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Dr. Ashlie Burkart, MD is the Chief Scientific Officer at Germin8 Ventures, a leading venture capital firm in the field of food and agriculture innovation. She also holds the position of Associate in the Environment and Natural Resources Program at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center. In this role, she has spearheaded Harvard study groups and organized impactful events focused on advancing innovation, investment, and policy in regenerative agriculture.

In addition to her roles in venture capital and academia, Dr. Burkart is a practicing gastrointestinal pathologist and a grant-funded researcher focusing on gut health. Her expertise in anatomic and clinical pathology, particularly in gastrointestinal and liver pathology, not only supports the portfolio companies of Germin8 Ventures but also contributes to the scientific advancements reshaping our health and food systems. Burkart has also made significant contributions to the scientific community through her involvement in dozens of peer-reviewed and editor-reviewed articles.

Dr. Burkart holds a B.A. in biology from Brown University, graduating magna cum laude with honors in neuroscience. She obtained her M.D. from McGill University's Faculty of Medicine and completed residencies in anatomic pathology and clinical pathology at John Hopkins Medical Institutions. Her fellowship in gastrointestinal/liver pathology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania further solidified her expertise. Dr. Burkart's commitment to teaching and compassionate patient care has earned her prestigious awards, including the Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching and the National Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award.