

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