



MaRS Discovery District **Company Funding Programs**

Funding Programs, Awards and Prizes Available to
Ontario Technology Companies

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Introduction

Purpose

The following document is a compilation of federal and provincial funding sources, both private and public, which are suitable for Ontario companies. We attempt to cover all funding sources in all markets, and list most information relevant to your decision to apply to a program. Our goal is to help speed the process of searching for, and comparing different programs to find the one that is right for your project.

Caveat

This is a living document that requires frequent updates, and may not include every funding source out there, although we'd like it to. If you come across a new source of funding, or a needed update for the document, send a quick email to MaRSDiscoveryDistrict@MaRSDD.com with "Funding Book" in the subject line and we'll make the necessary changes for future editions.

Tips for Funding Success

As anyone who has ever applied for external funding (namely government funding) will tell you, it's *competitive*. Even if your company meets all the eligibility requirements, your application may be rejected since most funding programs are discretionary. The following are a few useful pointers to keep in mind in order to increase your chances of success:

- Typically, the following activities are *not* eligible for government funding:
 - Continuing operations.
 - Restructuring as a result of bankruptcy or insolvency.
- Funding applications will generally be rejected if the project:
 - Has no benefit beyond the organization; or
 - Appears to lack the financial/technical/managerial resources necessary to make the project a success.
- If possible, take a look at what funding is available *before* taking on a project. If you're considering starting a business or launching a project that will require external funding, take a look through the available funding sources. This way, you can tailor your project to the requirements of the program from the outset, rather than trying to explain your way into the eligibility requirements later on.
- Your company must prove that it *needs* the money and that the funding will generate economic, human capital or knowledge-based benefits for Canada (or Ontario, depending on the funding source). We can't emphasize enough how important it is to make a solid case for your project. Demonstrating that the funds will allow you to generate revenue, create jobs, enhance the skill level of your employees, or increase an important base of knowledge is an absolute *must* in any funding application.
- Government funding is strategic. The government allocates funding to programs according to the nation or the province's strategic goals. This is particularly true of

funds directed toward scientific and technology-based projects. Your project will have a much higher likelihood of getting funded if you can successfully show how it furthers the underlying strategic objectives of the program.

- It takes a while. The period between when you submit a funding application to the time when the funds are disbursed can be anywhere from 2 to 12 months, depending on the complexity of the project and the amount of funding you are seeking. Be prepared to wait a while before the funds land in your account.
- Be aware of the fund's targeted phase of company development. You should have a clear idea what company-stage most programs are funding, whether it be true start-up financing to found a company, money for a proof-of-concept project, funding to assist with the costs of commercialization, or support for the pursuit of international markets, each fund is generally interested in helping companies get past a particular developmental milestone.
- Be prepared by having the key tools for effective fundraising on hand. Most funding programs require you to submit some or all of the items listed below. Having up-to-date versions on hand will greatly reduce the burden of preparing funding applications.
 - Reviewed/audited financial statements: While these are only really called for in the case of established companies, it's also important for start-up companies to find a way of demonstrating that they have their financial house in order.
 - Business plan: It's great to keep a basic business plan on hand for funding applications, but a plan should never be submitted without being tailored to the criteria laid out by each program. Funding programs often have a business plan template that they'd prefer you use when submitting an application. If you follow the template to a T, it will make the work of those evaluating your application that much easier.
 - Financial forecasts: In the case of a revenue-generating project or a program that provides assistance in order help a company make progress toward commercialization, it is important to provide well-reasoned financial forecasts. They may not be incredibly accurate, but they tell the program administrators that you have thought seriously about the development of your company and can create a reasonable revenue strategy.
 - It's a long process. Developing a knockout funding application takes a great deal of time and thought. If possible, put together a project plan that includes key deliverables for the application, then delegate as much as possible, or stick to a schedule that gives you enough time to perfect each element of the application without rushing.
- Eligibility criteria do not equal assessment criteria. It is essential to make the distinction between eligibility criteria, and the things that define how your application will be assessed *beyond* meeting the eligibility criteria. If you are unsure about how applications for a particular program are being judged, call the program administrator and ask him or her to give you a rundown of the application

assessment process, including all the decision factors being considered when making funding decision.

- When in doubt, call. If you're reviewing the criteria for a funding program, and are uncertain about any detail, *call* the program administrators. These people are mostly there to help you put together the best application you can, so use their help to get clear understanding of the program's requirements, including any insights that may not be posted online.

A.E. Conrady Award

Summary	The A. E. Conrady award is awarded annually in recognition of exceptional contributions in design, construction, and testing of optical systems and instrumentation.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://spie.org/x3071.xml
Funding Type	Prize
Source	International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE), United States of America
Market	Optics
Keywords	Optics
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The recognition of this award is based on developments of new equipment, techniques, and applications for designing, testing, analyzing, and/or evaluating optical systems, components, and theories. There are no restrictions to nationality or citizenship.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	An honorarium of USD\$2,000 (approx. CAD\$2,000) is given to the winner.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A completed award nomination form. * A brief citation stating the accomplishments that make the nominee deserving of this particular award. * A one-page narrative description of the significant aspects of the nominee's career. * A Curriculum vitae listing educational background, positions held, publications, awards, honours, activities and offices held within the Society. * A minimum of two (2) letters of reference. Diversity of support is preferred; not all letters of recommendation should come from nominee's organization.
Application Deadlines	1 October. The award is presented annually.
Processing Time	
Notes	The prize fund is based in the United States but is open to international applicants.

Achieving Innovation & Manufacturing Excellence - Yves Landry Foundation Awards of

Summary	In partnership with the Ontario Government, the Yves Landry Foundation is making available up to \$50,000 per company in the form of a grant to foster training that will lead to advancements in innovation within the manufacturing sector in Ontario.
Abbreviation	AIME
Website	http://www.yveslandryfoundation.com/article/48/aime_initiative.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Yves Landry Foundation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing
Keywords	Manufacturing, education, training, innovation
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$50,000
Program Objective	A cost shared program to fund training that will lead to advancements in innovation within the manufacturing sector in Ontario.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>This funding is open to all Ontario Manufacturing companies in all segments that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Between 15 - 1500 Employees * In business in Ontario for at least 3 yrs or can demonstrate a solid financial footing * Manufacturing facility or facilities located in Ontario * Manufacture a specific product for sale in Ontario or elsewhere
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Training that will support the adaptation of new technology, new processes or procedures or any change within the company to support innovation. * Training that will support and develop Highly Skilled Personnel in any area that leads to innovation.
Terms	
Judgment Criteria	*Employee education in innovation
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Preliminary application form *Financial spreadsheets *Detailed application
Application Deadlines	Numerous application deadlines throughout the year. Best to check online.
Processing Time	
Notes	Program is temporarily on hold until further notice.

Atherton Entrepreneurship Award

Summary	Applicants may request up to \$34,000, including funds for salary for one year, costs related to prototype development and demonstration of concept, and travel expenses.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.parteqinnovations.com/randi-Atherton.htm#guidelines
Funding Type	Award
Source	The prize is financed by proceeds donated by Prof. David Atherton and the Pressure Pipe Inspection Company (PPIC) of Mississauga, ON
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Award, Student, Graduate, Technology Transfer, Start-up, science, engineering, university
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$34,000
Program Objective	The Atherton Entrepreneurship Award was established in 2005 as an incentive to assist Queen's students, postdoctoral fellows, adjunct professors or research associates under the age of 35 who have been at Queen's for more than 18 months in the potential formation of an entrepreneurial scientific or engineering business in Canada.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Must be a Queen's student that will contribute 10k and mentor must contribute 10k (part may be in-kind)
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Salary stipend for the Champion of up to \$2,000 per month for up to 1 year *Up to \$10,000 for costs directly related to the development of a prototype or demonstration of the product/service. *Travel costs.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The Champion and the Mentor shall contribute a minimum of \$10,000 each, part of which may be "in kind", as approved by the Selection Committee, and must raise an additional minimum total of \$10,000 from other sources for investment in the development of the venture. * Budgetary requests will normally be for a maximum of \$34,000 and may include the following: salary stipend for the Champion of up to \$2,000 per month for up to 1 year; and up to \$10,000 for costs directly related to the development of a prototype or demonstration of the product/service; and for travel costs. *The funds will be awarded to the recipient by PARTEQ under terms established by PARTEQ. PARTEQ shall own a minimum of 3% of the shares of the new company.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Demonstrated entrepreneurial interest and or experience/training by both the Champion and the Mentor. *Merit
Application Documentation and Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some demonstrated entrepreneurial interest and or experience/training by both the Champion and the Mentor. 2. The draft business plan. 3. Description of the product/service. 4. Budget and budget justification. 5. Presentation of the proposal (preferentially in electronic form such as Power Point). 6. Resumes of the applicants.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake, normally only 1 award/year
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Financing for Innovation

Summary	Funding to finance the commercialization of a new product or service, R&D or to improve a business process.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/solutions/financing/Pages/fs_innovation.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Negotiable
Program Objective	Fund the start-up stage of business development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Essentially the same as eligibility for bank loan, but riskier companies who wouldn't be eligible for regular bank loans can apply for BDC funding,
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * buy equipment or machinery that improves your operation and streamlines your layout * pay for market research on new products and services * cover employee training costs for innovative new projects * pay for external consulting advice such as an innovation diagnosis * cover the expansion into new markets
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Fixed or floating interest rates.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Your operating line of credit from a financial institution * An experienced management team * Solid profits supported by recent financial statements prepared by an accredited accountant * Projected sales growth or increased profitability * Adequate level of equity in the business * Other relevant aspects of your business
Application Documentation and Process	Consultation and online application.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Brian Mercer Awards for Innovation

Summary	The Brian Mercer Awards for Innovation enable individuals or groups working in the general area of the built environment to investigate the commercialisation of a particular element of their research from concept to a pre-market product.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://royalsociety.org/Brian-Mercer-Awards-for-Innovation/
Funding Type	Prize
Source	The Royal Society, United Kingdom
Market	The general area of the built environment includes civil engineering, geomechanics, water and environmental management, energy, building science, conservation and construction, environment and sustainability, novel materials, etc.
Keywords	civil engineering, geomechanics water, environmental, building, construction, sustainability, materials, nanoscience, nanotechnology
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Brian Mercer Award for Innovation is intended to fund the development of an already proven concept or prototype through to the creation of a near-market product for commercial exploitation, in conjunction with a third party.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Applicants for both awards can be of any nationality but must have a PhD or be of equivalent standing in their profession. It is not necessary for applicants for The Brian Mercer Award for Innovation to have previously held a Mercer Feasibility Award but they will be required to provide clear evidence of a project plan (including the projects technical and economical feasibility) developed in conjunction with a private funder and/or demonstrate evidence that additional non-governmental funding would be secured. There are no additional requirements for applicants for the Mercer Feasibility Awards. The general area of the built environment includes civil engineering, geomechanics, water and environmental management, energy, building science, conservation and construction, environment and sustainability, novel materials, etc.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	It is expected that there will be two or three Mercer Feasibility Awards of up to £30,000 (approx. CAD 60,000) available and one Brian Mercer Award for Innovation of up to £250,000 (approx. CAD 500,000).
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the primary considerations in the assessment process will be the scientific, engineering and technological excellence of the applicant(s) and the quality, novelty and commercial potential of the proposed project; • the extent of any similar or precursory work undertaken by the applicant(s) as well as any funding provided for the project by other bodies and the overall value for money of the proposal will also be considered in assessing applications; • priority will also be given to truly innovative proposals which take a project forward from concept to prototype to a point at which the idea could be presented for venture capital support. Consideration should be given to the future commercial potential of the research.
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	
Notes	All current deadlines have passed. Check back at the program website for future updates.

Canada Media Fund - Experimental stream

Summary	<p>The CMF is a not-for-profit corporation that delivers \$350M in funding annually to support the Canadian television and digital media industries through two funding mechanisms: the Experimental and Convergent streams.</p> <p>The Experimental Stream encourages the development of leading-edge, interactive, digital media content and software applications.</p> <p>The Convergent Stream supports the creation of innovative, convergent television and digital media content for consumption by Canadians anytime, anywhere. The Convergent Stream has several programs and incentives.</p>
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cmf-fmc.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=110&Itemid=110&page_mode=create
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	The CMF was created and funded by Canada's cable and satellite distributors and the Government of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Web 2.0 or higher applications * Mobile applications * Software applications with a connection to the Canadian cultural sector * Videogames, whether for PC, console, handheld console, mobile, or other platforms * Projects that contain both linear, audiovisual content and significant interactivity
Keywords	Digital, Digital Media, New Media, Media, Content, Interactive, Games, Video Games, Gaming, Entertainment, Edutainment, Website, PC, Mobile, Console, Handheld
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$1,000,000
Program Objective	<p>The expected outcomes of the Experimental Stream are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Canadian digital cultural content is created and consumed, and leading-edge content and applications are created and integrated into the mainstream. * Projects funded in the Experimental Stream are being developed for commercial potential or public use. * Projects funded in the Experimental Stream are subject to uptake by the Canadian media industry or Canadians. * Projects funded in the Experimental Stream are targeted to Canadian and international marketplaces. * Projects funded in the Experimental Stream contribute to the creation of jobs.
Obligations	<p>An Eligible Project must meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Its underlying rights are owned and significantly and meaningfully developed by Canadians; b) It is produced in Canada, with at least 75% of its Eligible Costs being Canadian costs; and c) It is, and remains throughout its production, under Canadian ownership and Canadian executive, creative, and financial control. <p>International co-productions may be eligible where there is an acceptable degree of Canadian ownership and control.</p>
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Eligible projects include experimental, non-linear, interactive content and software applications created exclusively for the internet, wireless, mobile, and emerging platforms or devices. Projects must demonstrate leading-edge characteristics. A television component is not required.</p> <p>An eligible Applicant to the CMF is either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A company that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) is for-profit: i.e. a taxable Canadian corporation, within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada). <p>Note: Not-for-profit corporations are not eligible Applicants to the CMF, however co-productions or partnerships between for-profit and not-for-profit corporations may be allowed where the not-for-profit corporation holds a minority interest in the project; in such a case the CMF will only contribute to the Eligible Costs related to the for-profit corporation;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b) is Canadian-controlled as determined for the purposes of sections 26 to 28 of the Investment Canada Act; and c) has its head office based in Canada.

	<p>or</p> <p>2) A Canadian broadcaster, public or private, that is licensed to operate as such by the Canadian Radio-television & Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).</p> <p>An eligible Applicant must own and control all the rights necessary to produce and exploit the project that is the subject of the application; entities that provide services but do not own the applicable rights are not eligible to be applicants to the CMF.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible Costs include costs directly related to the project, such as but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research and preparation of content; * Salaries and benefits/wages/contracts for project teams (global project management, preparation, digitization, development of interpretive materials, editing and proofreading); * Technology infrastructure (hardware and software); * Expenses to put content online, including copyright clearance, documentation, design and development, translation costs; * Travel and accommodation; * Project audit fees; * Other technical and administrative expenses; and * Marketing and promotion. <p>Core business operations or capital expenditures of the applicants, such as rent, purchase of real estate, and maintenance costs, are not Eligible Costs.</p>
Terms	<p>Successful applicants receive funding in an amount appropriate to the needs of the project and subject to a Maximum Contribution of 75% of the project's Eligible Costs or \$1 million, whichever is less.</p> <p>For international co-productions, the Maximum Contribution will be calculated on the lesser of the Eligible Costs of the Canadian portion of the project's global budget and the Eligible Costs of the Canadian portion of the global final costs.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<p>The CMF chooses successful projects in this stream according to the following evaluation matrix.</p> <p>Production team (15%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Experience and achievements of producer and project management team * Experience and achievements of the creative and technical teams <p>Innovation and advancement (40%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Originality of the content and the form * Development and use of new technologies * Design and programming (architecture, navigation, interface, graphic design, creative elements) * User interactivity and control * Sophistication of features * Potential for legacy to the industry * Distinctiveness of the business model: revenue models and potential for revenue generation <p>Business plan (30%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Viability of the project: budget, financial structure, diversity of financial partners, risk assumed by the producer, risk assumed by the CMF, leveraging effect * Financial stability of the Applicant in relation to the size of the project <p>Distribution strategy (15%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Marketing and promotion plan * Targeted audience (industry, general public) in Canada and in international markets * Involvement of the market channel partners: level of demonstrated interest (advances, pre-sales, licences)
Application Documentation and Process	<p>The CMF Program Administrator (Telefilm Canada) administers Experimental Project applications on behalf of the Canada Media Fund. Applicants may submit their CMF funding applications through eTelefilm at www.telefilm.gc.ca or any of the following offices:</p>
Application Deadlines	

Final closing date 13.09.2010

Processing Time

Notes

CANARIE - Green IT Pilot Program

Summary	This program encourages the definition and implementation of collaborative projects that will accelerate the development of, and participation in, national and international "zero-carbon" cyber infrastructure and network platforms.
Abbreviation	CANARIE
Website	http://www.canarie.ca/en/green-program/pilot/faq
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet infrastructure
Keywords	Internet, broadband, fiber optic, optical, internet, internet infrastructure, high-speed
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$2 million
Program Objective	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To demonstrate the technical viability and usability of a network architecture that involves relocating servers to zero-carbon data centers and deploying network nodes that are powered by renewable resources; and 2. To develop the business case for individual sites such as universities to use carbon offsets to finance the relocation of computers and related facilities to zero-carbon data centers.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project must be innovative; 2. The project must be based on a viable funding model; 3. The applicants must be capable of undertaking the project; 4. The project must bring together the required players to identify requirements, create the collaborations needed and undertake the specific development activity proposed; 5. The lead applicant must be a Canadian corporation or other legally recognized Canadian entity; 6. The project must be technically sound and methodologically feasible; 7. The work envisaged by the project must be performed in Canada (i.e. funds cannot be allocated to foreign-located participants); 8. CANARIE funding must be required to deliver the results of the project or to ensure the timeliness of the delivery; and 9. The project must use the CANARIE Network.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Direct Labour *Direct Materials *Sub-contractors and consultants *Special purpose equipment *Demonstration Costs *Training *Travel *Patents *Rentals *Audit Costs *Other costs
Terms	<p>A typical CANARIE contribution to a project is expected to be up to \$2 million for comprehensive zero-carbon pilot projects of type (i), and up to \$100,000 for business plans and related projects of type (ii).</p> <p>CANARIE can support up to 100% of eligible project costs.</p>
Judgment Criteria	Proposals submitted under CANARIE's Green IT Pilot Program should also contribute to CANARIE's funding agreement objectives to some substantial degree (see Appendix B) and to the two Green IT Pilot Program objectives defined in the call for proposals. The degree of contribution to the costs of the project from other sources and the extent to which other initiatives have been approached and are providing funding to the project will also be taken into account in assessing the merit of proposals.
Application Documentation and Process	5-10 page initial proposal followed by complete proposal upon successful review.
Application Deadlines	The current deadlines have passed. Check back for subsequent application dates.
Processing Time	
Notes	The program is no longer accepting applications but may be renewed at a later date. For additional information, please visit: http://www.canarie.ca/funding/greenit/call_for_proposals.html .

Chemical, Biological, Radiological-Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) Research and Technology Initiative (CRTI)

Summary	The Chemical, Biological, Radiological-Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) Research and Technology Initiative (CRTI) is part of Canada's response, helping to sharpen the focus of the scientific and security communities on the areas that are the most relevant to today's realities.
Abbreviation	CBRNE
Website	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/fte-fte.nsf/eng/00029.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Defence Research and Development Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab Cluster Management and Operations • Collective Command, Control, Communications, Coordination and Information Capabilities for CBRN Planning and Response • S&T in support of Equipping and Training 1st Responders • Prevention, Surveillance and Alert Capabilities • Immediate Reaction and Near-Term Consequence Management Capabilities • Longer-Term Consequence Management Capabilities • Criminal Investigation Capabilities • S&T Dimensions of Risk Assessment • Public Confidence and Psycho-Social Factors
Keywords	Defense
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$10,00,000
Program Objective	The mission of the Research and Technology Initiative (CRTI) is to strengthen Canada's preparedness, prevention and response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological-Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) terrorist attack through science and technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Canada-based private companies and individuals.
Eligible Costs	Eligible costs include items such as incremental capital costs, professional and technical labour, project management, equipment, lab operations and maintenance, overhead, travel, contracts for conferences, in support of project execution.
Terms	The program will fund up to two-thirds (67 percent) of total costs of any projects. Project partners will provide the remaining funds (33 percent) through in-kind effort or direct financial support to the project. Maximum of \$10 million per project.
Judgment Criteria	*Strength of proposal and relevance to current priority areas.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Step 1: Review Centre for Security Science (CSS) list of current Call for proposals.</p> <p>Step 2: Review the scope and priorities for this call for proposals.</p> <p>Step 3: Determine if you are eligible to submit a proposal. Program Call for proposals Guidebook. SEE the following sections: * Mandate, section (1.2) * Specified Priorities, (Annexe A)</p> <p>Important Projects that address the specified priorities will receive first consideration. Failure to clearly demonstrate relevance to a CBRNE event will result in the proposal being rejected. Program Call for proposals Guidebook. SEE the following section: Who May submit a Proposal Synopsis? (5.4.1)</p> <p>Step 4: Review the Program Application to be aware of the specific conditions you are required to follow should you receive funding. Program Call for proposals Guidebook. SEE Sections: Post-Project Approval/Project Implementation (6) Other Project Requirements (8)</p> <p>Step 5: Review the specific application instructions to know what you will be required to provide in order to submit a proposal. Program Call for proposals Guidebook. SEE the following section: Call for Proposal and Selection Process (5)</p> <p>Important * You must use the form specifically identified for your proposal. * No late proposal will be accepted.</p>

Application Deadlines	Annual in December
Processing Time	3 months
Notes	

CIDA Mass Media Initiative

Summary	The Development Information Program's (DIP) Mass Media Initiative (MMI) financially supports television, radio, print, exhibitions, and new media projects that are aimed at increasing public awareness and understanding of international development and cooperation issues among Canadian audiences, through the innovative use of mass media.
Abbreviation	MMI
Website	http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/mmi
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media • Entertainment • Arts
Keywords	Entertainment, new media, media, television
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	* Requested funding can range between \$50,000 and \$300,000, according to the availability of funds.
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * raise awareness and understanding among Canadians about international development and cooperation issues; * highlight the Canadian contribution to developing countries; and * communicate why challenges faced by developing countries are important to Canadians.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible for MMI funding, your proposal must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * be submitted by an applicant who is a Canadian citizen or who has landed immigrant status; * come from a Canadian organization based in Canada or an international agency (or its representative) capable of delivering information to Canadian audiences; * focus on international development or cooperation issues; * be consistent with the objectives of the Mass Media Initiative; * include a Canadian element in the proposed subject matter (Note: A Canadian crew does not constitute a Canadian element in the content of the project); * target a large Canadian audience; * focus exclusively within the following countries/regions where Canada has a significant aid program: Afghanistan, Haiti, The Americas and Sub-Saharan Africa; * include signed undertakings guaranteeing dissemination of your product by a significant Canadian broadcaster(s), publisher(s) or distribution outlet(s).
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Eligible costs include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o salaries and fees o travel expenses o research o production o distribution (only applicable for special inserts or special editions) o monitoring/evaluating tools used to measure the project's impact through quantitative and qualitative mechanisms o publicity and marketing o overhead expenses (CIDA will compensate for overhead costs by applying a 12 percent overhead rate to the CIDA share of eligible costs)
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For specific phases, MMI will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o contribute up to 50 percent of project costs for the production and/or post-production phases; o contribute up to 10 percent of the total budget for publicity, marketing, or distribution. <p>Total funding for your project from CIDA's MMI program (including all other federal departments) cannot exceed 50 percent of your project's overall budget.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the strength of the concept; o the depth of research of your idea as well as the depth of the analysis that you intend to provide in your approach; o its consistency in meeting the objectives of the Mass Media Initiative; o the social relevancy and timeliness of international development issues & themes covered; o the significance and prominence of the Canadian element in the treatment; o the extent and innovativeness of the marketing and distribution methods you intend to use (cross-

	<p>promotion/cross-platforms);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the project team’s demonstrated capacity to produce, promote, and distribute the project, and to work overseas, if applicable; o the project’s ability to effectively reach its target audience, as well as the size of the target audience; o the overall completeness and clarity of the proposal and supporting documentation; o the total amount of funding requested, its proportion of total project costs, and how the proposal meets established funding criteria; and o the project’s overall quality, feasibility, originality, and creativity.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Application form *Detailed proposal and project budget. *Comprehensive marketing and distribution plan.
Application Deadlines	This program is undergoing a reorganization during which no new applications are being accepted. Check back at the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	The Canadian Television Fund (CTF), National Film Board of Canada (NFB), Telefilm and tax credit programs, among others, are considered to be arm's-length public funding sources and are therefore eligible to be included in your financial structure.

Community Ventures Capital Fund

Summary	The CVCF is looking to invest in Eastern Ontario companies poised to grow profitably. The fund targets established and start-up organizations that have a solid management and detailed development opportunity. The fund focuses on first, second and third round investments, spin-offs, expansions and restructurings, in the \$200,000 to \$500,000 range.
Abbreviation	CVCF
Website	http://www.communityventures.ca/whaticvcf.htm
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs), economic development agencies, private sector investors
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-products and Biotechnology • Agri-biotechnology • Telecom Products and Software • Fabrication and Production Industries • Food and Beverage • Consumer Products
Keywords	Equity, capital, venture capital, investment, eastern Ontario, bio-products, biotech, biotechnology, agriculture, technology, telecommunications, telecom, software, food, beverage, consumer
Regions Available	Eastern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000 in an equity investment, and optionally up to \$125,000 in term financing.
Program Objective	Economic development and diversification, particularly in the knowledge-based, bio-products, technology and manufacturing sectors.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bio-products and Biotechnology * Agri-biotechnology * Telecommunication Products and Software * Fabrication and Production Industries * Food and Beverage * Consumer Products
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * GROWTH FINANCING * FIRST ROUND * SECOND or THIRD ROUND * SPIN-OFFS * EARLY-STAGE COMPANY TURNAROUNDS and RESTRUCTURINGS
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis, with terms similar to other types of early-stage equity financing.
Judgment Criteria	The CVCF is looking to invest in Eastern Ontario companies poised to grow profitably. We target established and start-up organizations that have a solid management and detailed development opportunity. We focus on first, second and third round investments, spin-offs, expansions and restructurings.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary Assessment Completed Application Detailed Business Plan Application Fee Various supporting documents
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	Several months
Notes	

Connect This! The Embedded Internet Challenge

Summary	Submit your idea for an intelligent, connected device that could change the world and you could win \$10,000
Abbreviation	
Website	http://connectthis.intel.com/t5/custom/page/page-id/PrizesRulesPage
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Intel
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	US & D.C., Canada, China, Taiwan, Germany, India and the UK
Funding Amount	Up to \$10,000
Program Objective	We know you've got tons of great ideas for embedded devices. Devices that promise to reshape the everyday and change the world. Devices that were pure fantasy a few years ago, but can now become reality thanks to Intel® technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The contest is open to legal residents of the 50 United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, India, China, and Taiwan, 18 years or older (20 or older if resident of Taiwan). Intel employees are prohibited from entering.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>A panel of judges will select the 3 best ideas and award cash prizes to their creators. Also, the idea that receives the most cumulative user votes will receive the Peer Choice Award. The prize structure is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1st: \$10,000 * 2nd: \$5,000 * 3rd: \$2,000 * Peer Choice Award: \$1,000 <p>Regularly we'll take the top ideas with the most user votes and randomly select one as a "notable idea" to feature on the front page of the site. The creator of each notable idea will receive \$200!</p>
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Innovative use of Intel® Architecture Does your design cleverly incorporate the advantages of Intel® technology? * Valuable societal impact Will your idea have a positive impact on humanity? * Valuable environmental impact Will your idea have a positive impact on the environment? * Coolness Is your idea fresh and exciting?
Application Documentation and Process	Online registration
Application Deadlines	The current deadlines have passed. Check back for subsequent application dates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Defence Research and Development Canada Technology Demonstration Program

Summary	The TDP sponsors approximately 40 defence research and development projects with an average funding value of \$6 million. Typically, six new projects are selected from a pool of proposals each year.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.drdc-rddc.gc.ca/sciences/tdp-pdt-eng.asp
Funding Type	
Source	Defense Research and Development Canada
Market	Unknown
Keywords	Unknown
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$6 million
Program Objective	The main objective of the Technology Demonstration Program (TDP) is to impact future defence capabilities by demonstrating the military utility of emerging concepts and technologies.
Obligations	Unknown
Eligibility Requirements	Unknown
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	TDP projects are collaborative in nature and usually require some form of meaningful investment by all stakeholders.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	
Notes	

Defense Industrial Research Program

Summary	The Defense Industrial Research (DIR) Program supports eligible research projects from the Canadian private sector at the 50 per cent funding level. The DND financial contribution under the DIR Program does not have to be repaid. The maximum project size is typically around \$1 million.
Abbreviation	DIRP
Website	http://businessguide.net/federal/dnd.htm
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Defense Research and Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Defense
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	The primary objective is to support the strategic research interests of the Canadian Forces and to introduce new and innovative technologies into DND.
Obligations	the company must submit claims and progress reports periodically
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The company must provide evidence of its capability to successfully address the proposed project and its subsequent commercialization, from both the technical and business aspects. This means that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the company must have a qualified technical team to carry out the proposed research; 2. the company should have a good economic foundation and capabilities; 3. the company must demonstrate its ability to fund its share in the cost of the project; and 4. the company should not be wholly (or almost wholly) dependant upon the support of the DIR Program for its existence. 5. the research should be relevant to the purposes of national defense 6. The DIR Program is intended to support eligible projects with a strong research component. 7. Research projects should have identifiable technical risks/challenges and/or should advance the science/technology involved. 8. The company must be able to demonstrate that it has a management structure that enables it to perform both the research and the commercialization of the proposed technology, and have a BUSINESS PLAN which satisfactorily addresses its ability to exploit the technology, and which gives confidence in the economic viability of the company.
Eligible Costs	*Costs directly attributable to the research project.
Terms	The Defence Industrial Research (DIR) Program supports eligible research projects from the Canadian private sector at the 50 per cent funding level. The DND financial contribution under the DIR Program does not have to be repaid. The maximum project size is typically around \$1 million.
Judgment Criteria	<p>*Relevance to the national defense of Canada or its allies.</p> <p>*Technology viability</p> <p>*Company viability</p>
Application Documentation and Process	<p>*Brief project outline</p> <p>*Full proposal for selected projects</p>
Application Deadlines	The content for the Defence Industrial Research (DIR) Program is currently under review. Please check back at the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	The stacking of any funds from other Canadian government sources or Crown corporations is deemed to be part of the total DND/DIRP contribution which must be matched by the company. The company, if so eligible, may take advantage of Revenue Canada R&D Tax Credits, provided that these, together with the DND/DIRP contribution of 50 per cent, do not exceed 75 per cent of the total cost of the project.

DND/NSERC Research Partnership Program

Summary	Grants are awarded for support of university-based research carried out in collaboration with DND and Canadian-based companies. Approved activities may be supported for up to five years and a maximum of \$500,000 per project.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/RPADND-EPRMDN_eng.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Defense Research and Development Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronics • Undersea Systems • Information • Systems • Air Vehicles • Naval Platforms • Mobility Systems • Surveillance Systems • Human Systems Integration • Life Support Systems
Keywords	Defense
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	More generally, the Program attempts to strengthen the Canadian defence industrial base and supports the Canadian Government Science and Technology (S&T) Policy with regards to wealth generation and job creation.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>*The program is open to academic staff members of Canadian universities. Applicants must satisfy normal NSERC Eligibility Criteria as outlined in NSERC's Program Guide for Professors.</p> <p>*To be eligible for support, a proposal must involve a collaborative effort with at least one eligible industrial partner and/or at least one DND Scientific Authority; it must also include information about intellectual property agreement(s) being negotiated or in place that specifically address the disposition of intellectual property rights coming into and/or emanating from the proposed research project.</p> <p>*An eligible industrial partner is a single Canadian-based firm or consortium of companies incorporated and operating in Canada.</p> <p>*The industrial partner(s) must include at least one eligible industrial partner but can include other eligible and non-eligible companies.</p>
Eligible Costs	DND and NSERC will provide funding for university-based research, research training and research-related activities carried out in collaboration with DND and Canadian-based companies.
Terms	<p>*Approved activities may be supported for terms of up to five years with funding beyond the first year contingent upon evidence of satisfactory progress and, where applicable, evidence of continuing support from the industrial partner(s).</p> <p>*The maximum value of the research grants made available under this program is normally limited to \$500,000 per project. Requests exceeding this amount will only be considered under special circumstances and on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>*Cash and in-kind contributions from industry are recognized by the program as eligible contributions and valid commitments if they are used to defray the direct cost of the proposed activity.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevance to DND and NSERC Research Priorities 2. Merit of the Research Proposal 3. Interactions and Partnerships 4. Training 5. Management and Budgeting
Application Documentation and Process	<p>As a first step, applicants must contact the DND scientific authority to ensure that the proposed research activity aligns with the DND research priorities.</p> <p>Research proposals must be submitted on NSERC forms.</p>
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Electrica Awards

Summary	Electrica Awards is an international innovation contest organized by AREVA T&D, one of the top three global players in the transmission and distribution of electricity.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.electricaawards.com/en/home
Funding Type	Prize
Source	AREVA
Market	# Network stability: Improving network stability to support intermittent and distributed energy sources. # Network efficiency: Optimizing grid capabilities to transmit energy efficiently # Environmental friendliness
Keywords	
Regions Available	Residents and/or citizens of the province of Quebec in Canada, Cuba, Iran, Syria, North Korea, Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Sudan are not eligible to participate.
Funding Amount	Up to 50,000 Euros
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The future energy challenges - network stability, efficiency, and environmental friendliness - need innovative solutions. * Innovation is at the core of our strategy. * Innovation must bring value to our customers.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older at time of the submission of a Public Proposal are permitted to submit their proposals. If you are an employee of a company, a student and/or a professor, before participating, please ensure that you are legally authorized to do so in your own name under any kind of agreement you signed and/or regulations/rules applicable to your situation and allowing you full compliance with the present RAC.</p> <p>To enter, each individual entrants or team of entrants (collectively or individually "the Entrants") must submit a comprehensive proposal (7000 letters maximum) answering at least one of the three topics and complying with the below requirements (the "Public proposal"), as defined in chapter I "vision/objectives":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network efficiency: optimizing grid capabilities to transmit energy efficiently • Network stability: improving network stability to support intermittent and distributed energy sources. • Environmental friendliness: minimizing the environmental impact of transmission and distribution equipment.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>At the end of Phase III, three (3) Winning teams are elected. Each winning team will receive prizes amounting to 100 k€ distributed as follow:</p> <p>1st place award: 50k€ 2nd place award: 30k€ 3rd place award: 20k€</p>
Judgment Criteria	<p>Innovation: does the proposal introduce a new, creative, innovative, unique and/or compelling solution?</p> <p>Feasibility: how feasible is it to implement this proposal from both a business and a technical perspective? How does it fit in with AREVA T&D's current scope?</p> <p>Business potential: how accessible and attractive is the market targeted by the proposed innovation?</p>
Application Documentation and Process	<p>The Contest is organized in three steps, each step being followed by a period of review, assessment and decision to decide on who is selected for the next step.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phase I - Submission of Public Proposal will be run from November 17th, 2009 to January 18th, 2010 (as defined hereinafter); 2. Phase II – Technical Round ("TR") as defined hereinafter, from February 15th, 2010 to April 30th, 2010; 3. Phase III – Business Round from May 16th, 2010 to June 30th, 2010; <p>Final award will be announced at the end of August 2010.</p>
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed. Check back at the program website for possible contest updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Embedded Spark

Summary	The embeddedSPARK 2010 Challenge is all about fun and games. Create an embedded project that catches the eye and brings a smile to your face and enter to win \$15,000!
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.embeddedspark.com/
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Microsoft
Market	
Keywords	embedded
Regions Available	Global, except Quebec and North Korea
Funding Amount	Up to \$15,000
Program Objective	This is a skill-based Contest and chance plays no part in the determination of the winner(s). The object of this Contest is to provide a forum for Windows Embedded CE enthusiasts to showcase their skills, help Build the Windows Embedded community and drive awareness of the SPARK Your Imagination program.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>You are eligible to enter this Contest if you meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * You are a Internet technology enthusiast or specialist and are at least 18 years of age or older at the time of entry; and * You are not a resident of Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan * You are NOT an employee of Microsoft Corporation or an employee of a Microsoft subsidiary; and * You are NOT involved in any part of the administration and execution of this Challenge; and <p>You are NOT an immediate family (parent, sibling, spouse, child) or household member of a Microsoft employee, an employee of a Microsoft subsidiary, or a person involved in any part of the administration and execution of this Challenge.</p> <p>This Challenge is void in the Province of Quebec, Canada; and wherever else prohibited by law.</p>
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>Finalist Prize: (3) Each finalist will win a trip to the ESC Silicon Valley event to compete for the Grand Prize. Trip includes round trip coach airfare for one from major airport closest to winner's home to San Jose, CA., 4 night single occupancy hotel accommodations, and admission into the ESC Silicon Valley event (Estimated Retail Value US \$2,095.00).</p> <p>Grand Prize (1): One winner will be selected to win US \$15,000 cash</p> <p>Second Prize (1): One winner will be selected to win US \$5,000 cash</p> <p>Third Prize (1): One winner will be selected to win US \$1,000 cash</p> <p>Travel prize winners are responsible for providing all required travel documents, including, but not limited to required Visa, passport etc. If winner lives within 100 miles of travel destination, Sponsor reserves the right to provide alternative transportation.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% Innovation: Originality and creativity • 25% Impact and Relevance of the Solution • 25% Feasibility and Adherence Theme • 25% Quality of the Project Vision
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Submit a 1-3-page paper that outlines an embedded project that catches the eye and brings a smile to your face. Perhaps it is a game you designed for an embedded device. Perhaps it is a magic button that turns your house into a disco, or an interactive toy for children. As long as it catches people's attention and brings a smile to their faces, you are on the right track. Be creative, have fun but remember this is an embedded challenge!</p> <p>All 75 round one winners will receive a free embeddedSPARK Kit, based on an embeddedSPARK platform device. Build a working prototype of your idea and submit a 4-8-page paper that describes your solution. You'll also need to create a 2-minute video that summarizes your project.</p> <p>On April 9, 2010, we will reveal the top 3 finalists. Each of the 3 finalists will receive a flight to ESC Silicon Valley, where they will demonstrate their project live during the Microsoft keynote on April 22, 2010.</p> <p>The 1st prize winner will be announced at the end of the keynote, and will receive a cash prize of</p>

	\$15,000. Second prize winner will receive a cash prize of \$5,000. Third prize winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,000.
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed. Please check back at the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Energy Storage Challenge

Summary	This challenge impacts not only on military strategies but also national security in general, as our dependencies on oil and gas increase. The defence sector has traditionally been an early adopter of breakthrough technologies due to its unique needs and ability to explore emerging innovations, even if they are not cost-competitive yet. Our inaugural challenge will focus on energy storage - a particular concern to defence departments around the world.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.globalsecuritychallenge.com/gsc_competitions.php#cloud
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Global Security Challenge
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	TBA
Funding Amount	\$10,000
Program Objective	TBA
Obligations	TBA
Eligibility Requirements	TBA
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	TBA
Judgment Criteria	TBA
Application	TBA
Documentation and Process	
Application Deadlines	TBA
Processing Time	TBA
Notes	

External Research Program

Summary	CMHC's External Research Program (ERP) offers funding assistance to help Canadian researchers carry out research investigations on topics related to housing.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/inpr/graw/graw_001.cfm
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Real estate • Construction
Keywords	housing, residential, urban, construction, real estate, property
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$25,000
Program Objective	The intent of the program is to encourage and draw out new ideas, innovative solutions, and better understanding of housing issues.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Applicants must be Canadian citizens or have obtained permanent resident status in Canada.
Eligible Costs	*Costs related to the research study
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	Recipients of ERP grants are selected on the basis of the merit and significance of their proposals by a national committee of housing experts.
Application Documentation and Process	*Application form
Application Deadlines	The current deadlines have passed. Check back for subsequent application dates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Fednor Applied Research and Development Program

Summary	Fednor provides R&D loans to businesses in Northern Ontario. FedNor's contributions will normally not exceed 50 percent of eligible costs to a maximum contribution of \$500,000.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/fte-fte.nsf/eng/00013.html
Funding Type	Loan
Source	FedNor, Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining • Forestry • Biotechnology • Alternative energy • Manufacturing • Medical applications
Keywords	mining, forestry, biotechnology, alternative energy, manufacturing, medical, R&D, research, northern Ontario
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	The objective of the Applied Research and Development Program is to increase the overall competitive position of Northern Ontario private sector firms by supporting the commercialization of intellectual property, value-added product development, and productivity improvement in such key sectors (but not limited to) mining, forestry, biotechnology, alternative energy, manufacturing and medical applications.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Eligible recipients include commercial operations, non-profit organizations, municipalities, First Nations and community economic development corporations * Eligible organizations must be located within the designated FedNor boundaries in Northern Ontario. * Commercial operations will normally be restricted to small and medium-sized firms with fewer than 500 employees. * Applicants who can demonstrate a clear and significant benefit to Northern Ontario's economy, but are located outside FedNor boundaries, may be considered for assistance on an exceptional basis.
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible activities may include initial research and development, pre-commercial product development and pre-operational marketing studies which would be unlikely to attract commercial debt due to the risk involved.</p> <p>Only costs that are reasonable, incremental and which relate directly to the eligible activities will be allowed.</p>
Terms	<p>FedNor's contributions will normally not exceed 50 percent of eligible costs to a maximum contribution of \$500,000.</p> <p>All assistance is normally repayable, except contributions to non-profit organizations will usually be deemed non repayable.</p>
Judgment Criteria	*Basic eligibility
Application Documentation and Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of Organization/Economic Benefits of Project 2. Management Résumé 3. Markets and Competition 4. Preliminary Financial Forecast 5. Statement of Work and Costing Schedule for Innovation Projects 6. Financial Statements 7. Articles of Incorporation/Partnership Registration 8. References 9. Application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

FedNor Innovation Fund

Summary	FedNor is committed to increasing the overall competitive position of the North by promoting interaction between science and industry. To help Northern companies bring new products and services to market, FedNor provides additional support for early stage research and development.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn02421.html
Funding Type	Loan
Source	FedNor
Market	• Any
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, project,
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	FedNor's support of innovation-related activities includes working in partnership with Northern stakeholders to identify opportunities for linking traditional resource industries to more knowledge-based product & service development
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Canadian companies, and start-ups
Eligible Costs	Incremental costs directly attributable to the new project.
Terms	Repayable 10 year, unsecured, interest-free loan, maximum contribution is \$500,000, and no more than 50% of eligible costs.
Judgment Criteria	Economic benefits, commercial viability, credible commitment to repay loan, innovation.
Application Documentation and Process	14 page legal agreement, business plan, application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Several months
Notes	

Freight Technology Demonstration Fund

Summary	Provides the freight transportation industry with cost shared funding for real world testing of freight transportation technologies that have the potential to reduce the emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases (GHG).
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/ecofreight/about/programdemo.htm
Funding Type	Matching grant
Source	Transport Canada
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Freight carriers, technology providers, eligible facility operators, freight forwarders, shippers, educational and academic institutions, industry associations, and not-for-profit organizations. Non-Canadian institutions are also eligible for funding if the demonstration would generate benefits for Canadians.
Eligible Costs	Examples of eligible projects under the program include (but are not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Installation of aerodynamic devices to reduce drag on moving trailers; * Implementation of fleet management best practices; * Integration of technologies to reduce fuel consumption.
Terms	Projects can be funded to cover a maximum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 50% of project total eligible costs * \$500,000 over a two-year period <p>The program requires a minimum funding request of \$25,000 to be considered for funding.</p>
Judgment Criteria	No information
Application Documentation and Process	No information
Application Deadlines	The application process for Round 2 of funding for the Freight Technology Demonstration Fund is now closed. Please check back at the program website for future deadline updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ Prize

Summary	The Russ Prize is awarded biennially and recognizes engineering achievement within an emerging engineering discipline that has significantly impacted society and has contributed to the advancement of the human condition through widespread use. Currently, the Russ Prize recognizes achievement in bioengineering. Therefore, an auxiliary purpose of the Russ Prize is to encourage the medical/biological disciplines/professions to work closely together.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.nae.edu/Awards/RussPrize8693.aspx
Funding Type	Prize
Source	National Academy of Engineering
Market	bioengineering
Keywords	bioengineering
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Russ Prize recognizes an outstanding achievement in bioengineering that improves the human condition. This achievement should help the public better understand and appreciate the contributions of engineers to our health, well-being and quality of life. An auxiliary purpose of the Russ Prize is to encourage collaboration between the engineering and medical/biological professions to work closely together.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	NAE members and non-members worldwide are eligible to receive the Russ Prize. The Russ Prize is awarded for a specific achievement or for a series of achievements in an emerging engineering profession, and may be awarded to an individual or a group of individuals contributing to the same achievement. The Russ Prize is not awarded posthumously. Examples of bioengineering include research, education, or product development in such areas as biomedical instrumentation, separation, and control systems; aerospace biomedical engineering; diagnostic technologies; applied genetic engineering; pharmaceutical processing; prosthetic technologies; biomolecular engineering; medical engineering; and applied physiological systems.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Presented biennially (odd-numbered years) during National Engineers Week in February, the recipient receives a \$US 500,000 cash award, gold medallion, and hand-scribed certificate.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	These nomination procedures apply only to the Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ Prize. Nominations must be typewritten in English. There are no restrictions on who may nominate candidates for the Prize. NAE members and non-members worldwide are eligible to receive the Russ Prize. Solicitations are sent to members and foreign associates of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, foreign engineering academies, and other organizations and persons from around the world.
Application Deadlines	The nomination period is currently closed. Please check back at the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	The prize fund is based in the United States but is open to international applicants.

GeoConnections Program

Summary	GeoConnections works with partners to promote the on-line use of location-based information, and the growth and evolution of the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI). As part of that effort, the program solicits, evaluates, and provides co-funding and support for selected projects from all levels of government, non-government organizations, the private sector, Aboriginal groups, and academia.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.geoconnections.org/en/opportunities
Funding Type	Grant
Source	GeoConnections
Market	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. User capacity has the objective of helping users take advantage of the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI) to improve decision making. This program area uses primarily the contribution funding mechanism. 2. Content has the objective of increasing the information and data accessed through the CGDI. This area uses a mix of contribution and contract mechanisms. 3. Architecture and standards has the objective of evolving the technical standards and components of the CGDI. This program area uses primarily the contract funding mechanism; however, contributions are sometimes used.
Keywords	Geomatics
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	GeoConnections works with partners to promote the on-line use of location-based information, and the growth and evolution of the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI).
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible for funding, your proposed project must meet at least one of two high-level criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the project evolves the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI) to better meet the needs of decision-makers in at least one of GeoConnections' four priority areas; or 2. the project evolves CGDI technology or addresses a specified technical issue. <p>In addition, to be eligible for funding, proposed projects must address a number of other specific criteria that are described in detail in each Announcement of Opportunity (AO) and Request for Proposals (RFP).</p> <p>In general, the AOs are housed on the GeoConnections website, whereas the RFPs are listed by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) or via the MERX system. When an RFP is open on MERX or PWGSC, a link to the details is provided by the GeoConnections website.</p> <p>In partnering with GeoConnections to expand the use of location-based data and technologies, project partners will be required to work with Canadian businesses. These businesses play a crucial role in generating the solutions required by decision-makers in the program's four priority areas, and in evolving CGDI technologies and solutions.</p>
Eligible Costs	As much as 50 percent of the project's total cost.
Terms	<p>The maximum GeoConnections' contribution varies by each Request for Proposal (RFP) or Announcement of Opportunity (AO). The primary project proponent funds the balance, oftentimes with contributions from other partners they have enlisted.</p> <p>So, for every dollar that GeoConnections invests in funding projects, its partners contribute a dollar or more. This partnership-based approach to funding not only doubles—or more—the power of GeoConnections' investment in projects, but it also encourages organizations to develop the most-needed solutions for the program's decision-making audiences.</p> <p>GeoConnections contributes more than funding to the process, too; representatives from the program are available to help you work through the proposal-preparation process. We don't want the requirements to hinder your innovation, so please contact us if you'd like our guidance.</p>
Judgment Criteria	GeoConnections thoroughly evaluates each proposal using a rigorous, merit-based competitive review process. The proposals that best meet the published evaluation criteria receive funding from GeoConnections
Application Documentation and Process	No information
Application Deadlines	The program ends in March 2011. There are currently no funding opportunities listed. Check back

at the program website for further updates.

Processing Time

Notes

George W. Goddard Award

Summary	The George W. Goddard award is given annually in recognition of exceptional achievement in optical or photonic instrumentation for aerospace, atmospheric science, or astronomy. The award is for the invention and development of a new technique, photonic instrumentation, instrument, or system.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://spie.org/x3066.xml
Funding Type	Prize
Source	International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE), United States of America
Market	optical or photonic instrumentation
Keywords	optics, photonics
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The award is for the invention and development of a new technique, photonic instrumentation, instrument, or system.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	There are no restrictions with regard to nationality or citizenship.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	An honorarium of USD\$2,000 (approx. CAD\$2,500) is given to the winner.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Candidates will be considered once SPIE has received the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A completed award nomination form. * A brief citation stating the accomplishments that make the nominee deserving of this particular award. * A one-page narrative description of the significant aspects of the nominee's career. * A Curriculum vitae listing educational background, positions held, publications, awards, honours, activities and offices held within the Society. * A minimum of two (2) letters of reference. Diversity of support is preferred; not all letters of recommendation should come from nominee's organization.
Application Deadlines	1 October. The award is presented annually.
Processing Time	
Notes	The prize fund is based in the United States but is open to international applicants.

Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering

Summary	The NSERC Herzberg Medal, the Council's highest honour, recognizes research contributions characterized by both excellence and influence – two qualities that defined Dr. Herzberg's illustrious career. It is awarded annually to an individual who has demonstrated sustained excellence and influence in research, for a body of work conducted in Canada that has substantially advanced the natural sciences or engineering fields.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Prizes-Prix/Herzberg-Herzberg/Index-Index_eng.asp
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
Market	Natural sciences, engineering
Keywords	engineering
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The NSERC Herzberg Medal is awarded annually for both the sustained excellence and overall influence of research work conducted in Canada in the natural sciences or engineering.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The recipient may be a scientist or engineer from a Canadian university, government lab or private firm.</p> <p>Candidates may be nominated by any individual or group; however, the nominators must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada. Posthumous or self nominations will not be accepted. Current NSERC Council members are not eligible for nomination.</p>
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>In addition to the medal, the winner is guaranteed \$1 million to use for his or her own university-based research or to direct in some related way such as the establishment of research scholarships, fellowships or chairs in his or her name in Canadian universities. The monetary award will be distributed over a five-year period.</p> <p>If the winner already has an NSERC Discovery Grant, his or her grant will be increased to \$200,000 for each of the five years. If the grant is currently greater than \$150,000, it will be topped up by \$50,000.</p> <p>A winner who is not an NSERC Discovery Grant recipient may direct the full \$200,000 to university research endeavours such as scholarships.</p>
Judgment Criteria	The NSERC Herzberg Medalist will be selected from three finalists who will each receive an NSERC Award of Excellence. The two finalists who are not selected as the Medalist will receive \$50,000, applicable to their university research or to the establishment of research scholarships, fellowships or chairs in their name in Canadian universities.
Application Documentation and Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a letter or document of up to four pages that describes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the nominee's achievements and how they relate to one or more of these categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o contributions to knowledge o the use of existing knowledge to develop novel solutions to practical problems o the successful promotion or management of research activities o leadership in the transfer of knowledge o the training of highly qualified personnel o other appropriate contributions * the significance, benefit or impact of the nominee's achievements; * the role of the nominee in bringing about the achievements. the nominee's up-to-date curriculum vitae, which should include detailed information about the contributions and achievements described in the above categories, e.g., lists of works published, highly qualified personnel trained, etc. The curriculum vitae should contain relevant information over the entire career of the nominee. the names and addresses (including e-mail addresses) of the seven most important people in the nominee's field (three or more should come from the international community) from whom NSERC may request objective assessments of the nominee's suitability for the award. Please provide one paragraph on the background of each person and say why he or she is an appropriate referee.
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	
Notes	All current deadlines have passed. Check back at the program website for future updates.

Global Commerce Support Program - Going Global Innovation

Summary	The Going Global Science and Technology Fund helps Canadian researchers in the identification and the establishment of new international collaborative Research and Development (R&D) initiatives with foreign partners.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/science/going_global.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Travel, marketing, international, conference, researcher, workshop, seminar
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Applicants must request, from Going Global, a minimum of \$5,000.00 in order for the proposal to be considered. The maximum payable to any organization for an approved project is \$75,000.
Program Objective	To promote and enhance Canada's international innovation efforts by supporting Canadian companies and/or researchers in pursuing international R&D collaborative opportunities through the development of partnerships with key players in other countries/economies.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*Must be a Canadian researcher from a small or medium Canadian enterprise with revenues less than \$50 million
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * travel (e.g., air fare, local transportation, etc.); * accommodation; * meals; * incidentals; and * other non-research expenses (such as workshop or seminar expenses, translation services, photocopies, or hospitality).
Terms	The stacking limit for Going Global is 75%. The stacking limit is equivalent to the funding level support of GGI. In the event that actual Total Government Assistance exceeds the stacking limit, it will be necessary for the Department to adjust its level of assistance (an seek reimbursement, if necessary) so that the stacking limit is not exceeded.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * potential in establishing significant collaborative R&D initiatives with foreign partners; * economic benefits to Canada; * potential to engage other Canadian participants in the project; * coverage of international relationships and field/sector specific interests that are in accordance with federal Science and Technology (S&T) priorities; * effectiveness, particularly through the methodology used, the people involved and the proposed work plan; and * demonstration that sources of funding for subsequent international collaborative R&D initiatives are being investigated (i.e. to cover the actual research costs).
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a narrative report (doc, html) indicating: a list the participants; the project's objectives, activities and achievements; an analysis of the activities and achievements; any downstream international R&D collaboration expectations; lessons learned; conclusions and recommendations; * a financial statement (excel) showing planned and actual itemized costs and all sources of funding for eligible expenses; and * an invoice from the institution.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Global Security Challenge--Best Security SME 2010

Summary	We seek to discover the creative capabilities of innovators in young companies, including university spin-offs, that address public security needs. This includes hardware or software solutions that help (a) protect people, critical infrastructure, facilities and data/electronic systems against terrorist attacks or other criminal acts and natural disasters or (b) help governments, businesses and communities prevent, defend against, investigate/prosecute, cope with or recover from such incidents.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.globalsecuritychallenge.com/gsc_competitions.php#sme
Funding Type	Award
Source	Global Security Challenge
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Worldwide
Funding Amount	# \$300,000 USD support sponsored by TSWG of US Department of Defense
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	a company or one or more individuals, whose technology has received less than \$15m in annual revenues or investments to include both private funds and government research contracts. In addition, the company must have been founded after January 1, 2000. Past GSC regional finalists from 2009 and all previous winners of this category are excluded from entering this year's competition.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Application deadline is July 7, 2010(extended to Aug 6th 2010. Please note there will be no further extension to this deadline). Judging will take place in July 2010. Selected finalists will be invited to pitch at one of the GSC regional events in America, Europe, and Asia. These events will be held in September and October 2010. The winners of the regional selection events will advance to the International Final held in London on November, 2010.
Application Deadlines	6-Aug-10
Processing Time	
Notes	

Global Security Challenge--Best Security Startup 2010

Summary	The 5th annual Best Security Startup competition of the GSC is open for applications until July 7, 2010. Join the ranks of our previous finalists and winners, who raised over \$78 million in fresh capital via our challenges and events.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.globalsecuritychallenge.com/gsc_competitions.php#startup
Funding Type	Award
Source	Global Security Challenge
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Worldwide
Funding Amount	# \$200,000 USD support sponsored by TSWG of US Department of Defense
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	A company, or one or more individuals, whose technology has received less than \$5m in annual revenues or investments to include both private funds and government research contracts. In addition, the company must have been founded after January 1, 2005. Past GSC regional finalists from 2009 and all previous winners of this category are excluded from entering this year's competition.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Application deadline is July 7, 2010(extended to Aug 6th 2010. Please note there will be no further extension to this deadline). Judging will take place in July 2010. Selected finalists will be invited to pitch at one of the GSC regional events in America, Europe, and Asia. These events will be held in September and October 2010. The winners of the regional selection events will advance to the International Final held in London on November, 2010.
Application Deadlines	6-Aug-10
Processing Time	
Notes	

Global Security Challenge--Cyber Security Challenge 2010

Summary	Are you a cyber security start-up or researcher working on innovative software solutions to critical cyber security challenges? Are you developing the latest and greatest disruptive technological tools to fight criminal and terrorist acts in the digital / online space? If so, then we invite you to enter this exciting and important challenge. By doing so, you position yourself to join the ranks of our previous finalists and winners who have raised over \$78 million in fresh capital via our competitions and challenges.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.globalsecuritychallenge.com/gsc_competitions.php#csc2010
Funding Type	Award
Source	Global Security Challenge
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Worldwide
Funding Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,000USD cash prize sponsored by BAE Systems
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The competition will be open to innovators in universities and SMEs that have creative solutions to these gaps and needs. Venture can have no more than £5 million in annual revenues in 2009 (= total annual sales). Pre-revenue stage companies, individuals performing research, and/or ideas are welcome to enter. Entrants may be individuals, firms/companies, or universities. We recognize that many disruptive innovations are not ready for mass commercialization and will therefore encourage researchers and infant companies to apply for this year's Cyber Security Challenge.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Process: The competition formally opens on 15 July 2010 and closes on 15 September 2010. Preliminary judging will be completed by 1 October 2010. Selected finalists will be invited to present their ideas on-stage to a live judging panel and the ultimate winner will be chosen at the GSC Summit on 11-12 November 2010.
Application Deadlines	15-Sep-10
Processing Time	
Notes	

Gold Medal of the Society (SPIE Awards)

Summary	The medal is awarded annually in recognition of outstanding engineering or scientific accomplishments in optics, electro-optics, or photographic technologies or applications.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://spie.org/x3077.xml
Funding Type	Prize
Source	International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE), United States of America
Market	optics, photographic technologies
Keywords	optics, photographic technologies
Regions Available	
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	he recipient(s) shall have made an exceptional contribution to the advancement of relevant technology. There are no restrictions based on nationality.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	An honorarium of USD\$10,000 (approx. CAD\$12,500) and a medal are given to the winner.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Candidates will be considered once SPIE has received the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A completed award nomination form. * A brief citation stating the accomplishments that make the nominee deserving of this particular award. * A one-page narrative description of the significant aspects of the nominee's career. * A Curriculum vitae listing educational background, positions held, publications, awards, honours, activities and offices held within the Society. * A minimum of two (2) letters of reference. Diversity of support is preferred; not all letters of recommendation should come from nominee's organization.
Application Deadlines	1 October. The award is presented annually.
Processing Time	
Notes	The prize fund is based in the United States but is open to international applicants.

Industrial R & D Fellowships - Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

Summary	The IRDF program helps partners hire a postdoctoral researcher for a two-year period to undertake a project (or projects) of importance to the organization and to evaluate the fellow for potential long-term employment.
Abbreviation	IRDF
Website	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Partners-Partenaires/Programs-Programmes/IRDFProfile-BPRDIPProfile_eng.asp
Funding Type	Matching grant
Source	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
Market	Any
Keywords	Employment program, postdoctoral, R&D, research
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	\$30,000 per year
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * encourage excellent recent PhD graduates in science and engineering to gain experience and seek careers in the Canadian private, not-for-profit and non-governmental sectors; * promote awareness in the Canadian private, not-for-profit and non-governmental sectors of the capabilities of Canadian universities and university research; * facilitate the transfer of expertise and technology; and * provide an opportunity for PhD holders seeking university careers to gain experience in the private, not-for-profit and non-governmental sectors; research and development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The applying company must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * be a federally or provincially incorporated organization; * be a for-profit, not-for-profit or non-governmental organization engaged in R&D; * have appropriate research facilities; and * have sound finances and the ability to apply results. <p>Industrial R&D Fellowships are intended for recent doctoral graduates seeking employment in the Canadian private, not-for-profit and non-governmental sectors for the first time.</p>
Eligible Costs	Salary costs of the newly hired postdoctoral fellow.
Terms	The company contributes a minimum of \$10,000 per year (cash) plus fringe benefits and project costs. The current average company contribution is \$25,500. Project duration is 2 years maximum (pro-rated where applicable).
Judgment Criteria	Application success rate is 80%.
Application Documentation and Process	Organization completes Form 183C; candidate completes Form 200.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	Six weeks from receipt of complete nomination.
Notes	

Innovation in Engineering Awards

Summary	To celebrate innovation in engineering.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://conferences.theiet.org/innovation-awards/index.htm
Funding Type	Award
Source	The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), United Kingdom
Market	Engineering Asset Management Built Environment Electronics Emerging Technologies Information Technology Measurement in Action Power Energy Product Design Security Software in Design Start-up Sustainability Team Telecommunications Transport
Keywords	Engineering
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The aims of the Innovation in Engineering Awards are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To recognise and reward innovative organisations - To raise the profile and importance of innovation - To recognise and reward 'successful' innovation - To provide an indirect method of improving business, by providing a framework to encourage organisations to invest in innovation.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Award Categories include: Asset Management Built Environment Electronics Emerging Technologies Information Technology Measurement in Action Power / Energy Product Design Security Software in Design Start-up Sustainability Team Telecommunications Transport
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	There is no funding of any type associated with these awards, which are designed to recognise innovative organisations and individuals, and to raise awareness of the importance of innovation.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Entries should be submitted using the standard entry form available from the website.
Application Deadlines	30-Jul-10
Processing Time	
Notes	

International Science and Technology Partnership Program - CANADA-CHINA-ISRAEL COLLABORATION ON AGRI-INNOVATION

Three-Way Call for Proposals for Collaborative R&D projects – 2010

Summary	This Canada-China-Israel Call for Proposals (CFP) for collaborative research and development (R&D) projects in Agri-innovation will be funded by International Science and Technology Partnerships Canada (ISTPCanada) for Canadian participants, the Canada-Israel Industrial R&D Foundation (CIIRDF) for Israeli and Canadian participants, and Yangling Agriculture Hi-Tech Demonstration Zone for Chinese participants.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.istpcanada.ca/international_programs/China/ChinaRDCollaboration/index.php
Funding Type	Grant
Source	International Science & Technology Partnerships Canada Inc.
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada jointly with Israel and China
Funding Amount	Up to \$300,000 in matching funds for the Canadian participant.
Program Objective	288
Obligations	8
Eligibility Requirements	Eligible applicants will be researchers and managers representing Canadian companies which are headquartered, operate and carry out their R&D in Canada. Subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside Canada are normally not eligible for support. However, recognizing that the overriding consideration is "benefit to Canada", an exception can occur if ISTPCanada is satisfied that clear economic benefit will accrue to Canada because the product or the technology will be substantially produced in, exported from or utilized in Canada.
Eligible Costs	No information.
Terms	<p>a) Funding support will be given to each partner by its own Authorities as follows. Each country's support is limited to CDN\$300,000, or no more than 50% of the budget of the project from that country:</p> <p>i. Total expenditures for the Israeli partner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. % earmarked for cooperation with Canada: By CIIRDF 2. % earmarked for cooperation with China: By OCS/CIIRDF <p>ii. Total expenditure for the Canadian partner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. % earmarked for cooperation with Israel: By CIIRDF 2. % earmarked for cooperation with China: By ISTPCanada <p>iii. Total expenditure for the China partner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. % earmarked for cooperation with Israel: By Yangling* 2. % earmarked for cooperation with Canada. By Yangling* <p>(*Administrative Committee of Yangling Agriculture Hi-Tech Demonstration Zone)</p> <p>b) The minimum participation from each country must be at least 25% of the total project budget.</p>
Judgment Criteria	No Information
Application Documentation and Process	A four-stage application process will be used. First a Expression of Interest (EOI) to be followed by a full application.
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed. Please check back at the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	Please note that Government of Canada stacking rule applies to all Canadian applicants. A stacking limit is the total of all government assistance as a percentage of eligible costs. Total assistance includes federal, provincial and municipal funding. This stacking limit is 75%. Any amount exceeding this limit is subject to recovery. It is the responsibility of the applicant to disclose all the sources of government funding in the proposal and during the life of project.

International Science and Technology Partnership Program - PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITH INDIA

Summary	<p>The Partnership Development Activities are jointly implemented on the Canadian side by International Science & Technology Partnerships Canada Inc. (ISTP Canada), incorporated in Canada and on the Indian side by the Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA), engaged by the Department of Science & technology (DST), Government of India.</p> <p>These Partnership Development Activities may take the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Scientific seminars, conferences, symposia and workshops, as well as participation of experts in those activities * Activities that involve exchanges of scientists, technical experts and academics
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.istpcanada.ca/ProductsServices/IndiaProgram/IndiaPDA/index.html#IndiaPDACFP
Funding Type	Grant
Source	International Science & Technology Partnerships Canada Inc.
Market	<p>The following priority areas have been identified, however, applications in other areas will also be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Alternate Energy and Sustainable Environmental Technologies * Biotechnology, Health Research, Medical Devices * Earth Science and Disaster Management * Information and Communications Technologies * Nanoscience/Nanotechnology
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada Jointly with India
Funding Amount	Up to \$25,000 in matching funds
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Canadian Applicants</p> <p>Researchers and managers representing Canadian companies, academic institutions, research hospitals, other institutes or associations which operate and are headquartered in Canada. Subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside Canada are normally not eligible for support. However, recognizing that the overriding consideration is "benefit to Canada", an exception can occur if ISTPCanada is satisfied that clear economic benefit will accrue to Canada.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible expenses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Expenses for organizing the Activity, e.g. venue and equipment rental, and related expenses; * Travel (e.g. airfare, local transportation, etc.), accommodation, meals, incidentals and other non-research expenses (such as translation services, photocopies, or hospitality). Expenses for travel, accommodations, meals and incidentals are as per Treasury Board of Canada Guidelines - http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pubs_pol/hrpubs/TBM_113/td-dv_e.asp; * Travel and local stay expenses of Canadian participants; and * Hospitality cost for the Indian participants in Canada related to the PDA, which includes accommodation, local travel for the activity, and food.
Terms	<p>Funding support will be given to participants by their own Implementing Organization in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.</p> <p>Each Implementing Organization (GITA and ISTPCanada) will limit its contribution to the level of CDN\$25,000 or equivalent Indian Rupees per activity. In Canada participants can receive up to 50% of the eligible costs of their national component. For Indian participants, GITA may provide up to 100% of the eligible costs only to public funded institutions.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * potential for establishing a collaborative R&D initiative that could result in economic benefits to both Canada and India; * potential to engage other Canadian/Indian participants in the project; * demonstrated capability to organize and manage the proposed activity, the people involved and the proposed work plan; * level of involvement of young researchers; * level of commitment from alternate funding source(s) to the proposed activity; and * degree of addressing the identified priority areas of both countries.

Application Documentation and Process	All proposals must be submitted simultaneously to the implementing organizations in each country by means of the attached Proposal Outline (section 7) in the appropriate official/working languages. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Country Manager at ISTPCanada or GITA (see contact information at the end of the document) in preparing their applications.
Application Deadlines	This is a standing call for proposals.
Processing Time	6 to 8 weeks
Notes	

Investment Accelerator Fund

Summary	Through investment of up to \$500K, the IAF helps launch high potential technology ventures.
Abbreviation	IAF
Website	http://www.marsdd.com/aboutmars/partners/iaf.html
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology
Keywords	Technology, innovation, venture capital
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	The Investment Accelerator Fund (IAF) is an early stage seed fund designed to help Ontario based, start up and early stage technology companies bring their products and services to market.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technologies or intellectual property (IP) the company intends to commercialize must have unique and protectable aspects that establish a sustainable competitive advantage • The company must have unencumbered rights to commercialize the technology • The products and services the company intends to bring to market must meet a defined market need and have a significant and sustainable advantage over competitors • The addressable market should be at minimum, \$20 million • The management team must have the appropriate skills and domain expertise or willing to replace and augment the team as necessary • There must be a clear and plausible path to commercialization • The company should not have achieved significant revenue, excluding any pre-commercialization revenue such as pilot project revenues, prototype sales, service contract revenue and any other non-sustainable streams • Intend for at least 50% of salaried employees to be based in Ontario
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of team members • Business development • Late-stage product, process or service development • Implementation of a defined marketing or distribution strategy
Terms	*Negotiated on a case-by-case basis
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Commercial viability *Strength of innovation *Strength of business and marketing plan *Management team
Application Documentation and Process	*Business plan and financial model
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

IT Exporters to the U.S. Border States

Summary	IT Exporters to the U.S. border states (ITEXus) is a two-day export development program for Ontario IT companies. The program introduces IT companies to buyers, manufacturers' representatives, distributors and value-added resellers (VARs) in U.S. border states.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontarioexports.com/preparingexport/new_exporters.asp
Funding Type	Educational course
Source	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	N/A
Program Objective	To provide practical support to firms exporting to the United States.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	To participate in ITEXus, your company must be export-ready, in business for at least one year, and have an IT manufacturing or service base in Ontario.
Eligible Costs	There is a registration fee for each individual participating in an ITEXus mission. Participants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and incidental expenses.
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	N/A
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Manning Innovation Awards

Summary	The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation has been recognizing and encouraging innovation in Canada since 1982.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.manningawards.ca/index.shtml
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation, Canada
Market	Agriculture, Medical Science, Molecular Biology, Survival and Safety, Consumer Products, and Communications
Keywords	Innovation
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Award nominees must be Canadian citizens resident in Canada. Each nomination is judged on its intellectual achievement, uniqueness and originality, development, degree of commercialization, and economic and social benefits or potential benefits to Canada or society in general. Innovations may be from any area of human endeavor. Awards have been made to individuals from many different fields including; Agriculture, Medical Science, Molecular Biology, Survival and Safety, Consumer Products, and Communications, to name only a few.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	*Principal Award (\$100,000) *Award of Distinction (\$25,000) *Innovation Awards (2 at \$10,000)
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Candidates must be nominated by two legally competent persons not family related to the nominee. The nominators and the nominee must complete and sign the Awards Nomination Form (available on the website below), acknowledging that they agree to be bound by the Rules of the Awards as defined in that section.
Application Deadlines	Nominations are due by December 1 of each year.
Processing Time	
Notes	

MaRS Business Project Funding

Summary	Business Project Funding enables entrepreneurs already engaged with program Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIRs) or MaRS Advisors to access specialized advisory services. Projects might include consultation from niche market experts, intellectual property strategy, third-party validation or testing or primary market research.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.marsdd.com/working-with-mars/money.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Technology, high-tech, innovation
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$20,000
Program Objective	Provide enhanced resources to promising Ontario technology companies,
Obligations	Must work with an Entrepreneur In Residence or MaRS advisor.
Eligibility Requirements	To access Business Project Funding, you must be recommended by an entrepreneur-in-residence, MaRS advisor or program agent that has been advising you.
Eligible Costs	Specialized consulting or business advisory services.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	*Assessed on a case-by-case basis by MaRS practice committees.
Application Documentation and Process	Application form administered by MaRS advisors.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	1-2 weeks
Notes	

MITACS ACCELERATE

Summary	A unique cost-shared internship program managed by MITACS Inc, a national research network, which connects companies, governments and community organizations with the vast research expertise in Canada's universities, from applied sciences, engineering, social sciences, business, arts, life sciences and much more.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mitacsaccelerate.ca/internship?mid=10000469&pid=387
Funding Type	Matching grant
Source	MITACS
Market	Any
Keywords	Employment program, postdoctoral, R&D, research
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	\$15,000 per 4-month internship.
Program Objective	To link businesses across the industrial spectrum with university-based expertise.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Internship projects are a minimum of 4-months in duration, however, longer, 8-month and 12-month projects can be supported through a double internship proposal (2 internships) or a triple internship proposal (3 internships) * In the case of a double internship, both the partner and MITACS provide \$15,000, for a total grant of \$30,000 * In the case of a triple internship, both the partner and MITACS provide \$22,500 for a total grant of \$45,000 * Each 4-month internship project receives \$15,000 in direct funding, with the partner organization and MITACS each providing \$7,500 * These funds are limited to supporting the direct costs of research as directed by NSERC. A detailed description of eligible expenses is available at the following link: http://www.nserc-crnsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdminGuide-GuideAdminFinancier/FundsUse-UtilisationSubventions_eng.asp * The \$15,000 will be provided to the intern's academic supervisor as a research grant * It is required that the intern receive a stipend of a minimum of \$10,000 of the total grant for the 4-month internship * Any funds over and above the intern stipend will be used to support research related to the internship * If the partner funds received towards the internship are being matched by a federal source (e.g. NSERC CRD grant), please inform program administrators in the proposal to ensure that the same industrial contribution is not matched by two federal sources of funds. * The intern must be a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow at a Canadian university * The intern need not be a Canadian citizen; foreign students and landed immigrants are eligible * The intern, academic supervisor and partner supervisor will meet at the initiation of the internship to agree on the research plan * The intern will undertake a research project which has the potential to lead to, or supplement, the student's thesis in the case of a graduate student or to further the PDF's research program * The intern will remain a student of their university while (s)he is an intern and shall not be an employee of the partner organization during this time * Masters students can hold a maximum of two internships during their degree; PhD students may do maximum 4 internships and postdoctoral fellows can hold a maximum of six internships * Please note that the above limits correspond to an individual's current degree/position; for example, a PhD student who held two internships as a Masters student may apply to do further internships as a PhD student
Eligible Costs	Research grant to the intern's academic supervisor.
Terms	MITACS ACCELERATE links businesses across the industrial spectrum with university-based expertise—in any faculty or department—through short-term research projects. The conduit between a business and the university is a graduate student— a highly-skilled, up-and-coming researcher with fresh ideas and a new perspective. The cost for a four month internship— \$15,000—is shared equally between the company and MITACS, through the support of federal and provincial funding partners. A travel subsidy may also be provided.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research excellence * Industrial relevance * Potential for ongoing research by student * Potential for expanded collaboration with partner organization
Application Documentation and	<p>A MITACS ACCELERATE application is comprised of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The proposal completed on the prepared template and submitted electronically. Proposals

Process	<p>should be written in plain language but should also include relevant technical detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The Memorandum signed by all partners (the intern, academic supervisor, partner supervisor and a representative from the Office of Research Services*). *A current C.V. of the proposed intern (a C.V. template is available if needed) *Conflict of Interest Declaration (if applicable)
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

MRI Innovation Demonstration Fund

Summary	The Innovation Demonstration Fund (IDF) is a discretionary, non-entitlement funding program administered by the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation that focuses on the commercialization and initial technical demonstration of globally competitive, innovative green technologies, processes and/or products.
Abbreviation	IDF
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/idf/guidelines.asp
Funding Type	Loan, Royalty, Equity investment
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green technology • Alternative energy • Bio-products • Hydrogen • Other technologies at the pilot stage of development
Keywords	Environment, energy, alternative energy, bio-products, biochemical, bio-agricultural, bio-industrial, technology
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	The funding potentially available under IDF ranges from a minimum of \$100,000 to a maximum of \$4,000,000 per project.
Program Objective	The objective of the IDF is to help companies in their efforts to commercialize innovative technologies in Ontario by mitigating the risk of projects with significant pilot-scale technical hurdles. The IDF is not aimed at routine engineering, upgrading, or improvements to existing processes, designs or products.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The proposed technology demonstration at the pilot stage will provide a competitive advantage for Ontario or other significant benefits. * The proposed technology has been tested and proven to be viable, and can provide sufficient data to warrant a pilot scale project. * Following a successful pilot, the technology product or process will be moved into the global market. * The technology, product or process is best in class and will lead to a globally competitive business and market opportunity.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Start-up costs associated with the development and design of pilot-scale prototypes; * Equipment purchase, installation and retrofitting costs; * Direct labour costs for personnel involved in the project; * Maintenance costs; * Costs associated with training of skilled resources; and * Monitoring and evaluation costs.
Terms	IDF will provide financial support covering up to 50 percent of eligible costs for approved Eligible Projects that have as their goal commercialization. The funding potentially available under IDF ranges from a minimum of \$100,000 to a maximum of \$4,000,000 per project.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Global competitiveness of the technology, product or process to be piloted; * Demonstration of technical feasibility; * Feasibility of the business plan to demonstrate market success of the project within a reasonable timeframe; * The technological, managerial and financial plan to achieve the stated objectives of the project; * Impact on societal needs and challenges in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Environmental benefits; o Waste minimization; o Alternative energy development; * Potential to provide economic benefit and contribute to Ontario's competitive advantage in global markets; * Feasibility of the plan to ensure commercialization of the technology beyond the pilot phase from Ontario; * Feasibility of the plan to increase public, consumer and investor awareness and acceptance of the technology.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>The Ministry will conduct an initial review of the applications and will seek technical review from external experts as well as a financial due diligence review by an independent Third Party reviewer. The Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation is committed to making timely decisions on all Full Applications once submitted.</p> <p>The evaluation process will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Initial review by the Ministry; * Evaluation by interministerial review team

- * Technical review by external experts;
- * Financial due diligence review by external experts; and
- * Evaluation of reviews by the Ministry and subsequent funding decisions for successful applicants.

Application Deadlines Continuous intake

Processing Time

Notes

MRI Premier Catalyst Award for Best Young Innovator

Summary	The Premier's Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing an innovation that is a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, award
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$200,000
Program Objective	The Best Young Innovator Award celebrates early stage innovators who have played a significant role in developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology and who demonstrate future potential.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Nominees for the Best Young Innovator category must be under the age of 35 at the nomination deadline.
Eligible Costs	Funds received through this grant can be spent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research expenses such as salaries for research staff, travel to conferences, publication, database development and library acquisitions, the purchase or rental of research equipment or supplies, and operation and maintenance of research equipment or facilities. * Innovation expenses such as salaries for knowledge/technology transfer staff, entrepreneurial training, marketing of an innovation, prototype development and intellectual property protection (including any activity related to the development of a patent, trademark or copyright, but excluding all dispute/litigation and legal costs associated with intellectual property). * Donations to an Ontario university for graduate or undergraduate scholarships or research chairs. * Support for research and innovation awareness initiatives or youth outreach programs.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Potential to impact Ontario *Innovation leadership * What is your assessment of the role of the nominee in connection with this innovation? * What is the overall assessment of the nominee's future potential?
Application Documentation and Process	A nominator is responsible for preparing a complete nomination package and submitting it to the Ministry by the deadline. Include a cover letter not exceeding one page signed by the nominator. The nomination form requests information about the innovation, the innovation's impact, the intellectual property, the individual (if applicable) and the company, along with its corporate and financial history.
Application Deadlines	Nominations, including original letters of reference, must be received by the Ministry by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 2009
Processing Time	
Notes	

MRI Premier Catalyst Award for Innovator of the Year

Summary	The Premier's Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing an innovation that is a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, award
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$200,000
Program Objective	The Innovator of the Year Award celebrates innovators who have played a significant role in developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Must be an innovator who has played a significant role in developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Eligible Costs	Funds received through this grant can be spent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research expenses such as salaries for research staff, travel to conferences, publication, database development and library acquisitions, the purchase or rental of research equipment or supplies, and operation and maintenance of research equipment or facilities. * Innovation expenses such as salaries for knowledge/technology transfer staff, entrepreneurial training, marketing of an innovation, prototype development and intellectual property protection (including any activity related to the development of a patent, trademark or copyright, but excluding all dispute/litigation and legal costs associated with intellectual property). * Donations to an Ontario university for graduate or undergraduate scholarships or research chairs. * Support for research and innovation awareness initiatives or youth outreach programs.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Potential to impact Ontario *Innovation leadership *What is your assessment of the role of the nominee in connection with this innovation?
Application Documentation and Process	A nominator is responsible for preparing a complete nomination package and submitting it to the Ministry by the deadline. Include a cover letter not exceeding one page signed by the nominator. The nomination form requests information about the innovation, the innovation's impact, the intellectual property, the individual (if applicable) and the company, along with its corporate and financial history.
Application Deadlines	Nominations, including original letters of reference, must be received by the Ministry by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 2010
Processing Time	
Notes	

MRI Premier Catalyst Award for The Company with the Best Innovation

Summary	The Premier's Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing an innovation that is a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, award
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$200,000
Program Objective	The Start-up Company with the Best Innovation Award celebrates emerging companies that have outstanding performance, growing revenues and the potential to become a market leader as a result of developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Companies nominated for the Company with the Best Innovation Award must have incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act or the Canada Business Corporations Act longer than five years prior to the nomination deadline.
Eligible Costs	<p>Funds received through this grant can be spent on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research expenses such as salaries for research staff, travel to conferences, publication, database development and library acquisitions, the purchase or rental of research equipment or supplies, and operation and maintenance of research equipment or facilities. * Innovation expenses such as salaries for knowledge/technology transfer staff, entrepreneurial training, marketing of an innovation, prototype development and intellectual property protection (including any activity related to the development of a patent, trademark or copyright, but excluding all dispute/litigation and legal costs associated with intellectual property). * Donations to an Ontario university for graduate or undergraduate scholarships or research chairs. * Support for research and innovation awareness initiatives or youth outreach programs.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Potential to impact Ontario *Innovation leadership *To what extent has the nominee demonstrated outstanding performance as a result of the innovation? * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated growing revenues as a result of the innovation? * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated the potential to grow market share as a result of the innovation?
Application Documentation and Process	A nominator is responsible for preparing a complete nomination package and submitting it to the Ministry by the deadline. Include a cover letter not exceeding one page signed by the nominator. The nomination form requests information about the innovation, the innovation's impact, the intellectual property, the individual (if applicable) and the company, along with its corporate and financial history.
Application Deadlines	Nominations, including original letters of reference, must be received by the Ministry by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 2011
Processing Time	
Notes	

MRI Premier Catalyst Award for The Start-Up Company with the Best Innovation

Summary	The Premier's Catalyst Awards provide five awards of \$200,000 for developing an innovation that is a commercially successful new, or significantly improved, product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/pca/program.asp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, award
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$200,000
Program Objective	The Company with the Best Innovation Award celebrates established companies who have outstanding performance, growing revenues and the potential to grow market share as a result of developing a commercially successful product or service based on a breakthrough technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Companies nominated for the Start-up Company with the Best Innovation Award must have incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act or the Canada Business Corporations Act less than five years prior to the nomination deadline.
Eligible Costs	Funds received through this grant can be spent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Research expenses such as salaries for research staff, travel to conferences, publication, database development and library acquisitions, the purchase or rental of research equipment or supplies, and operation and maintenance of research equipment or facilities. * Innovation expenses such as salaries for knowledge/technology transfer staff, entrepreneurial training, marketing of an innovation, prototype development and intellectual property protection (including any activity related to the development of a patent, trademark or copyright, but excluding all dispute/litigation and legal costs associated with intellectual property). * Donations to an Ontario university for graduate or undergraduate scholarships or research chairs. * Support for research and innovation awareness initiatives or youth outreach programs.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Potential to impact Ontario *Innovation leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated outstanding performance as a result of the innovation? * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated growing revenues as a result of the innovation? * To what extent has the nominee demonstrated the potential to become a market leader as a result of the innovation?
Application Documentation and Process	A nominator is responsible for preparing a complete nomination package and submitting it to the Ministry by the deadline. Include a cover letter not exceeding one page signed by the nominator. The nomination form requests information about the innovation, the innovation's impact, the intellectual property, the individual (if applicable) and the company, along with its corporate and financial history.
Application Deadlines	Nominations, including original letters of reference, must be received by the Ministry by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 1, 2012
Processing Time	
Notes	

Near Field Communication Forum Global Competition

Summary	<p>The Near Field Communication Forum Global Competition promotes the development and deployment of innovative and exemplary NFC services by both commercial and academic developers. Entries will be judged on their innovation, commercial potential, and usability, as well as quality of design and implementation. Finalists and winners may look forward to global media coverage, increased awareness among industry leaders and venture capitalists, and opportunities to forge partnerships and share ideas. Twenty finalists will be named; six winners will receive cash prizes. The competition has two tracks:</p> <p>Commercial Track: Recognizes the commercial solution judged "The Best NFC Service of the Year 2010". Get more information on submitting a Commercial Track entry.</p> <p>Research Track: Honors the academic organization that develops "The Most Innovative NFC Research Project of the Year 2010". Get more information on submitting a Research Track entry.</p>
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.nfc-forum.org/events/2010_competition
Funding Type	Prize
Source	The Near Field Communication Forum
Market	Near field communication
Keywords	Near field communication
Regions Available	Global
Funding Amount	Up to 5,000 Euros
Program Objective	The NFC Forum Global Competition promotes the development and deployment of innovative and exemplary NFC services by both commercial and academic developers.
Obligations	No Information
Eligibility Requirements	No Information
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>The Judging Committee will evaluate each entry, and 10 finalists in each track will be announced. Finalists are invited to present their entries to the judges at the WIMA conference. The judges will then select three winners in each track to receive cash prizes.</p> <p>1st Place 5,000 Euros 2nd Place 1,500 Euros 3rd Place 1,000 Euros</p> <p>All six winners will receive a Global Competition trophy and all 20 finalists will receive a certificate of commendation.</p>
Judgment Criteria	Commercial entries are evaluated on commercial viability and how successfully and innovatively they meet the identified need using NFC technology.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Your entry form must include your product's business potential (product information, business model, market, financial). Each application must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Entry Title * Three or more keywords * Additional comments (up to 980 characters) * Description of Service/Additional Materials (submitted separately in a zip file) <p>The description should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Business potential (product, business model, market, financial) * Abstract * Description of the application * How innovative the approach is * The technical solution it provides * A description of the process
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed for this competition. Check back at the competition website for new deadline announcements.
Processing Time	
Notes	

New Directions Research Program

Summary	The purpose of the New Directions Research Program is to stimulate the sustainable growth and competitiveness of Ontario's agri-food sector through investment in innovative and high quality research in partnership with industry, rural communities/organizations, other levels of government and research institutions.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/research/new_directions/index.html
Funding Type	Unknown
Source	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Market	Agri-food
Keywords	Unknown
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Unknown
Program Objective	Sustainable growth in Ontario's agri-food industry.
Obligations	Unknown
Eligibility Requirements	Unknown
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Call for Letters of Intent 2010 Now Closed. Check back at the program website for future updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

New Technology Tax Incentive (ONTTI) - Ontario

Summary	The Ontario New Technology Tax Incentive (ONTTI) allows a 100% immediate write-off of the eligible cost of qualifying intellectual properties acquired in the course of an intellectual property transfer. An intellectual property transfer is an acquisition of qualifying intellectual property by a corporation from an unrelated person for the purpose of implementing an innovation or an invention in the corporation's business that is carried on in Ontario.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/credit/ontti/
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	Any
Keywords	Intellectual property
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Not applicable
Program Objective	Decrease the cost of IP acquisition.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Not applicable.
Eligible Costs	Acquisition of intellectual properties.
Terms	The eligible costs of qualifying intellectual properties are included in a Class 12 capital cost allowance (CCA) pool and allowed as a 100% deduction from income in the year of acquisition. The expenditure limit for a taxation year is \$20 million. A taxpayer's total ONTTI deduction for a taxation year is equal to the total amount of CCA allowed in respect of each ONTTI property. Neither the half-year rule nor the available for use rule applies.
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable
Application Documentation and Process	The ONTTI is included on Ontario CCA Schedule (tax form).
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	Unknown
Notes	

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Emerging Technology Program

Summary	The NOHFC's Private Sector Emerging Technology Program supports the innovation of new technologies that will contribute to future northern prosperity. The program funds research, development and commercialization projects that demonstrate a high commercial potential, foster collaborative activities among industry and research institutions, and encourage successful innovation in small companies.
Abbreviation	ETP
Website	http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_etp_e.asp
Funding Type	Loan, Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any technology
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, project,
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$100,000 in grant and up to \$1 million in loan
Program Objective	To pursue research, development and commercialization projects that demonstrate a high commercial potential, foster collaborative activities among industry and research institutions, and encourage successful innovation in small companies.
Obligations	*Projects must create direct jobs.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible applicants may include individual private sector companies or consortiums of companies. The applicant must be prepared to become incorporated and be incorporated prior to receiving assistance. Projects must create direct jobs. All other potential sources of funding must be explored and documented. The costs of full-time staff, or operating costs of businesses will normally not be considered eligible, although human capital may be considered on a case-by-case basis. The proposed product, service or process must be innovative and have commercial potential. The applicant must have operations located in Northern Ontario and/or the project must be undertaken in Northern Ontario. The proposed project should not unreasonably impact existing Northern Ontario businesses and must result in net economic benefits for Northern Ontario. The applicant must own or control the intellectual property needed to conduct the project. The applicant must be unable to obtain sufficient funding for the project from financial institutions. Projects proposed which, in the opinion of the NOHFC Board, have significant job creation and/or other substantial Northern Ontario benefits may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum investment from the NOHFC will generally not exceed 50 per cent of eligible project costs Information and communications technology projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film development and production Value-added products Biotechnology and life sciences projects Intellectual property development Staff training Marketing Land servicing costs Capital project costs
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-repayable contributions of up to \$100,000 may be provided on a cost-shared basis for research and pre-competitive development technical projects. Repayable loans of up to \$1 million or 50 per cent of eligible project costs, whichever is less, may be provided to capital projects. Up to one-half of the NOHFC funding may be in the form of a conditional grant with the remainder in the form of a repayable loan.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job creation Commercial viability
Application Documentation and Process	*Application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

NRC-IRAP Financial Support

Summary	The National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) provides financial support to qualified small and medium-sized enterprises in Canada to help them develop technologies for competitive advantage. NRC-IRAP operates on a shared-risk model, providing cost-shared financial assistance for research and development projects that meet both the firm and project assessment criteria.
Abbreviation	IRAP
Website	http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/services/irap/financial-assistance.html#ar#ar
Funding Type	Grant
Source	National Research Council Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Industrial, Research, R&D, manufacturing, research and development.
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Unknown
Program Objective	Provide support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Canada in the development and commercialization of technologies and products.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be a small and medium-sized enterprise in Canada, incorporated and profit-oriented * Have 500 or less full-time equivalents * Have the objective to grow and generate profits through development and commercialization of innovative, technology-driven new or improved products, services, or processes in Canada
Eligible Costs	To be discussed with an IRAP advisor.
Terms	Financial support may be provided for an eligible research and development project, supporting up to 100 per cent of salary costs associated with the project, or up to 75 per cent of contractor fees.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the business and management capabilities of the firm and the company's potential to achieve the expected results and outcomes associated with the proposed project; * the financial capabilities of the firm and its plan to commercialize the developed technologies; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the technical aspects of the project and its potential impact on the firm.
Application Documentation and Process	To be discussed with an IRAP advisor.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

NRC-IRAP Youth Employment Program

Summary	Your firm will receive financial support towards the employment of post-secondary graduates who will work on technical opportunities in the firm and on non-technical but technology related projects.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/services/irap/youth-initiatives.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	National Research Council Canada, Canada Department of Health and Human Resources
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any technology
Keywords	Young, youth, intern, job, employee, graduate, experience
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$30,000
Program Objective	This program provides firms with support to hire post-secondary graduates.
Obligations	Must begin a relationship with NRC-IRAP
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * be a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) with less than 500 employees * be incorporated and for profit * wish to enhance its innovation capability * be willing to establish a trusting relationship with NRC-IRAP.
Eligible Costs	The salary of an eligible graduate.
Terms	<p>The maximum contribution is \$30,000 towards the salary costs of a post-secondary graduate. The small and medium-sized enterprise is responsible for other expenses such as fringe benefits and overhead costs.</p> <p>Internships must be at least six and no longer than twelve months and are available anywhere in Canada</p>
Judgment Criteria	*Job experience, skills training, professional development, likelihood of permanent placement.
Application Documentation and Process	Your firm and an NRC-IRAP Industrial Technology Advisor will develop and submit a project proposal. Upon commencement of the internship, the graduate will complete a brief survey to be submitted to NRC-IRAP, which will highlight the graduate's strengths and weaknesses in the work environment.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

NSERC Collaborative Research and Development Grants

Summary	CRD Grants support well-defined projects undertaken by university researchers and their private-sector partners. Direct project costs are shared by the industrial partner(s) and NSERC. Projects may range from one year to five years in duration, but most awards are for two or three years.
Abbreviation	CRD
Website	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/CRD-RDC_eng.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Research, R&D, risk, university, commercialization, technology
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Can be over \$200,000
Program Objective	The Collaborative Research and Development (CRD) Grants program is intended to give companies that operate from a Canadian base access to the unique knowledge, expertise, and educational resources available at Canadian postsecondary institutions and to train students in essential technical skills required by industry. The mutually beneficial collaborations are expected to result in industrial and/or economic benefits to Canada.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In general, an industrial partner is defined as a Canadian-based business providing products or services which derives the majority of its revenues from the sale of these products and services and not from government aid. Such partners must be willing and able to exploit the research results for the economic benefit of Canada. * Multinationals may be eligible if they have commercial activities which take place in Canada, such as R&D or manufacturing related to the proposed research, and if the funded activity will result in significant economic benefit to Canada. * Foreign firms may be eligible as a partner, provided an eligible Canadian-based industrial partner plays a major role in the project and will exploit the research results for the economic benefit of Canada. * An industrial partnership can consist of a single firm, an industrial association or producer group, a formal or informal consortium, or a grouping of these. In the case of consortia, financial support to the project derived from industrial sources can be leveraged and there must be active involvement in the research project from one or more member companies, or the consortium itself, if it can demonstrate the capacity to guide the project and disseminate the results for its member companies. * Public utilities. * Start-up companies (companies in the R&D phase) that have sound business plans and secure financial backing may be accepted as industrial partners. However, they must demonstrate that they have, or have the potential to acquire, the capability to exploit the research results.
Eligible Costs	*Direct project costs.
Terms	The industrial partner must contribute to the direct project costs in an amount equal to, or greater than, the amount requested from NSERC. The industrial cash must be at least half of the NSERC request, with the balance provided as in-kind contributions to the project by the industrial partner(s). NSERC will recognize only those in-kind contributions that are fully documented and considered essential to carry out the work. F
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Scientific merit * Research competence * Industrial relevance * Private-sector support * Contribution to the training of highly qualified personnel * Benefit to Canada
Application Documentation and Process	Proposals can be submitted at any time, using a Personal Data Form (Form 100), an Application for a Grant (Form 101), and an Information Required from Organizations Participating in Research Partnerships Programs (Form 183A). All proposals undergo peer review. Large or complex proposals (requesting \$200,000 or more per year) are reviewed by a site visit committee. Those requesting \$150,000 or more per year from NSERC are reviewed by a selection committee – the Advisory Committee on University-Industry Grants (ACUIG). The ACUIG normally meets four times a year: in March, June, September, and December.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Decisions on funding CRD Grants are usually made within three to five months of receiving a complete application.
Notes	

NSERC Ideas 2 Innovation Program (Phase I)

Summary	Phase I reduction-to-practice projects are designed to advance promising scientific concepts or technologies in order to attract early-stage investment and/or to build the intellectual property (IP) (e.g., broadening patent claims or strengthening licensing opportunities) in anticipation of transferring the technology to a new or established company. Any technology proposed in Phase I projects must be sufficiently mature, have its basic parameters already explored and have undergone sufficient testing to establish its potential to work in a product environment. Funding is available for up to 12 months, at a maximum of \$125,000, and is non-renewable. NSERC will assume 100 per cent of the direct costs of research for Phase I projects.
Abbreviation	I2I
Website	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/I2I-INNOV_eng.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
Market	• Any technology
Keywords	Research, R&D, risk, university, commercialization, technology
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$125,000
Program Objective	The objective of the Idea to Innovation (I2I) Program is to accelerate the pre-competitive development of promising technology and promote its transfer to Canadian companies.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Any technology proposed in Phase I projects must be sufficiently mature, have its basic parameters already explored and have undergone sufficient testing to establish its potential to work in a product environment. Eligible applicants include college or university faculty members.
Eligible Costs	Eligible research and development activities include (but are not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * refining and implementing designs; * verifying application; * conducting field studies; * preparing demonstrations; * building engineering prototypes; and * performing beta trials.
Terms	In the first phase, the direct costs of research will be entirely supported by NSERC; in the second phase, they will be shared with a private partner. The technology development may begin with a Phase I (Reduction-to-Practice Stage – i.e., demonstrating that the innovation is sufficiently tested and will work for its intended purpose) project followed by a Phase II (Technology Enhancement) project or, if the development is at a later stage, it can start directly with a Phase II project. In any case, a maximum of three years' funding will be available for any given project. Funding is available for up to 12 months, at a maximum of \$125,000, and is non-renewable. NSERC will assume 100 per cent of the direct costs of research for Phase I projects.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Scientific/technical merit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o scientific basis for the expected commercial application; o clarity and focus of research objectives; o novelty, technical complexity, technical risk and feasibility; and o appropriateness of work plan, milestones, deliverables and decision points. * Team expertise and project management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o breadth and depth of team expertise in the proposed fields of activity; o adequacy of personnel and material resources allocated for research and technology transfer activities; and o quality of project management. * Potential for technology transfer and commercial benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o commitment of the institution through its technology transfer office (or equivalent); o appropriateness of the technology management and transfer plan; o anticipated benefits for a Canadian company; and o justification of the benefits of NSERC financing.
Application Documentation and Process	The full application process is managed through the NSERC online application portal. Applications are submitted by a college or university researcher (or research group) and, for Phase II projects, in association with an eligible partner. In the latter case, the institution and early-stage investment partner or company should have in place, prior to application, a licensing (or similar) agreement relating to the right to exploit the invention or discovery. All proposals are expected to be

	developed in close collaboration with the institution's industrial liaison office or its equivalent.
Application Deadlines	Upcoming application deadlines are: September 27, 2010
Processing Time	Unknown
Notes	

NSERC Ideas 2 Innovation Program (Phase II)

Summary	Phase II projects are designed to provide scientific or engineering evidence establishing the technical feasibility and market definition of the technology, process or product. Phase II projects require an early-stage investment entity (Phase IIa) or a company (Phase IIb) to share the costs of the project. The supporting organization is expected to participate actively in the planning of the project.
Abbreviation	I2I
Website	http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/I2I-INNOV_eng.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any technology
Keywords	Research, R&D, risk, university, commercialization, technology
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$125,000 per year for Phase II(a) and up to \$350,000 in total for Phase II(b)
Program Objective	The objective of the Idea to Innovation (I2I) Program is to accelerate the pre-competitive development of promising technology and promote its transfer to Canadian companies.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Phase II projects are designed to provide scientific or engineering evidence establishing the technical feasibility and market definition of the technology, process or product. Phase II projects require an early-stage investment entity (Phase IIa) or a company (Phase IIb) to share the costs of the project.</p> <p>Eligible applicants include college or university faculty members alongside:</p> <p>Early-stage investment group: (either venture capital, a seed capital funding entity, angel investors, university technology transfer corporations, incubators or other similar funding or technology transfer organizations). Organizations that have received public funds as seed funding, but are functioning in a competitive environment and are required to achieve self-sufficiency within a pre-determined time period, may be considered as equivalent to industry.</p> <p>Companies: Normally, participating companies must be Canadian. Companies outside Canada may also be considered as partners provided they can demonstrate that there will be clear and direct benefits to the Canadian economy as a result of their participation. As partners, companies must demonstrate that they have, or have the potential to acquire, the capability to commercialize the technology under development.</p> <p>Researcher-owned companies: A researcher's own consulting company or sole proprietorship is not eligible to collaborate on a project in which the researcher is the applicant or co-investigator. Situations where the researcher is a part owner are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and the company's stage of development will be taken into consideration in determining the eligibility. The commercial activity must conform to the institution's established policies relating to the disclosure of commercial interest and conflict of interest.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible technology transfer activities include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * market studies; * consulting fees (for business plan, market survey); * patenting expenses; and * expenses associated with creating a partnership (travel).
Terms	<p>Phase IIa – Early-stage Investment Partner</p> <p>Proposals with an early-stage investment entity must be designed with a “go/no-go” decision point, after six to 18 months, representing the achievement of a predefined scientific or engineering milestone that justifies moving forward by further developing the technology either through a new (i.e., start-up) or established company. NSERC can support up to two-thirds of the costs of the project with the early-stage investment entity providing the balance in cash. Funding requested from NSERC should not exceed an average of \$125,000 per year.</p> <p>Projects that achieve critical milestones may be pursued during another 12- to 24-month period with either the newly created company or an established Canadian company providing the cost-sharing arrangement for Phase IIb projects are met.</p>

	<p>Phase IIb – Partnership with a Canadian Company</p> <p>Phase IIb proposals with a Canadian company are expected to be completed within two years and funding requested should not exceed \$350,000 for the duration of the project. NSERC may fund up to half the cost of the project, with the company providing the other half through a combination of cash and in-kind contributions. Each case will be evaluated on its merits; however, it is expected that the cash component should equal at least 40 per cent of the amount requested from NSERC.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Scientific/technical merit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o scientific basis for the expected commercial application; o clarity and focus of research objectives; o novelty, technical complexity, technical risk and feasibility; and o appropriateness of work plan, milestones, deliverables and decision points. * Team expertise and project management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o breadth and depth of team expertise in the proposed fields of activity; o adequacy of personnel and material resources allocated for research and technology transfer activities; and o quality of project management. * Potential for technology transfer and commercial benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o commitment of the institution through its technology transfer office (or equivalent); o appropriateness of the technology management and transfer plan; o anticipated benefits for a Canadian company; and o justification of the benefits of NSERC financing.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>The full application process is managed through the NSERC online application portal. Applications are submitted by a college or university researcher (or research group) and, for Phase II projects, in association with an eligible partner. In the latter case, the institution and early-stage investment partner or company should have in place, prior to application, a licensing (or similar) agreement relating to the right to exploit the invention or discovery. All proposals are expected to be developed in close collaboration with the institution’s industrial liaison office or its equivalent.</p>
Application Deadlines	<p>Upcoming application deadlines are:</p> <p>September 27, 2010</p>
Processing Time	<p>Unknown</p>
Notes	<p>**Projects with sufficiently developed technology may proceed directly to a Phase II application without the need to pre-qualify by participating in Phase I.</p>

OCE CCR Embedded Executive Program

Summary	The CCR embedded executive program provides companies with matching funds in order to pay for in-house executives.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Ccoer.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy, environment and natural resources • Health and medical technologies • Information and communications technologies • Convergent technologies in the above sectors.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$30,000
Program Objective	Fill critical business planning and strategy gaps in start-up companies with the help of an embedded executive whose salary is partially funded by the program.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Early stage (pre-seed, seed or pre-b-round), Ontario-based companies with a research focus. An existing research relationship with an academic institution is not required but they do expect research plans going forward (ie. R&D with a preferred link back to academia).
Eligible Costs	Salary costs of the embedded executive
Terms	Up to \$50,000 in matching funds (either cash or equity) to place someone temporarily (3-6 months) into a role to overcome a gap in C-level management at start-up companies. Payments are milestone-based, with desired outcomes being raising capital or generating \$1 million+ in added sales. It is expected that the executive intend to remain at the company.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “How good is the intellectual property?” • “Is there really a viable market for products based on the intellectual property?” • “Is there a clear, compelling and competitive reason for the customer to purchase the product?” • “Can the innovation provide the customer with an advantage in terms of the task completion?” • “What is the best practice business model for this company?” • “Can this company manage its way to success?” • “Will there be new jobs created as a result of the commercialization program?” • “In which way will the implementation of the commercialization program provide economic benefits?”
Application Documentation and Process	After an initial discovery meeting, applicants are required to submit an application form, project plan, milestone outline, and business plan. An internal review passes applicants to a formal review committee for approval.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE CCR Funding

Summary	CCR works with early-stage, innovative companies, with excellent potential. CCR's core value is its expertise and time along with that of their partners, as well as access to a vast array of networks. CCR connects companies to the resources they need, when they need them.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Ccoer.aspx
Funding Type	Grant or Loan
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy, environment and natural resources • Health and medical technologies • Information and communications technologies • Convergent technologies in the above sectors.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$250,000
Program Objective	Support Canadian entrepreneurs to accelerate the commercial introduction of leading edge technologies, goods, services and business models in the priority areas of the federal Science and Technology Strategy
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High potential entrepreneurs • Emerging enterprises with breakthrough innovations <p>The innovations should have been developed by Canadian publicly funded research institutions, such as Universities, Colleges, Research Hospitals etc. The company may be a direct spin-off from the University or the innovation could have been acquired under licence from the research institution or</p> <p>The company should have a formal relationship with such an institution, i.e. a research collaboration or</p> <p>The company intends to set up such a relationship as part of the commercialization plan, e.g. acquire a licence from a research institution or set up a research collaboration</p>
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "How good is the intellectual property?" • "Is there really a viable market for products based on the intellectual property?" • "Is there a clear, compelling and competitive reason for the customer to purchase the product?" • "Can the innovation provide the customer with an advantage in terms of the task completion?" • "What is the best practice business model for this company?" • "Can this company manage its way to success?" • "Will there be new jobs created as a result of the commercialization program?" • "In which way will the implementation of the commercialization program provide economic benefits?"
Application Documentation and Process	Detailed business plan according to template.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE CCR New Entrepreneur Micro-Finance

Summary	Assistance and financial support to pre-incorporated and early stage start-ups by providing young entrepreneurs with just enough capital to get an idea off the ground.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/COEResearch_Overview.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy, environment and natural resources • Health and medical technologies • Information and communications technologies • Convergent technologies in the above sectors.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$18,000
Program Objective	Financial support to young entrepreneurs.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	New entrepreneurs able to work in Canada who have unique and proprietary offerings which will have a national or worldwide market. Recipients must be enrolled in or have just graduated from a Canadian college or university and be prepared to work on the project full time for a minimum of 3 months. If this is a pre incorporated start-up and the project is successful, the recipients must agree to transfer the technology into a new or existing start-up incorporated in Canada.
Eligible Costs	Start-up related costs.
Terms	Each entrepreneur involved in the project receives up to \$6,000 in financial support (to a maximum of \$18,000 per project) with favourable repayment terms. Typically a loan at prime interest rate + 2% repayable if the company is cash flow positive within two years.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “How good is the intellectual property?” • “Is there really a viable market for products based on the intellectual property?” • “Is there a clear, compelling and competitive reason for the customer to purchase the product?” • “Can the innovation provide the customer with an advantage in terms of the task completion?” • “What is the best practice business model for this company?” • “Can this company manage its way to success?” • “Will there be new jobs created as a result of the commercialization program?” • “In which way will the implementation of the commercialization program provide economic benefits?”
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE Champions of Innovation

Summary	The Champions of Innovation initiative supports research and development of disruptive technologies that have the potential to create new markets and to provide the basis for new start-up companies. OCE investments are made on a 12-month renewable term, typically for up to two years, based on the financial return expected from the research outcomes. Annual investments in a Champions of Innovation project average \$50,000.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Rchamp.aspx
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Innovation, technology, R&D, research
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Approximately \$50,000
Program Objective	The Champions of Innovation initiative supports research and development of disruptive technologies that have the potential to create new markets and to provide the basis for new start-up companies.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A compelling business case for potential research outcomes. * Demonstrated interest by groups representing the industry that the technology will impact (e.g. sector associations, NGO) through an in-kind contribution. * Intellectual Property arising from the project will be managed in accordance with the University/College/Hospital and Research Collaboration Agreements entered into with OCE. * Demonstrated talent development and training opportunities for students. * Potential to create a new market (therefore industry partnerships are not required). * Demonstrated potential benefit to the Ontario economy.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	OCE investments are made on a 12-month renewable term, typically for up to two years, based on the financial return expected from the research outcomes. Annual investments in a Champions of Innovation project average \$50,000.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	pplicants should contact an OCE representative to discuss their proposal and obtain the relevant forms.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE Collaborative Research

Summary	OCE's investment is determined by the support and commitment from the partners up to \$200,000 per year with a maximum duration of three years. Typically, collaborative projects involve an annual OCE investment of \$50,000 per year. The Collaborative Research initiative is designed to promote and harness innovative research partnerships between industry and Ontario universities, colleges or research hospitals.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Rcolla.aspx
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Student, researcher, academic, institution, IP
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$200,000 per year for 3 years.
Program Objective	The Collaborative Research initiative is designed to promote and harness innovative research partnerships between industry and Ontario universities, colleges or research hospitals.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Projects must include both private sector and academic partners. Public sector partners may also participate. * A critical component of the initiative will be talent development and training opportunities for students, post-doctoral fellows and other highly qualified personnel within the project. * Intellectual Property arising from the project will be managed in accordance with the University/College/Hospital and Research Collaboration Agreements entered into with OCE. * Industry partner(s) make a cash and in-kind contribution to the project that matches or exceeds that of OCE. The ratio of cash to in-kind will depend on the participating firms and the project objectives. * Demonstrated potential benefit to the Ontario economy.
Eligible Costs	Student salaries, travel expenses, some equipment.
Terms	OCE's investment is determined by the support and commitment from the partners up to \$200,000 per year with a maximum duration of three years. Typically, collaborative projects involve an annual OCE investment of \$50,000 per year. Funding flows directly to the academic research institution. Industry partners make cash and in-kind contributions that match or exceed those of OCE.
Judgment Criteria	Research caliber, industry support and relevance, student training.
Application Documentation and Process	Application is handled by an OCE representative, in consultation with the research staff and the proposed industry partner.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE First Job

Summary	The First Job initiative moves talented people from academia to industry. It makes it possible for companies to improve their ability to innovate by recruiting talented young researchers with significant academic experience.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Tjob.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Researcher, staff, job, employee, salary, pay, wage
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$40,000 for established companies Up to \$50,000 for start-up companies.
Program Objective	The First Job initiative moves talented people from academia to industry. It makes it possible for companies to improve their ability to innovate by recruiting talented young researchers with significant academic experience. These researchers bring leading-edge scientific knowledge that helps companies increase their competitiveness and productivity.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The researcher has graduated with an advanced degree (Masters or PhD), preferably, within the last five years and is eligible to work in Canada. Holders of other post-secondary credentials (Bachelors and college diplomas) are also eligible. * The applying company will be able to demonstrate that hiring the researcher will enhance their competitive position.
Eligible Costs	50% of the researcher's salary
Terms	Successful applicants receive a grant of 50% of the recruit's salary (up to \$40,000); start-up companies are eligible for a grant of 80% of the recruit's salary (up to \$50,000).
Judgment Criteria	<p>Impact on industry partner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct revenue (or revenue opportunity) • Cost Savings • New technology developments • New products/services/processes <p>Development of Intern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New skills and expertise • Retention of full-time permanent
Application Documentation and Process	All applications are internally and externally reviewed and consist of the form (3-4 pages), the candidate's CV and a letter of support from the company;
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE Interact

Summary	Interact projects may be initiated quickly, should be completed within six months and involve OCE investments up to \$13,500. The Interact initiative is designed to initiate new industry-academic interactions that create collaborative research partnerships between industry and Ontario universities, colleges or research hospitals.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Rinteract.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$13,500
Program Objective	The Interact initiative is designed to initiate new industry-academic interactions that create collaborative research partnerships between industry and Ontario universities, colleges or research hospitals.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Address specific industry challenges. * Demonstrated potential to develop a lasting relationship between the company, the academic institution and OCE. * Intellectual Property arising from the project is to be managed in accordance with the University/ College/Hospital Collaboration Agreement. * Demonstrated talent development and training opportunities for students. * Demonstrated potential benefit to industry and academic partners as well as the Ontario economy.
Eligible Costs	*Researcher salary costs.
Terms	* Industry partner(s) make a cash and/or in-kind contribution to the project that matches that of OCE. The amount of that contribution and the ratio of cash to in-kind will depend on the participating firms and the project objectives.
Judgment Criteria	*Quality of research contemplated.
Application Documentation and Process	2-page introductory application document.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE Market Readiness

Summary	Small-scale funding for commercialization fo academic-based innovation.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/Cmarket.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	• Any
Keywords	Commercialization
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$150,000
Program Objective	<p>1) to determine whether a profitable market exists for the technology</p> <p>2) to determine whether the technology should be commercialized through licensing to existing Ontario companies or through the creation of a new company</p> <p>3) if the technology is to be licensed, to mature the technology and the IP ownership to a point where it can be formally licensed to an existing or new Ontario company</p> <p>4) if the technology is to be the foundation of a new company, to bring that company to a level of development where private capital is prepared to invest</p>
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Intellectual property developed at an Ontario college, university or research hospital. Funding can go to the institution or to a newly-created spinoff.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Assessment • Market Assessment • I.P. Protection • Prototype Development • Material Characterization • Proof of Concept Demonstration • Business Plan Development • New Company Start-Up • Key Position Staffing
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Commercial viability *Strength of innovation *Strength of business and marketing plan *Management team
Application Documentation and Process	The inventor will work together with an OCE Business Development Manager to define the goals of the initiative and draft an application for review. The proposal must be approved by the academic institution's Office of Research, technology transfer office or equivalent
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE Martin Walmsley Fellowship

Summary	Awards the successful candidates with \$50,000 per year, for up to two years, to start a company. Second year funding is dependent on a satisfactory review of first year outcomes.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/cmartin.aspx
Funding Type	Award
Source	Ontario Centers of Excellence, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials and Manufacturing • Communications and IT • Photonics • Earth and Environment • Energy
Keywords	Award, start-up, seed, technology, entrepreneur, transfer
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$50,000 per year for 2 years
Program Objective	The Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship is designed to support an academic innovator who is working to transfer technology developed with the support of Ontario Centers of Excellence into a new technologically innovative business (TIB) venture.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The candidate must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, committed to founding in Ontario a new TIB venture based on intellectual property developed with the support of Ontario Centers of Excellence. * The Fellowship is awarded to a researcher (e.g. faculty member, graduate student, post doctoral fellow) who has been associated with the development of this intellectual property. * The successful candidate will demonstrate the requisite motivation and skills to extract the proposed technology nugget from the research in which they have been engaged, conduct the necessary market research, develop a successful business plan, and lead others in the formation of a new TIB registered in Ontario.
Eligible Costs	*Start-up costs and costs directly attributable to the project.
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	*Potential for wealth creation in strategic areas of Ontario's economy.
Application Documentation and Process	Applications for the Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship are accepted annually in the spring. Prospective applicants work closely on the application with the OCE Business Development Officer dedicated to the research project that originated the technology to be commercialized. Proposals are submitted to a Selection Committee consisting of technical and business experts.
Application Deadlines	Applications for the Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship are accepted annually in the spring. Generally 2 prizes are awarded each year.
Processing Time	
Notes	

OCE Proof of Concept Program

Summary	The Proof of Concept initiative supports feasibility studies that test an idea to mitigate the risk of further research investments. They are short-term and narrowly focused projects, typically 3 – 12 months in duration. These projects are collaborative in nature, involving industry partner(s) and Ontario universities, colleges or research hospitals. OCE's investment is determined by the support and commitment from the partners but is generally less than \$25,000.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oce-ontario.org/Pages/rproof.aspx
Funding Type	No information
Source	Ontario Centres of Excellence
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$25,000
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	No information
Eligible Costs	No information
Terms	No information
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The goal of the initiative should be to assess and reduce the risk of a more comprehensive research and development investment. * May include more fundamental (enabling) research. * Intellectual Property arising from the project is to be managed through the University/College/Hospital and Research Collaboration Agreements entered into with OCE. * Talent development and training opportunities for students are expected within the project. * Industry partner(s) make a cash and/or in-kind contribution to the project that matches or exceeds that of OCE. The ratio of cash to in-kind will depend on the participating firms and the project objectives. * Demonstrated potential benefit to the Ontario economy.
Application Documentation and Process	Applicants should contact an OCE representative to discuss their proposal and obtain the relevant forms. Proposals are subject to external peer review.
Application Deadlines	No information
Processing Time	
Notes	

OMDC Entertainment and Creative Cluster Partnerships Fund

Summary	The Entertainment and Creative Cluster Partnerships Fund (the Partnerships Fund) is a program of the Ministry of Culture and is co-administered by the Ontario Media Development Corporation. The Fund assists Ontario's Entertainment and Creative Cluster stakeholders in the commercial theatre, film and television, interactive digital media, music, book and magazine industries by supporting strategic partnerships that develop fresh approaches and solutions to the priorities and needs of the cluster.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.omdc.on.ca/Page3231.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Media Development Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Publishing • Commercial Theatre; • Film Production • Interactive Digital Media • Magazine Publishing • Music Companies • Television Production
Keywords	Media, publishing, entertainment, film, video, magazine, music, television
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Minimum applications for \$25,000, no maximum funding limit.
Program Objective	To support Ontario's media and entertainment industry development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the Fund is partnership-based, each application requires the involvement of a minimum of two partners from the following list of Eligible Organizations: • Recognized industry trade associations. (see note below) • A consortium of three or more non-associated companies (see Appendix A – Definition of "Associated Companies"). The primary business (measured by revenues or share of staff resources) of each company must be the creation and exploitation of media content. (see note below) • Colleges, universities and recognized training institutions with existing or proposed programs that are relevant to research, innovation or workforce training in the cluster. • Industry-recognized festivals, conferences and congresses attended by professionals. • Creator organizations such as arts service organizations, guilds, professional associations (as Secondary or Additional Partners only.) Eligible Organizations must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies: minimum sales revenue of \$100,000 (for at least one company in a consortium); • Companies: primary business is in the creation and exploitation of media content; • Recognized industry trade associations: minimum Ontario membership of 25 companies; • Be an Ontario-based organization¹; • Be a Canadian-owned and -controlled organization²; • Be incorporated in Ontario or federally; • Be able to demonstrate the capacity and expertise to carry out the proposed project; • Be in a sound financial position at the time of application and deemed to be an ongoing entity; • Trade associations need to provide evidence of Board support and authorization of the project; • Be in good standing with OMDC at time of application submission; • Colleges, universities and recognized training institutions may apply as the Primary Partner provided participation of one trade association or a consortium of companies is demonstrated; and • Industry-recognized festivals, conferences and congresses may apply as the Primary Partner provided support is given from a recognized industry trade association. Festivals, conferences and congresses primarily attended by the general public are not eligible to apply as the Primary Partner.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Capacity Building *Business Innovation *Domestic and global marketing *Skills development
Terms	<p>While there is no maximum funding request there is a minimum funding request of \$25,000. Project proponents are encouraged to make an effective business case for the level of funding appropriate to the scope and goals of the project and to follow these budget and financing guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding will be capped at 70% of the total budget with the following exception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Trade organizations may utilize OMDC Trade Organization funding to a maximum of 25% of total budget. • The applicant contribution or project financing required in addition to the Partnerships Fund's contribution may include cash and in-kind sources. Please

	<p>note, in-kind must not exceed 50% of the applicant contribution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget allocations towards capital expenditures such as equipment purchase will be allowed to a maximum of 25% of the total budget.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Demonstration of innovation and creative approaches to common challenges facing Ontario's Entertainment and Creative Cluster companies and organizations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferability of results and/or benefit to stakeholders in the cluster; • Opportunity for enhanced productivity and growth; • Potential for commercial success and revenue generation; • Job creation/retention; • Clearly defined project plan including activities, goals and measurable outcomes; • Feasibility of the project with respect to budget, financing and production schedule; • Track record of the applicant companies; • Viability of the partnership; and • Leveraging of other contributions.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential applicants will consult with OMDC at the outset of the project planning stage. First contact must be made with the Program Coordinator who will refer applicants to the appropriate OMDC Consultant. The Consultant will then review the project, partnership structure, proposed budget and financing plan with the applicant to determine if eligibility requirements have been met. The applicant will then be Pre-Qualified to submit an application to the program. All applicants must be Pre-Qualified to apply to the program. Deadline for Pre-Qualification is Wednesday, September 9, 2009 however applicants are encouraged to contact OMDC as soon as possible to go through the process. • Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of the two planned Information Sessions. • Applications will be assessed for completeness and eligibility by OMDC/MCL staff immediately following the deadline of September 23, 2009. • OMDC/MCL will forward recommendations to the jury. • All applications that meet program eligibility will be forwarded to the jury. • It is anticipated the jury will make decisions in December, 2009.
Application Deadlines	<p>Prequalification - Wednesday, September 15, 2010 by 5:00pm</p> <p>Applications: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 by 5:00pm</p>
Processing Time	
Notes	<p>No Stacking Limitations.</p> <p>All current deadlines have passed. Check back at the program website for new funding updates.</p>

OMDC Export Fund - Interactive Digital Media

Summary	The OMDC Export Fund will cover up to 50% of a participating company's eligible expenses to engage in export development activities between August 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010 as part of a comprehensive export development plan.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.omdc.on.ca/Page3223.aspx
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Media Development Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media • Digital Media • New Media • Interactive digital media
Keywords	Media, Digital Media, New Media, Interactive digital media
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$12,000
Program Objective	The OMDC Export Fund will provide eligible Ontario companies with funding to participate in export development activities that correspond to a strategy for company growth.
Obligations	A funded company may be asked to produce receipts to demonstrate actual expenses.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>This program is open to export-ready film and television producers, music companies, book publishers and interactive digital media content producers. The applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be Ontario-based and Canadian-controlled; • be incorporated; • be a small- to medium-sized, private sector, for profit company; • have been in operation in Ontario for at least one year; and • have an export development plan for a slate of products or projects with defined, achievable and measurable business development goals. • be primarily a screen-based content creation company (as opposed to a creator of applications, tools, technology, hardware, etc.); • be able to demonstrate that at least 50% of its revenue averaged over a two year period can be attributed to the creation of complete screen-based content products; and • have demonstrated in-house expertise in the creation of content for interactive platforms, networks or devices (video games, mobile content, eLearning content, convergent projects, etc.).
Eligible Costs	Eligible export development activities include attendance at key industry markets and events, planned sales trips to key territories to meet with identified leads and participation in trade missions organized by industry associations and government agencies. Proposed activities must take place outside of Canada. There is no limit on the number of activities that a company may include and companies are advised to submit all of the export development activities that they will be participating in during the period covered by the program to provide an accurate picture of their overall export development plan. At least one of the activities must involve participation in an event organized by a third party (i.e. a recognized market or conference).
Terms	Participating companies are eligible to receive up to \$12,000 capped at 50% of the total costs for all activities.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • company track record including an assessment of export readiness, prior results and previous performance in OMDC programs • objectives for proposed activities and strength of company's export development plan • defined, achievable and measurable business development result projections and anticipated impact of export activities on company growth • suitability of proposed activities • suitability of project or product slate for international markets
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed and completed application form • Company overview and a summary of previous experience attending international • Outline of company's overall export development plan • Name and description of planned export activity including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location • Dates of activity (i.e. dates for the market, conference or event that will be attended) • Dates of travel (i.e. dates for entire business development trip including additional days if representative is attending meetings in advance of or after the market,

	<p>conference or event)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity website • Company’s history participating in the activity • Rationale and objectives for participating in the activity including a list of current interactive digital media content projects that are relevant to the activity • An explanation if travel dates are extended beyond the official dates of a scheduled event • List of potential business meetings and/or contacts • Completed OMDC Export Fund budget template • Summary of current interactive digital media content projects related to the company’s export development plan
Application Deadlines	The current deadlines have passed. Check back for subsequent application dates.
Processing Time	
Notes	<p>Companies that are eligible to receive support through both the OMDC Export Fund - Film and Television and the OMDC Export Fund - Interactive Digital Media may only receive a maximum of \$12,000 per deadline. “Double dipping” is not permitted.</p> <p>All current deadlines have passed. Check back at the program website for new funding updates.</p>

OMDC Interactive Digital Media Fund

Summary	The OMDC Interactive Digital Media (IDM) Fund is designed to provide Ontario interactive digital media content companies with access to the final piece of funding required to move their content projects into production. Successful applicants will receive a non-refundable contribution of up to \$150,000 to a maximum of 50% of the project budget to create a market-ready interactive digital media content product.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.omdc.on.ca/PageFactory.aspx?PageID=3215
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Media Development Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media • Digital Media • New Media • Interactive digital media
Keywords	Media, Digital Media, New Media, Interactive digital media
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$150,000
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to support the creation of high quality, original, interactive digital media content products by Ontario companies; • to assist in capitalizing Ontario-based interactive digital media content production companies; • to provide flexible funding options that support partnerships between Ontario interactive digital media companies and companies from other creative cluster industries; and • to contribute to the financing of projects that make a positive contribution to the Ontario economy.
Obligations	Must spend 2X OMDC contribution in Ontario.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible to submit an application for the OMDC IDM Fund a company must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a screen-based company that is involved in the creation of complete content products; • have demonstrated in-house expertise in the creation of content for interactive platforms, networks or devices; • be an Ontario-based organization; • be a Canadian-owned and -controlled organization; • be incorporated in Ontario or federally or willing to incorporate immediately if their application is successful; • be a private sector, for profit organization; • be in a sound financial position at the time of application and deemed to be an ongoing entity with a plan to continue creating interactive digital media content products; and • be in good standing with OMDC at time of application submission. • be intended to be experienced by the end user on a digital media platform, network or device that is capable of interactivity and allows users to make decisions and have control over the content and the form and sequence in which it is presented through browsing, searching, selecting and making choices which has an impact on the user's experience of the content; • be complete with an intention to release the project via an interactive digital media platform, network or device as the primary distribution channel; • be intended for a consumer audience; • be intended for use by individuals or groups of individuals; • be intended to educate, inform or entertain; • consist of a combination of at least two of text, sound (music, sound effects, voice, etc.) and images (pictures, animations, video, etc.); and • be suitable for commercial exploitation.
Eligible Costs	Development and production costs directly attributable to the project
Terms	<p>Successful Applicants will receive a non-refundable contribution of up to \$150,000 to a maximum of 50% of the budget which is drawn down during the course of the program, triggered by pre-determined deliverables as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% on execution of the OMDC agreement; • 15% on delivery of an interim report and interim meeting with program administrators; and • 10% on delivery of the completed project and all deliverables outlined in the contract.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track record of the applicant company and production team • Benefit to the Ontario economy - opportunity for enhanced company revenue and growth, Ontario labour spend, leveraging of other contributions, value of Ontario expenditures • Feasibility of the project with respect to budget, financing, production schedule and technology • Quality, originality and creativity of the project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for commercial success and revenue generation
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table of contents. • Completed and signed application form. • Detailed project description including a summary of the status of the project at time of application and a list of proposed deliverables. • Design and technical specification document including a flow chart and outline of the content structure, a summary of the various project components (activities, features, modules, etc.), a description of the user experience, a list of technical requirements and storyboards or other visual representations of the project where applicable. • Detailed budget and financing plan in industry standard format that conforms to standard industry caps and thresholds and OMDC IDM Fund requirements. Please see OMDC IDM Fund Budgeting and Financing Guidelines. • Production schedule with a critical path and key milestones. • Applicant company profile including descriptions of relevant projects completed to date and a demonstration of track record and plans for future interactive digital media content production. • List of key production staff and company management with current titles. • Detailed resumes/profiles for key production staff and company management. • Financing letters confirming any committed financing and deferrals, discounts and other in-kind/non-cash contributions. Financing from the applicant company must be supported with a statement from a financial institution that demonstrates that the money is available at the time of application. Please see OMDC IDM Fund Budgeting and Financing Guidelines for additional requirements regarding financing letters. • Evidence of applicant company's or eligible partner's ownership of the project (chain of title documentation). • Articles of incorporation. • List of shareholders detailing ownership share, citizenship and province of residence and a list of all officers and directors. • Financial statements for the past two fiscal years (if available). • Business and marketing plan including a description of the target market and revenue model, an assessment of the potential for commercial success and two year revenue projections. Where possible please include letters and/or agreements that confirm interest and proposed terms from third-party distributors or equivalent. • A description of how this project makes a positive contribution to the growth of your company and the Ontario economy (enhanced company revenue, number of Ontario jobs created or retained, leveraging of other contributions, value of Ontario expenditures, etc.) • Completed Schedule of Minimum Ontario Expenditures summarizing total Ontario expenditures for labour and non-labour budget categories.
Application Deadlines	September 20, 2010 by 5pm
Processing Time	10 weeks
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OMDC Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit

Summary	The OIDMTC is calculated as 40% of eligible Ontario labour expenditures and eligible marketing and distribution expenses incurred after March 26, 2009 by qualifying corporations
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.omdc.on.ca/Page3400.aspx
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ontario Media Development Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media • Digital Media • New Media • Interactive digital media
Keywords	Media, Digital Media, New Media, Interactive digital media
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	40% of eligible Ontario labour expenditures and eligible marketing and distribution expense
Program Objective	The OIDMTC is a refundable tax credit, which means that the amount of the credit, less any Ontario taxes payable, will be paid to the qualifying corporation. The OIDMTC is based upon the Ontario labour expenditures and eligible marketing and distribution expenditures claimed by a qualifying corporation with respect to eligible products.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>A qualifying corporation is a Canadian corporation (that is Canadian or foreign-owned), that develops an eligible product at a permanent establishment in Ontario operated by it, and files an Ontario tax return. A qualifying small corporation meets these criteria as well, and had during the preceding taxation year (on an associated company basis) neither annual gross revenues in excess of \$20 million nor total assets in excess of \$10 million.</p> <p>To be eligible for the OIDMTC a product must be an interactive digital media product whose primary purpose is to educate, inform, or entertain, and that achieves its primary purpose by presenting information in at least two of: (i)text, (ii)sound and (iii) images. Types of interactive digital media products that may be eligible for the tax credit include but are not restricted to games, educational and informational products.</p> <p>The OIDMTC is available at a 35% tax credit rate to qualifying digital game corporations that incur a minimum \$1 million of eligible Ontario labour costs over a 3 year period for fee-for-service work done in Ontario that is directly related to the development of a digital game. Qualifying digital game corporations would not be required to be at arm's length with the purchaser corporation, or to develop all, or substantially all, of the eligible product. Eligible expenditures are those incurred after March 26, 2009.</p> <p>The OIDMTC is also available at a 35% tax credit rate to specialized digital game corporations that have either 80% of Ontario payroll or 90% of annual revenues attributable to interactive digital media game development with a minimum of \$1 million of Ontario labour expenditures in the taxation year directly attributable to the development of eligible digital games. Specialized digital game corporations are entitled to file an annual OIDMTC application and would not be required to contract with an arm's length purchaser, or to develop all, or substantially all, of the products included in the claim. Eligible expenditures are those incurred after March 26, 2009.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>The credit may be claimed with respect to qualifying Ontario expenditures which include eligible labour expenditures and marketing and distribution expenditures.</p> <p>Eligible labour expenditures are 100% of salaries and wages for employees and 100%* of remuneration incurred after March 26, 2009 and paid to arm's length persons who are not employees. "Persons" may include individuals, partnerships and corporations.</p> <p>Eligible Labour expenditures must also be paid to individuals resident in Ontario, directly attributable to the development of the eligible product, and paid for services rendered at a permanent establishment in Ontario. For those products completed after March 25, 2008 eligible labour expenditures incurred in the three year period prior to the completion of the product can be included in the OIDMTC claim. For products completed prior to March 26, 2008 eligible labour expenditures incurred in the two year period prior to completion can be claimed.</p> <p>Up to \$100,000 of eligible marketing and distribution expenditures related to an eligible product can be included. Eligible marketing and distribution expenses are those incurred in the 24-month period</p>

	<p>prior to the completion of the eligible interactive digital media product, and those incurred in the twelve months following the completion of the product. Expenditures that have already been claimed as eligible Ontario labour expenditures cannot be claimed as marketing and distribution expenditures.</p>
Terms	<p>The OIDMTC is calculated as 40% of eligible Ontario labour expenditures and eligible marketing and distribution expenses incurred after March 26, 2009 by qualifying corporations, regardless of size of corporation, to create eligible interactive digital media products in Ontario. For those qualifying corporations applying for an OIDMTC on “specified products”, products developed under a fee-for-service arrangement, the OIDMTC tax rate is 35% on qualifying expenditures incurred after March 26, 2009. For expenditures incurred prior to March 26, 2009 see chart below for applicable tax credit rates.</p> <p>There is no limit on the amount of eligible Ontario labour expenditures which may qualify and there are no per project or annual corporate limits on the amount of the OIDMTC which may be claimed. Eligible marketing and distribution expenses are capped at \$100,000 per eligible product.</p>
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Application form o Application Fee o Taxpayer Authorization Form o Incorporation Documents o Corporate chart o Consolidated annual financial statements o OIDMTC corporate declaration o Chain of title documentation o Description of product development o Production schedule o Business marketing plan o Names of individuals working on project o Financing plan o Financing contracts o Cost report o Eligible marketing and distribution expenses o Copy of completed product
Application Deadlines	<p>Application is made to the OMDC for a certificate of eligibility, which the production company files with the Canada Revenue Agency together with its tax return in order to claim the OIDMTC. The amount of the credit, net of any Ontario taxes owing, will be paid to the qualifying corporation. If the qualifying corporation does not owe any taxes, the full amount will be paid out.</p>
Processing Time	
Notes	

OMDC Ontario Sound Recording Tax Credit (OSRTC)

Summary	The Ontario Sound Recording Tax Credit (OSRTC) is a refundable tax credit based upon eligible production and marketing costs incurred by a qualifying corporation with respect to an eligible Canadian sound recording. The OSRTC is calculated as 20% of qualifying expenditures incurred by an eligible sound recording company with respect to an eligible Canadian sound recording by an emerging Canadian artist or group.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.omdc.on.ca/Page3398.aspx
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Culture - Ontario Media Development Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Music •Media •Entertainment, •Sound recording •Music video
Keywords	Music, media, entertainment, sound, recording, sound recording, music video, artist
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	The OSRTC for an eligible sound recording is equal to 20% of qualifying expenditures for a taxation year less “government assistance”.
Program Objective	Support Ontario music artists.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	An eligible sound recording company is a Canadian-controlled corporation having carried on a sound recording business in Ontario for at least 12 months as a corporation or, prior to incorporation, as a sole proprietor or partnership.* An eligible sound recording company must earn more than 50% of its taxable income in Ontario for the preceding taxation year and more than 50% of the company's business must be related to sound recording activities. An eligible sound recording company must have implemented a distribution plan (a plan to market the recording) for at least one sound recording in the preceding taxation year. An eligible sound recording company must enter into contracts with its artists and must bear the financial risks associated with its business or be related to a company that bears the risks.
Eligible Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These expenditures include artists' royalties and musicians' session fees, graphics (including artwork, photography, layout and colour separations), software, digital scanning, programming and beta testing. 2. Production of a qualifying music video (as described in subsection (12)) for the recording. These expenditures include rehearsal costs. 3. Direct marketing of the recording (fees for consultants and salaries and wages for employees whose primary function is public relations or marketing). 4. The following launch costs (Rental costs for sound and light equipment and for facilities; The amount of expenses for food, beverages and entertainment that is determined under section 67.1 of the Income Tax Act (Canada); Event planning services; The design, printing and mailing of invitations; Security; Business location permits and licenses; Photography; Promotional gifts and souvenirs; 50 per cent of the expenditures that are not qualifying expenditures under paragraphs 2 and 3 solely because they are expenditures on account of property used outside Ontario or services provided outside Ontario; Expenditures for the repayment of government assistance to the extent that the assistance reduced the amount of the tax credit for the recording that would otherwise have been available to the recording company for a prior taxation year.
Terms	The OSRTC for an eligible sound recording is equal to 20% of qualifying expenditures for a taxation year less “government assistance”.
Judgment Criteria	Satisfaction of eligibility criteria
Application Documentation and Process	When a Certificate of Eligibility is applied for, the applicant must submit to the OMDC a completed Application Form, the company's most recent financial statement, a copy of the sound recording, and the documents set out in the OSRTC Documents Checklist (see Appendix 2). In some cases the OMDC may require additional documentation or information in order to issue a Certificate of Eligibility. Corporations must then submit their certificate of eligibility to the CRA along with their annual tax filing.
Application Deadlines	Once the eligible sound recording has been completed and before the end of the taxation year.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Business Research Institute Tax Credit

Summary	The OBRITC provides a qualifying corporation with a 20% refundable tax credit for a scientific research and experimental development (SR&ED) expenditures incurred in Ontario under an eligible contract with an eligible research institute (ERI)
Abbreviation	OBRITC
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/crprtms/prv/on/bsnssrsrch-eng.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Any
Keywords	Research, researcher, institution, college, university
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$4 million
Program Objective	To foster world-class research institutions in Ontario and to promote partnerships between business and Ontario non-profit research institutions.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. carries on business in the taxation year through a permanent establishment in Ontario and is not exempt from tax under the CTA, 2. enters into, or is a member (other than a specified member) of a partnership that enters into an eligible contract with an ERI (see section 3 below), 3. is not connected (see below) to the eligible research institution (ERI) which carries out any part of the OBRI qualifying research, 4. is not controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the 24-month period before the eligible contract was entered into by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a trust, a beneficiary of which was an ERI that is a party to the eligible contract or which performed SR&ED under the eligible contract, or 2. a corporation carrying on a personal services business.
Eligible Costs	Scientific research and experimental development expenditures (SR&ED) incurred in Ontario under an eligible contract with an eligible research institute (ERI).
Terms	The maximum tax credit a corporation or an associated group of corporations can claim is \$4 million. Small businesses may claim the 20 per cent OBRI tax credit in addition to the 10 per cent Ontario Innovation Tax Credit for a combined tax credit of 30 per cent of qualifying expenditures.
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable
Application Documentation and Process	Complete Corporations Tax Form CT23. Schedule 198
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	Small businesses may claim the 20% OBRITC in addition to the 10% Ontario Innovation Tax Credit for a combined tax credit of 30% of qualifying expenditures.

Ontario Computer Animation and Special Effects (OCASE) Tax Credit

Summary	The OCASE Tax Credit is calculated as 20% of the eligible Ontario labour expenditures incurred by a qualifying corporation with respect to eligible computer animation and special effects activities.
Abbreviation	OCASE
Website	http://www.omdc.on.ca/Page3402.aspx
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Culture - Ontario Media Development Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Animation •Media •Digital media •New media •Interactive media
Keywords	Media, Digital Media, New Media, Interactive digital media, animation, special effects, computer generated animation, computer animation, CG
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	The OCASE Tax Credit is calculated as 20% of the eligible Ontario labour expenditures incurred by a qualifying corporation with respect to eligible computer animation and special effects activities. There is no cap on eligible Ontario labour expenditures.
Program Objective	*To enhance the competitiveness of Ontario's computer animation industry, create jobs and bring computer animation business to Ontario.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>A qualifying corporation is a Canadian corporation that is Canadian or foreign-owned, has a permanent establishment in Ontario and files an Ontario corporate tax return. Qualifying corporations may include animation or visual effects houses, post-production houses and film and television production companies which perform eligible computer animation and special effects activities.</p> <p>Eligible computer animation and special effects activities include designing, modeling, rendering, lighting, painting, animating and compositing but do not include activities that are scientific research and experimental development.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>a) salaries and wages (i.e., amounts paid to employees) directly attributable to eligible activities carried on by the qualifying corporation, that are paid to Ontario residents (individuals resident in Ontario at the end of the previous calendar year) who report to a permanent establishment of the qualifying corporation in Ontario at which the eligible activities are carried out;</p> <p>b) 50% of remuneration paid to freelancers who are individuals or partnerships for qualifying expenditures incurred before March 26, 2009; and</p> <p>c) 100% of remuneration paid to freelancers who are individuals, partnerships, or arm's-length incorporated individuals, for qualifying expenditures incurred after March 26, 2009.*</p>
Terms	The OCASE Tax Credit is a refundable tax credit which means that the credit will be refunded to the qualifying corporation, net of any Ontario taxes payable by the qualifying corporation.
Judgment Criteria	Claims for an OCASE Tax Credit are subject to audit by the Corporations Tax Branch (CTB). The Corporations Tax Branch (CTB), Ministry of Revenue verifies residency and may request proof of payment for labour claimed for purposes of the OCASE Tax Credit.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Companies submit the following information to the OMDC for a certificate of eligibility which is then submitted to the CRA alongside the company's corporate tax return.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Application form o Taxpayer authorization form o Admin fee o Incorporation documents o Corporate chart o Contract with the producer o List of employees o Production schedule o Description of production process o Breakdown of prescribed cost amounts o Breakdown of eligible Ontario labour expenditures o Financing plan o Copy of completed animation
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Emerging Technologies Fund

Summary	The Government has announced that the Fund will be a \$250 million fund over five years, to a maximum of \$50 million per year for each of the five years, to co-invest alongside Qualified investors into innovative, high-growth Ontario companies. The deal structure of a co-investment will be the same for the Fund and the Qualified Investor in any one investment round.
Abbreviation	OCGC-OETF
Website	http://www.ocgc.gov.on.ca/site/en/funds/ontario-emerging-technologies-fund/
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	The Ontario Capital Growth Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean technologies; • life sciences and advanced health technologies; and • digital media; and information and communication technology
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$15 million per round to a maximum total investment of \$25 million.
Program Objective	Increase the amount of investment made directly into Ontario-based companies targeting three key sectors.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The investee company must carry on business solely in one of the Eligible sectors of clean technology, life science and advanced health technologies, and digital media and information Communications Technology • Be privately held at the time of the Initial Investment • Pay at least 50 per cent of wages, salaries and fees to employees and contractors working in Ontario • The majority of the company's full-time employees must be working in Ontario; and • The majority of senior officers must maintain their permanent residence in Ontario
Eligible Costs	<p>OCGC can make either a first time investment or a subsequent investment in an investee company where OCGC has previously made an initial investment.</p> <p>An Initial Investment will be classified as follows:</p> <p>A. New Company Investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an initial investment in an investee company by OcgC and an initial investment by a Qualified Investor, where the aggregate investment in the Investee Company in the investment round is at least \$1 million but less than \$4 million, or • an initial investment in an investee company by OcgC and a follow-on investment in the Investee Company by a Qualified Investor, where the Qualified Investor's existing investment in the investee company is \$1 million or less, and the aggregate investment in the investee company in the investment round is at least \$1 million, but less than \$4 million. <p>B. Significant New Company Investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an initial investment in an investee company by OcgC and an initial investment by a Qualified Investor where the aggregate investment in the Investee Company in the investment round is at least \$4 million but less than or equal to \$15 million. <p>C. Portfolio Company Investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an initial investment in an investee company by OcgC and a follow-on investment in the Investee Company by a Qualified Investor where the aggregate investment in the Investee Company in the investment round is greater than \$2 million but less than or equal to \$15 million; provided that, where another Qualified Investor is also making an initial investment in the investee company and such investment is at least \$1 million and constitutes at least 20% of the investment round, such investment shall be deemed to be a new company Investment or a Significant New Company Investment, as applicable.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aggregate amount of an initial investment by OCGC in an Investee Company will not be more than \$5 million • The aggregate amount of all Fund investments made by OCGC in an Investee Company over the life of the Fund will not be more than \$25 million • OCGC's investment in an investment round or an Investee Company will not be more than the Qualified Investor's investment • OCGC will not be the largest single investor in an Investee Company. • The company is seeking to raise an initial investment of at least \$1 million and not more than \$15 million • Investments will be structured and negotiated by the Qualified Investor and will be equity or quasi-equity investments (e.g. common shares, preferred shares and convertible debentures). Debentures or other debt which have principal and/or interest payments from the eligible investee company or shares which have cash dividend payments within three years are ineligible. Ineligible investments include debt which has principle or interest payments due within 3 years.

New Company Investment

- The OCGC co-invests with at least one Qualified Investor who is making a new investment in an Investee Company and the valuation of the investment is determined by the Qualified Investor.
- All deal structure terms of the investment will be the same for the OCGC and the Qualified Investor.
- Where the Qualified Investor's existing investment in the Investee Company is \$1 million or less, the investment will be treated as if it were a new Investee Company by the Qualified investor.

Significant New Company Investment:

- OCGC co-invests with at least one Qualified Investor and one Significant Investor, each of whom is making a new investment in an Investee Company and the valuation is set by the Qualified OETF Investor, and where each of the Qualified Investor and the Significant Investor invests at least \$1 million in the investee company and each such investment constitutes at least 20% of the investment round.
- All deal structure terms of the investment are the same for OcgC, the Qualified Investor and the Significant Investor.

Portfolio Company Investment:

- OCGC co-invests with at least one Qualified Investor and one Significant Investor where each of the Qualified Investor and the Significant Investor invests at least \$1 million in the Investee company and each such investment constitutes at least 20% of the investment round.
- OCGC will only invest in the investee company by way of a convertible debenture which provides (i) for a conversion price equal to an amount to be established at a discount to the valuation set in the next Qualified Investment Round (as defined below) in which a Qualified Investor that has not previously invested in the investee company invests at least \$1 million in the investee company, and (ii) that if a liquidation event occurs prior to a Qualified Investment Round, the holder may elect to convert its convertible debenture into the equity instrument employed in the investment round immediately preceding the issuance of such convertible debentures. all deal structure terms of the investment are the same for OCGC, the Qualified Investor and the Significant investor.

Follow-On Investment:

- OCGC co-invests with at least one Qualified Investor. All deal structure terms of the investment are the same for OCGC and the Qualified Investor.
- A "Significant Investor" is an investor that is not a Qualified Investor and that invests in an investee company in any investment round at least \$1 million, which investment constitutes at least 20% of the aggregate amount invested in such investment round, provided that a Significant investor may not be a syndicate of investors unless each syndicate participant invests at least \$1 million in the investment round.
- "Qualified Investment Round" means an investment round in which the Investee Company raises an amount that is at least equal to the amount raised by the investee company in the investment round in which the OCGC acquired its convertible debentures and in which a Qualified Investor that has not previously invested in such investee company invests at least \$1 million, which investment constitutes at least 20% of the aggregate amount invested in such investment round.

Judgment Criteria

Applicant companies must have an established relationship with a Qualified Investor who is prepared to make an investment in the company, and is seeking coinvestment from the OCGC. The Qualified Investor will complete an application to the OCGC for funding on behalf of the company. Eligibility Considerations for the "Qualified Investor": OCGC will follow the market-based assessment made by Qualified Investors who bring potential investment deals to OCGC. Investors must apply to OCGC to become Qualified Investors. Applicants will be reviewed against the following set of criteria:

In assessing a Venture Capital or other Private Equity Fund for qualification, OCGC will consider a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Dollar value of assets under management
- Amount of capital available for investment
- Capital invested and track record of investments made in the preceding five years
- Location of the principal office and commitment to invest in Ontario
- Principals (partners or senior executives) who have been employed or engaged by the applicant or an affiliate, and have relevant and sufficient experience investing in, operating and selling early-stage companies in the Eligible Sectors (as defined in Section 6).
- Experience making equity or quasi-equity investments in portfolio companies
- Portfolio company exits in the preceding five years
- Previous limited partners, fund sponsors, and investors.

A separate certification process has been established to qualify individuals and organizations that have the financial resources to invest in high-growth, innovative companies in Ontario. Investors

	<p>(other than venture capital and other private equity funds) may apply for certification with OCGC as “Other Qualified Investors”. these investors will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel investors or angel groups • Pledge funds • Corporations or other entities (e.g. pension funds) that are not principally engaged in the making venture capital or private equity investments • Venture capital or other private equity funds where 80% or more of such fund’s assets under management or committed capital has been provided or committed, as applicable, by one individual or an Affiliated Group.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>There are two steps involved in the approval process that must be successfully completed before OCGC will co-invest in a company:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of application for certification as a Qualified Investor 2. Review of application for an Eligible Investment including satisfaction of terms and conditions required by OCGC. <p>There are separate application forms for certification as a Qualified Investor and approval of an Eligible investment. the application process is described in greater detail in the following section. Application forms are available for download at the OcgC website at www.ontario.ca/ocgc, where you can also find further information, including frequently asked questions related to the Fund. Further information regarding submission procedures are on the application forms. Applicants will be notified upon receipt of their application.</p>
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	Varies
Notes	<p>OCGC has established limits on stacking of government funding (total government funding – federal, provincial or municipal investment provided to a company for the same purpose). For the purposes of OETF, “Government Funds” are defined as any equity or quasi-equity investment made by any federal, provincial or municipal government, agency or crown corporation, and includes, without limitation, equity or quasi-equity investments made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Venture Capital Fund • Investment Accelerator Fund • Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation • Business Development Bank of Canada • Export Development Canada • Farm Credit Canada • Ontario Commercialization Investment Funds (OCIF) • Any future government equity or quasi-equity investment programs that may be announced during the active investment period of the Fund. <p>With respect to an investee company that has received or will receive government Funds concurrently with OcgC’s investment, the following limitations will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aggregate amount of Government Funds plus the investment from OCGC cannot exceed 50% of the aggregate investment in an Investee Company in any investment round • The aggregate amount of Government Funds plus the investment from OCGC cannot exceed 50% of the aggregate investment in an Investee Company at any time • OCGC’s pro rata share of an investment made as a limited partner of OVCF is to be calculated in determining the amount of Government Funds invested in an Investee Company by OCGC as a limited partner of OVCF • The Ministry of Research and Innovation’s (MRI) pro rata share of an OCIF is to be calculated in determining the amount of Government Funds invested in an Investee Company.

Ontario Innovation Tax Credit

Summary	The OITC is a 10% refundable tax credit for corporations that make expenditures on scientific research & experimental development (SR&ED) carried on in Ontario.
Abbreviation	OITC
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oitc/index.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Any
Keywords	SR&ED, research, experimentation, R&D, development
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$200,000 per taxation year
Program Objective	To support Ontario innovation R&D
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The credit is available to all public and private corporations with permanent establishments in Ontario. Only expenditures for scientific research & experimental development carried on in Ontario, for which the taxpayer is eligible for federal (SR & ED) investment tax credit, qualify for the OITC.
Eligible Costs	Only expenditures for scientific research & experimental development carried on in Ontario, for which the taxpayer is eligible for federal (SR & ED) investment tax credit, qualify for the OITC.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The OITC is calculated at 10% of qualifying expenditures * Maximum claim is \$300,000 per taxation year * Qualifying expenditures are 100% of current expenses such as salaries and wages, and 40% of capital expenditures; OITC is available on qualifying SR&ED expenditures to a maximum of \$2 million annually
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable
Application Documentation and Process	To claim the OITC, corporations must complete the OITC claim form, file the Ontario corporate tax return (CT23 or CT8) and enter the amount on line 191. To ensure quick identification of the claim, provide a copy of the related federal schedules (T2 SCH 31 and T661).
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario New Technology Tax Incentive

Summary	The Ontario New Technology Tax Incentive (ONTTI) allows a 100% immediate write-off of the eligible cost of qualifying intellectual properties acquired in the course of an intellectual property transfer.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/credit/ontti/
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ontario Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Intellectual property transactions
Keywords	Technology
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	Introduced in the 1997 Ontario Budget, the ONTTI encourages the development and transfer of new technology.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*The corporation must carry on business in Ontario. *Qualifying intellectual property is a patent, a license, a permit, know-how, a commercial secret, a process, a formula or other similar property constituting knowledge.
Eligible Costs	The eligible costs of qualifying intellectual properties are included in a Class 12 capital cost allowance (CCA) pool and allowed as a 100% deduction from income in the year of acquisition.
Terms	The eligible costs of qualifying intellectual properties are included in a Class 12 capital cost allowance (CCA) pool and allowed as a 100% deduction from income in the year of acquisition. The expenditure limit for a taxation year is \$20 million. A taxpayer's total ONTTI deduction for a taxation year is equal to the total amount of CCA allowed in respect of each ONTTI property. Neither the half-year rule nor the available for use rule applies.
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable
Application Documentation and Process	The ONTTI is included on Ontario CCA Schedule
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Research and Development Expenditure Deduction

Summary	The Ontario Research and Development Expenditure Deduction allows corporations to exclude from Ontario taxable income the portion of the federal investment tax credit that relates to qualifying Ontario Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) expenditures through Ontario pool calculation on CT23 Schedule 161.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/credit/orded/index.html
Funding Type	Tax Deduction
Source	Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	Make the income from the Federal SR&ED tax credit deductible from Ontario corporate income tax obligations
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*Must be making a SR&ED claim.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable
Application Documentation and Process	To claim, complete CT23 Schedule 161, and enter the amount on Line 679 of the tax return.
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Research Employee Stock Option Credit

Summary	If you do research for an eligible research and development company, the credit can reduce or eliminate your Ontario personal income tax on up to \$100,000 of taxable income each year.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/credit/oreso/index.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ontario Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Any
Keywords	Salary, Support, Job, self-employed, pay, benefit, student, graduate, co-op, placement, research, income
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Ontario Research Employee Stock Option (ORESOS) credit is an incentive to help Ontario high technology companies find and keep highly skilled research employees.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The credit applies when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the company agrees to sell or issue its shares to you as an eligible employee in a stock option agreement * the company's offer was made after December 21, 2000 and before May 18, 2004 * you bought that company's stock in accordance with the stock option agreement, and * you reported the stock option benefit in your personal income tax return by 2009.
Eligible Costs	Ontario researcher personal income tax
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	The ministry calculates the refund based on information from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * your application * your employer * your personal income tax return (i.e., Form ON428 - Ontario Tax, filed as part of your T1-General return), and * your Notice of Assessment or Notice of Reassessment from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
Application Documentation and Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the ORESOS Credit - Application for Refund 2. Attach copies of these four documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the ORESOS Credit - Certificate of Eligible Stock Option Agreements - Individual 2. the ORESOS Credit - Notice of Benefit - Individual provided by your employer 3. Form ON428 - Ontario Tax, that you submitted to CRA when you filed your income tax return 4. your Notice of Assessment and any Notice of Reassessment for the applicable tax year from the (CRA) 3. Mail all documents to the Ontario Ministry of Revenue, Client Accounts and Services Branch, PO Box 624, Oshawa ON L1H 8H8.
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Retail Tax Exemption on R&D and Manufacturing Equipment

Summary	Retail Sales Tax (RST) exemptions for production machinery and equipment bought by, or for the use of, qualified manufacturers.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/guides/rst/400.html
Funding Type	Tax Exemption
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	•Any
Keywords	Capital, machinery, retail sales tax
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	Retail Sales Tax (RST) exemptions for production machinery and equipment bought by, or for the use of, qualified manufacturers.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Ontario manufacturers (a manufacturer is a person who manufactures, fabricates, produces or assembles goods for sale where the fair value of the goods sold to others is more than \$5,000 in the fiscal year or, the fair value of goods manufactured for own use is more than \$50,000 in the fiscal year.)
Eligible Costs	The following items may be bought without paying RST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * machinery and apparatus used primarily and directly in the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. manufacture or production of goods 2. *development of manufacturing/production processes 3. *development of goods for manufacture
Terms	RST is not payable on machinery purchases or repairs made to production machinery and equipment that may be purchased by the manufacturer exempt from RST.
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable
Application	To claim a refund, you need to complete the General Application for Refund of Retail Sales Tax form.
Documentation and Process	Make sure you have clear photocopies of your receipts. You will need to include them with your application.
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Tax Exemption for Commercialization

Summary	To support innovation in the Ontario economy, the 2008 Ontario budget proposed a 10-year tax exemption for new corporations that commercialize intellectual property developed by qualifying Canadian universities, colleges or research institutes. The OTEC program was implemented by amendments to the Corporations Tax Act and the Taxation Act, 2007 in Bill 100, which received Royal Assent on December 10, 2008.
Abbreviation	OTEC
Website	http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/TaxExemptionCommercialization.asp
Funding Type	Tax Refund
Source	Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation
Market	The exemption generally applies to corporations that commercialize intellectual property in priority areas such as bio-economy/clean technologies, advanced health technologies and telecommunications, computer and digital technologies.
Keywords	Innovation, commercialization
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Not applicable.
Program Objective	To support innovation in the Ontario economy.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To qualify for the Ontario tax exemption, a corporation must be a new corporation, incorporated in Canada that is not formed as a result of an amalgamation or merger and must derive all of its income from eligible commercialization activities carried on in Ontario. Eligible commercialization activities include the development of prototypes and the marketing and manufacturing of products related to the intellectual property.</p> <p>A qualifying corporation incorporated in Canada after March 24, 2008 and before March 25, 2012 may be exempt from Ontario Corporate Income Tax and Corporate Minimum Tax for its first 10 taxation years.</p> <p>The term "eligible commercialization business" includes an active business that is an "advanced health technology business", a "bioeconomy business", a telecommunications, computer or digital technologies production business.</p> <p>The sole purpose of the business must be the sale of property that derives more than 50% of its value from "eligible intellectual property" developed at a qualifying institution, the sale of property that has eligible intellectual property as an essential element, the licensing of computer programs that are eligible intellectual property or such other purpose as prescribed by the regulations.</p> <p>A "qualifying institute" is a university in Ontario, a college of applied arts and technology in Ontario, a non-profit organization prescribed by the Minister of Finance, a college or university in Canada but outside Ontario, a hospital research institute or an entity prescribed by the Minister of Finance.</p>
Eligible Costs	Eligible commercialization activities include the development of prototypes and the marketing and manufacturing of products related to the intellectual property.
Terms	Before a refund can be obtained, a taxpayer must apply for a certificate of eligibility after the end of the year. A refund application must be made no later than the end of the third taxation year ending after the taxation year for which the refund is claimed. If the corporation is assessed or reassessed for a taxation year, the corporation can apply for a refund within three months of the assessment or reassessment. A refund is paid without interest, although interest accrues on refunds that are repayable to Ontario Revenue, except where the amount of the excess refund results from a loss carry back deduction.
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable.
Application Documentation and Process	Corporations who wish to claim an exemption must apply to The Minister of Research and Innovation for a Certificate of Eligibility after the end of its first year. The Certificate along with the refund claim may be submitted to the Ministry of Revenue before the end of the third taxation year ending after the taxation year for which the refund is claimed.
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

PRECARN Incorporated Industrial T-Gap

Summary	Precarn has allocated up to \$4 Million* in funds to advance technologies that show commercial promise. The Technology-Gap Assistance Program (T-GAP) is the conduit through which the funds are awarded.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.precarn.ca/ProgramsFunding/index.html
Funding Type	
Source	PRECARN Incorporated
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	up to \$100,000
Program Objective	Available funds are primarily intended to bring technologies closer to commercial readiness
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Eligibility Funding for projects is available to start-up or very small companies that are incorporated in Canada at the time of the proposal submission.</p> <p>Available funds are intended to bring technologies closer to pre-commercial readiness; naturally, this represents a wide range of different activities, but some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and building engineering prototypes, • Refining and implementing designs, • Conducting scale-up activities, • Product-specific market research, • Conducting field studies, or • Carrying out technical and market assessments. <p>To be eligible for consideration proposals must meet the following mandatory criteria. Projects that do not meet these mandatory criteria will be rejected.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proposals must be led by a company incorporated federally or provincially in Canada. The Lead is usually a technology development company. b. Proposals must be for R&D projects in “intelligent systems” (as defined in Appendix 1). c. At least one of the participants must be an end user/first customer. d. The participation of an academic institution is required. e. The Lead Applicant must demonstrate their financial capability to carry out the project by providing copies of their latest financial statements (audited statements are preferred). f. Laboratories operated by the Federal and Provincial Governments can participate on a self-funded basis, but cannot be project Lead Participants and are not eligible to receive project funding. g. Requested funding from the Program must not exceed 40% of all eligible project costs, and cannot exceed \$100,000. Program funds can only support the eligible expenditures of Canadian participants. International participants can participate on a self-funded basis. h. The proposal must describe the potential intellectual property that will result from the project and must address the treatment of all intellectual property as summarized in Section 2 (Program Requirements) of this document. Projects that involve the transfer of foreign technology, provision of routine analytical services, data collection without interpretation of underlying mechanisms, or the exercise of professional practice or provision of general consulting services will not qualify for support. i. Proposals must be in the format as specified in this RFP including the required authorized signatures from all participating organizations. Proposals lacking such signatures will not be reviewed. j. Lead Applicants must agree to become Precarn members if their projects are selected for funding.
Eligible Costs	<p>Available funds are primarily intended to bring technologies closer to commercial readiness; naturally, this represents a wide range of different activities, but some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Developing and building engineering prototypes, * Refining and implementing designs, * Conducting scale-up activities, * Product-specific market research, * Conducting field studies, or * Carrying out technical and market assessments.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A focus on small (2-50 person) companies and start-up companies; * Maximum funding is \$100,000; * Maximum Precarn support is 40% of total project costs; * Project duration of nine months or less; and,

* 50% of Precarn's contribution will be paid at midterm of the project and the remaining 50% will be paid upon project completion and receipt of the final report.

Judgment Criteria	Proposals will be assessed in a two-stage process: first by Precarn staff to determine eligibility, and then by an Expert Advisory Panel. Applicants will be notified immediately if one or more of the mandatory eligibility criteria are not met.
Application Documentation and Process	Applicants are required to submit a proposal, as outlined in the attached proposal requirements. With regard to a proposal, estimates may be used in lieu of exact figures. A detailed budget will be required during the contracting process if a project is approved. A Full Proposal consists of the completed Proposal Application Form (Appendix 3), the Proposal Content section (10 pages maximum) and Appendix 4 - Schedules A (Financial Plan), B (Personal Data Forms), and C (Company Financial Statements).
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed. Please check back at the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

PRECARN Small Company Funding

Summary	Specifically targeting projects with early commercialization potential, Precarn has allocated a \$2.5 Million funding boost to promote the research and development (R&D) efforts of Canadian companies applying intelligent systems to solve commercial problems in the environment and manufacturing sectors.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.precarn.ca/ProgramsFunding/index.html
Funding Type	
Source	PRECARN Incorporated
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$500,000
Program Objective	This program has been developed to meet the needs of Canada's small businesses by strengthening Canadian industrial capabilities, exploiting a commercial opportunity, and demonstrating a net benefit to the Canadian economy.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Project teams must demonstrate their financial capability to carry out the project and must have between 5 and 100 employees with a minimum of \$500,000 in annual revenue. Laboratories operated by the Federal and Provincial Governments can participate on a self-funded basis, but cannot be project Lead Participants and are not eligible to receive project funding. Requested funding from the Program must not exceed 65% of all eligible project costs, and cannot exceed \$500,000. Program funds can only support the eligible expenditures of Canadian participants. International participants can participate on a self-funded basis.</p> <p>To be eligible for consideration proposals must meet the following mandatory criteria:</p> <p>a) Proposals must be for R&D projects in "intelligent systems" (as defined in Appendix 1).</p> <p>b) The lead proponent must be a Precarn member or state their intention to become a Precarn member. One of the participants must be an end user/first customer (preferably a Large Company), and a University or Community College must also be involved. Given the emphasis of the RFP on projects that will produce commercial results quickly, the role of the University or Community College does not have to be in the R&D portion of the work. The involvement of a Business School in the commercialization/marketing aspects of the project would also suffice.</p> <p>c) Project teams must demonstrate their financial capability to carry out the project and must have between 5 and 100 employees with a minimum of \$500,000 in annual revenue. Laboratories operated by the Federal and Provincial Governments can participate on a self-funded basis, but cannot be project Lead Participants and are not eligible to receive project funding. Requested funding from the Program must not exceed 65% of all eligible project costs, and cannot exceed \$500,000. Program funds can only support the eligible expenditures of Canadian participants. International participants can participate on a self-funded basis.</p> <p>d) A concept document is not required prior to the submission of a full proposal. However, first time applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Precarn to discuss their proposal prior to submission.</p> <p>e) The proposal must describe the potential intellectual property that will result from the project and must address the treatment of all intellectual property as summarized in Section 2 (Program Requirements) of this document. Projects that involve only the implementation of existing technology, transfer of foreign technology, provision of routine analytical services, data collection without interpretation of underlying mechanisms, or the exercise of professional practice or provision of general consulting services will not qualify for support.</p> <p>f) Proposals must be in the format as specified in this RFP including the required authorized signatures from all participating organizations. Proposals lacking such signatures will not be reviewed.</p>
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Direct Labour *Benefits *Overhead *Direct Materials *Sub-contractors and Consultats *Equipment *Traning

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Travel *Patents *Rentals *Audit costs *Other
Terms	A maximum of \$500,000 in Precarn funding per project is available. Precarn will contribute up to 65% of the total eligible project costs to a maximum of \$500,000 with the participants contributing the remaining 35%.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Proposal Assessment Proposals will be assessed in a two-stage process: first by staff to determine eligibility, and then by an Expert Advisory Panel. Applicants will be notified immediately if one or more of the mandatory eligibility criteria are not met.</p> <p>Review Criteria An Expert Advisory Panel—comprised of technical experts and business professionals from the private sector, academia and government—will review proposals that meet the minimum eligibility requirements. Proposals will be evaluated using ProGrid, an evaluation software package that provides an initial ranking of proposals. The final assessment and ranking will be done by the panel.</p>
Application Documentation and Process	A Full Proposal consists of the completed Proposal Application Form (Appendix 3), the Proposal Content section (15 pages maximum) and Appendix 4 - Schedules A (Financial Plan), B (Personal Data Forms), and C (Supplemental Financial Information).
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed. Please check back at the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	A stacking limit is the total of all government assistance as a percentage of eligible costs. Total assistance includes federal, provincial and municipal funding. Precarn's stacking limit is 75%. Any amount exceeding this limit is subject to recovery.

Public Security Technical Program

Summary	<p>One of the main functions of the Public Security Technical Program (PSTP) is to promote whole-of-government, industry, and academic collaborations to deliver science and technology (S&T) solutions across many dimensions of public security. Each year, PSTP solicits and assesses proposals from industry, government, and academia for new studies.</p> <p>PSTP will provide funding of up to \$200K (per study) for approximately two (2) studies per Community of Practice (CoP).</p>
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/news-nouvelles/news-nouvelles-eng.asp?cat=00&id=2941
Funding Type	
Source	Defense Research and Development Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Biometrics for National Security * Border and Transportation Security * Critical Infrastructure Protection * Emergency Management Systems and Interoperability * E-Security
Keywords	
Regions Available	
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	<p>The PSTP promotes whole-of-government, industry, and academic collaboration in the CIP, SII, and EMSI domains through activities that are identified and prioritized by expert groups and stakeholders, as members of Communities of Practice (CoPs). Inside each of the three domains for which the PSTP has direct responsibility, of the following distinct CoPs have been formed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical Infrastructure Protection (for CIP) 2. e-Security (for CIP) 3. Border and Transportation Security (for SII) 4. Biometrics for National Security (for SII) 5. Emergency Management Systems and Interoperability (for EMSI)
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The Lead Federal Department for each of the selected and funded studies are responsible, as the Technical Authority, for initiating a funded requisition for goods or services or both through their Departmental Contracting officials for onward transmittal to PWGSC. PWGSC is the Contracting Authority for any resulting contracts under the PSTP Call for Proposals process. Proponents involved in the selected projects represent a pool of pre-qualified firms under the contracting phase.
Eligible Costs	PSTP funds can be provided to studies for both the incremental costs of participating federal departments (Annex F), and for the costs of contracting with the private sector (where profits are an eligible expense), academia, other levels of government, and international participants, according to approved project plans.
Terms	PSTP will fund up to \$200,000 for any one study. Unless otherwise specified, the default amount of funding to be provided will be \$200,000. The PSTP funding contribution will comprise 90 percent of the overall value of the study. The remaining 10 percent minimum of In-Kind Contributions must be provided by project partners (i.e., for a study funded by PSTP at \$200,000, project partners must contribute \$22,000 value In-Kind, for a total study value of \$222,000). All study proposal applications must be completed in Canadian currency.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Relevance * Impact on CoP * Study work plan * Team capability and engagement * Feasibility and likelihood of success <p>The selection will be based on the highest scores for proposals received for each CoP</p>
Application Documentation and Process	Applicants are invited to submit a study proposal. This invitation is in the form of a Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP) prepared and posted by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS), on approximately an annual basis. Each proposal received is screened, reviewed, and evaluated by the Proposal Selection Committee (PSC), which is chaired by the Director S&T Public Security (DSTPS) and made up of experts from the federal science and operational communities, industry, academia, and PWGSC.
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed. Please check back at the program website for updates and new calls for proposals.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Qualcomm Qprize

Summary	Qualcomm Ventures is promoting the "QPrize™" a series of international business plan competitions designed to provide over \$500,000 in early stage capital for enterprising technology companies. The competition is open to entrepreneurs located throughout the world and will feature semi-final events in key locations where Qualcomm Ventures has active investment offices. Qualcomm Ventures will select one semi-finalist for each of the four contest markets: China, Europe, India and North America.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.qualcomm.com/ventures/qprize/qprize-faq.html
Funding Type	Prize/Equity financing
Source	Qualcomm Ventures
Market	Mobile communications or related.
Keywords	mobile
Regions Available	Global
Funding Amount	Up to \$250,000
Program Objective	To discover and take a stake in breakthrough technologies of strategic interest to Qualcomm
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	TBA
Eligible Costs	All funds secured through this competition must be used to launch the business idea or expand an existing business.
Terms	Four semi-finalists will each receive \$100,000 (USD) of convertible note funding from Qualcomm Ventures and will be invited to the Qualcomm Ventures CEO Summit in San Diego, Calif. to compete for the Grand Prize. The grand prize winner will receive an additional \$150,000 (USD) of convertible note funding, for a total prize of \$250,000 (USD) in venture financing. A convertible promissory note is a common debt instrument issued by companies to venture capitalists in early stage funding transactions. Qualcomm Ventures will purchase such notes from the winners of the QPrize competition and convert them to capital stock, concurrent with the company's next institutional round of funding (proceeds from the next round must exceed \$500K USD).
Judgment Criteria	Qualcomm Ventures will screen all submitted business plans to ensure compliance and overall strategic investment fit. Our judging panels will consist of a mix of Qualcomm employees, event sponsors and partners.
Application Documentation and Process	Entrants must complete all the required fields in the online submittal form and attach a completed copy of their business plan prior to August 21st,2009.
Application Deadlines	All current deadlines have passed, however a new competition is announced each year. Check back at the competition website for new deadlines.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Rolex Awards for Enterprise

Summary	The next Rolex Awards for Enterprise will be presented in 2012 to five new Laureates for their projects that demonstrate innovative thought and benefit the world we live in. For their new ventures or completion of ongoing projects, each Laureate receives US\$100,000, a Rolex chronometer, and the benefits of international publicity.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://rolexawards.com/en/index.jsp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Rolex
Market	science and health; applied technology; exploration and discovery; the environment; and cultural heritage
Keywords	science and health, applied technology, exploration, the environment and cultural preservation
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	\$100,000
Program Objective	The Rolex Awards for Enterprise aim to foster a spirit of enterprise around the world. The Awards recognise innovative thinking and give individuals the means to carry out forward-looking projects that benefit their fields of endeavour, their communities and the wider world.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The Rolex Awards are open to any individual of any age, with a concrete working project. Proposals may be submitted in almost any area of activity, including science and health; applied technology; exploration and discovery; the environment; and cultural heritage.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not applicable
Judgment Criteria	<p>In reviewing pre-applications, Rolex will determine primarily whether the candidates show exceptional spirit of enterprise. The following criteria will also be applied to select the projects in the pre-application stage:</p> <p>*Clear project purpose. *Contribution of the project to expanding the knowledge of our world, improving the quality of life on the planet or betterment of humankind. *Project's feasibility.</p> <p>An independent Jury of international experts from a range of disciplines judges projects on their originality, potential impact and, above all, on the candidates' spirit of enterprise. Applicants must show how they can turn an original idea into a functioning project, and how, through initiative and ingenuity, their projects will benefit mankind.</p>
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Pre-applicants will have one month, from the time they create their user account on the Extranet, to submit their pre-application. The final deadline for submission is May 31, 2011.</p> <p>Pre-applications must be completed in English. Incomplete pre-applications will not be reviewed. Text can be filled in only in the spaces provided. Candidates cannot add pages or annex documents to the pre-application form.</p> <p>Pre-applicants will be notified of receipt of their pre-application form.</p>
Application Deadlines	The final deadline for submitting a pre-application is 31 May 2011. However, you are strongly advised to submit a pre-application form as soon as possible.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Rolex Young Laureates Programme

Summary	The Awards provide financial support – US\$50,000 over two years – to advance each person’s project. Rolex will also promote the winners through international media coverage. The Young Laureates will become active members in the Rolex community of innovators, taking advice from former Laureates and Associate Laureates, and, in turn, passing on their knowledge to other young people.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://rolexawards.com/en/about-the-awards/young-laureates-programme.jsp
Funding Type	Award
Source	Rolex
Market	science and health, applied technology, exploration, the environment and cultural preservation
Keywords	science and health, applied technology, exploration, the environment and cultural preservation
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	Young Laureates Programme, which enables visionary young men and women to tackle the most pressing issues facing our world.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Candidates must be between 18 and 30 years old when the Award is presented and need to have bright, feasible ideas with potential social or scientific benefits. All candidates must be nominated and cannot apply directly.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	US\$50,000 over two years
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	The application deadline for this competition has passed. Please check the program website for further updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	Unknown

Science and Technology Internship Program

Summary	Potential interns will work under the direction of experienced scientists on cutting edge research and development projects with NRCan partners who are committed to bringing research to commercial application. The intern is an employee of the partner. Partners include any companies or universities who work in the fields of geomatics, geology, mining, forestry and energy.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://nrcan.gc.ca/carecarr/stip-psst/index-eng.php
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Natural Resources Canada
Market	Natural Resources
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$13,200 in matching funds
Program Objective	The Science and Technology Internship Program provides an opportunity to recent graduates in science or engineering to gain relevant and meaningful work experience in cooperation with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan).
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Any of the following organizations whose work is related to natural resource sciences can be a partner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Private sector organizations * Non-federal government organizations * Universities and colleges * Provincial and municipal governments * Non-profit organizations
Eligible Costs	Intern salary.
Terms	The maximum contribution per internship from the Science and Technology Internship Program fund will be \$13,200 over a maximum of 52 weeks. Internships start at any time throughout the year, based on project requirements and funding available. The recipient agrees to match Science and Technology Internship Program funding with at least an equal amount in salary.
Judgment Criteria	No information.
Application Documentation and Process	Interested partners should get in touch with the established departmental contact listed under Contact to discuss the possibility of an internship. There are also several online forms to fill out.
Application Deadlines	We will accept applications three times during the year. An internship can begin at anytime from April 1, 2010 and can last up to one year. You must ensure that you apply before the deadline if you would like your internship to be considered for funding. <p>The deadlines for 2010 are:</p> <p>Round 1: March 31, 2010</p> <p>Round 2: July 1, 2010</p> <p>Round 3: November 1, 2010</p> <p>Note that the last two rounds are dependent on the funding available at that time.</p>
Processing Time	
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Silicon Valley Boomer Business Plan

Summary	The 2010 Silicon Valley Boomer Venture Summit & Business Plan Competition is where entrepreneurs and leading venture capitalists meet with one thing in common – they invest in or serve the 45 year-old boomer consumer. The Summit is the place to learn where and why Venture Capitalists (VCs) are investing heavily in the boomer market, to hear from VC portfolio companies, and to learn from key analysts about how they segment the market and evaluate opportunity. The Summit features a Business Plan Competition where finalists will present their business ideas to a panel of judges and be eligible to receive a \$10,000 prize.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.scuboomerventure.com/bplan/index.html
Funding Type	Prize
Source	Mary Furlong & Associates
Market	Baby boomers
Keywords	
Regions Available	Global
Funding Amount	\$10,000
Program Objective	The winner will be the business plan that has the highest potential for success in the 45 plus market.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Eighteen (18) years of age or older University and college students, entrepreneurs, independent business professionals from around the globe Business plans must show the 45 market as the primary market for the product or service Entrepreneurs from early-stage companies with annual revenues of \$0 to \$1 million
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Those selected must attend a conference in Silicon Valley.
Judgment Criteria	Potential of the business proposal to succeed in the 45+ market.
Application Documentation and Process	Short business plan
Application Deadlines	The current competition deadlines have passed. Check back at the competition website for updates on future competitions.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Small Business Internship Program

Summary	Small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) submit an application to the organization delivering the program in their area. If their application is approved, they can hire a student intern to help them take advantage of information and communications technologies (ICT) to help grow their business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/sbip-pspe.nsf/eng/home
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Industry Canada
Market	•Any
Keywords	Staff, intern, employee, student, summer student, temporary
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$10,000
Program Objective	*ICT student employment experience and ICT support for SMEs.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * be a small or medium-sized enterprise with less than 500 employees; * be incorporated; * wish to enhance your e-business capability.
Eligible Costs	Eligible costs that can be claimed by participating SMEs are the student interns' wages and related expenses such as statutory employee benefits.
Terms	The SME negotiates the salary of the intern, and the benefits they may receive. Once the 12-week internship is over, the Government of Canada will reimburse 75 percent of their eligible costs, up to a total of \$10,000.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Will the internship meet SBIP's objectives? * Will it give a student intern meaningful work experience? * Will it give the student intern 12 weeks of work? * Will the employer provide a minimum of 25 percent of intern wages and related eligible costs? * Will the internship run between May 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010?
Application Documentation and Process	Your firm will develop and submit a project proposal to your local delivery organization.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

SMART Program - Productivity Improvement Project

Summary	If you have a productivity improvement project ready to start in 3-4 months, you may be eligible to apply to the SMART Program for financial assistance. Projects selected for funding will receive 50% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum of \$50,000.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cme-smart.ca/?action=show&lid=DNASZ-28SC1-ZAYAV
Funding Type	Matching grant
Source	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters
Market	Manufacturing
Keywords	Manufacturing, productivity
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$50,000
Program Objective	The primary focus of the project must be improving your operational efficiency.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Your company must have manufacturing operations in Ontario and must also have at least two years operating history. You will need to submit selected figures from your company's last two Canadian federal tax returns. Your company does not need to be a member of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) to be eligible. Definition of Manufacturing</p> <p>The SMART Program will employ the following definition of a manufacturer: "Any natural or legal person who makes a physical good with tools and/or machines by effecting chemical, mechanical, or physical transformation of materials, substances, or components, or by simulating natural processes, usually repeatedly and on a large scale with a division of labor. Manufactured items often are, or are made out to be, different from other similar goods in one or more aspects, and are sold commonly under a particular brand name."</p> <p>For a given project proposal, the manufacturing facility where the project will be implemented can have no fewer than 10 and no more than 500 employees as of the date you submit your application.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>Direct labour, not including administration and accounting for the project (these should be listed elsewhere). Does not include time spent in training activities.</p> <p>Direct labour costs for time spent in training activities.</p> <p>Materials and supplies</p> <p>Training services provided by external providers, as well as travel associated with training, for both internal and external personnel.</p> <p>Capital equipment and software</p> <p>Installation, customization, testing of newly installed equipment or software</p> <p>Project management activities, whether performed by applicant personnel or by outside consultants or subcontractors</p> <p>Preparation of benchmarking analyses and associated travel, detailed project planning, specifications for new equipment or software to be acquired, and associated procurement activities (RFPs, RFP evaluation, etc.). Validation of internally prepared benchmarking and/or project plans by outside experts.</p> <p>Other engineering and consulting services performed by outside contractors</p> <p>Direct labour involved in the administration and accounting for the SMART-Funded project, including preparation of claims for reimbursement, project status reports and performance measurement and reporting after the project ends (not including preparation of SMART Funding application)</p>
Terms	Projects of any size can be proposed for funding, but SMART Funding is only available up to 50% of project costs or \$50,000, whichever is less. Good projects shouldn't be too big or too complicated - we are looking for projects that will be completed successfully and on time, and we want the benefits that are reported to clearly relate to the project. At the same time, projects should not be so small that achieving the stated goals or performance objectives depends on other things - like the completion of other projects at the facility.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The feasibility, clarity and specificity of the project plan, and evidence your company has assembled the right resources to complete the project successfully. * The competence and capabilities of your project management team, its commitment to the project and to the larger objectives of continuous improvement, and any examples of successful improvement projects previously undertaken at your company. * The impact of the proposed project on your company as a whole, and the scale and reasonableness of the benefits expected from the project * The project's economic and environmental benefits to Ontario, including interactions with other segments of the Ontario economy (for example, by strengthening economic clusters across the province).

Application Documentation and Process	<p>1. You have to have a well-defined manufacturing productivity improvement project ready to go. If you need assistance finding the right kind of project to undertake, consider the SMART Assessment as a way of getting professional advice on the most promising areas of improvement in your plant. If you have a good idea of where improvements are needed, consider using SMART Project Funding to help fund outside experts to develop a detailed project plan (however, note that only one project at a facility can be funded, so funding of a project planning application prevents the SMART Program from funding the subsequent implementation of that project).</p> <p>2. Once your plan is defined, develop a proposal that describes a clear, yet simple plan for the implementation of that project, along with a clear statement of before and after productivity measurements that will be improved when the project is complete. Download a Microsoft Word version of the application form to help you organize your proposal.</p> <p>3. Find and meet with a representative of one of the Reference Organizations listed online, It is imperative that they provide a Reference Check for your company and your project. You will need to select this person as your reference in the online application form.</p> <p>4. Register for the Online Application System and enter the information from your proposal into the system. Only applications submitted through the SMART Program’s online application system will be considered for funding. If you run into trouble technical help is available at(613) 751-4456 or via email VGOsupport@eperformance.biz. When your online application is complete, you will be able to “click” to formally submit it to the SMART Program.</p> <p>5. Within 45 calendar days after you submit your application, the SMART Program will notify you if your proposal has been selected for funding.</p>
Application Deadlines	<p>The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. Check back at the program website for updates.</p>
Processing Time	
Notes	

SSMART Awards Innovation Project of the Year

Summary	This award acknowledges an organization whose IT/science project demonstrates leadership and/or creative use of science/technology. An ideal project would include benefits such as the advancement of the organization, improvement of client/customer services and positive impact on the science and IT community or the community at large. This award is designed for organizations that are not necessarily IT/science companies but are using technology/science as an enabler to better serve operation and/or clients.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ssmic.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=content&PageID=1277&PageCategory=295
Funding Type	Award
Source	Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
Market	•Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Sault Ste. Marie
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	*To promote science and technology leadership in the region.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be an organization in the Algoma district 2. Project must have been completed in the last two years. Innovation 3. Innovation must be a key component of this project. Please describe what innovative project was undertaken. 4. What was the size and scope of the project? 5. How does the project demonstrate superior project management skills? Community Involvement 6. Where local businesses, science and/or technology firms involved in the project? Vision 7. How did the project contribute to the organization's vision/objectives? Success 8. The project must have demonstrated tangible success/return to the organization. Supporting Documentation 9. Please provide any supporting documentation (annual report, promotional material, website, online portfolio etc.)
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Community involvement *Vision *Success
Application Documentation and Process	Nomination Form
Application Deadlines	The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. Check back at the program website for updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

SSMART Innovation Best Website Award

Summary	This award acknowledges the people and/or organizations within the Algoma District responsible for developing the most effective website. This award is open to both organizations and Web design companies. (Sault Saint Marie only)
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ssmic.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=content&PageID=1275&PageCategory=304
Funding Type	Award
Source	Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
Market	•Website design
Keywords	Website
Regions Available	Sault Ste. Marie
Funding Amount	\$0
Program Objective	*To support the development of effective online presences.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The website must have been designed between January 2008 and April 2009 by a company located in the Algoma Region. 2. The website must currently be published online. 3. Please provide the URL and any supporting documentation.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Design * Innovation * Content * Technology * Interactivity * Copywriting * Ease of Use * Functionality
Application Documentation and Process	Nomination Form
Application Deadlines	The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. Check back at the program website for updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. check back at th eprogram website for updates.

SSMART Innovation Company of the Year

Summary	This award acknowledges a company's leadership through the innovation of its science and/or technology products, services or research, the sustained growth of its assets and its dedication to community involvement. Science and/or technology should be the primary focus of this emerging or expanding company. (Sault Saint Marie only)
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ssmic.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=content&PageID=1277&PageCategory=295
Funding Type	Award
Source	Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
Market	•Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Sault Ste. Marie
Funding Amount	\$0
Program Objective	*To promote science and technology leadership in the region.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Company is more than 2 years old Technical and Product Excellence 2. Describe the company's products and/or services and how these demonstrate innovation within the science and/or technology sector. 3. What are the key differentiators of the company's products or services 4. Summary analysis of per cent growth: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Revenue (%) b) Gross Profit (%) c) Net Income (%) d) Jobs/Employees (#) Market Position 5. What is the company's position in the market segment in which it operates and how has it attained this position? 6. Who are the company's key competitors and how had the company gained market share from these competitors. 7. What are the company's key strategic advantages and how have they been developed/exploited? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Impact 8. Describe the impact the company has made on the the science and/or technology community, their customers and employees, and the community where they are located
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Technical and product excellence *Market position *Company performance *Impact
Application Documentation and Process	Nomination Form
Application Deadlines	The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. Check back at the program website for updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. check back at th eprogram website for updates.

SSMART Innovation Leader of the Year

Summary	This award acknowledges an IT and/or science leader/manager/executive whose leadership and/or creative use of science and/or technology has helped to advance their organization, to improve client/customer services and have a positive impact on the IT and/or science community. (Sault Saint Marie only)
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ssmic.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=content&PageID=1277&PageCategory=295
Funding Type	Award
Source	Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
Market	•Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Sault Ste. Marie
Funding Amount	\$0
Program Objective	*To promote science and technology leadership in the region.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must hold an executive position within the organization in the Algoma Region. Innovation 2. What innovative product/technology/service/training has the nominee introduced to their organization? Vision 3. How has the nominee contributed to the organization's vision? Strategy 4. What are the organization's key strategic advantages? 5. How has the nominee displayed superb execution of the organization's business strategies? Community Involvement 6. How have the nominee contributed to the community? 7. How has the nominee contributed to the community's perception of their organization? Supporting Documentation 8. Please provide any supporting documentation (annual report, promotional material, website, online portfolio etc.)
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Innovation *Vision *Community involvement
Application Documentation and Process	Nomination Form
Application Deadlines	The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. Check back at the program website for updates.
Processing Time	
Notes	The current applicatino deadlines for this program have passed. check back at th eprogram website for updates.

Strategic Aerospace and Defense Initiative - Industry Canada

Summary	Firms, organizations or institutions may apply for investments assistance repayable over the long term in conducting R & D in eligible aerospace and defense technologies.
Abbreviation	SADI
Website	http://ito.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ito-oti.nsf/eng/h_00022.html
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada, Industrial Technologies Office
Market	•Technologies applicable to national defense and aerospace
Keywords	Defense
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Contributions to SADI projects will equal approximately 30 percent of a project's total eligible costs.
Program Objective	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to encourage strategic research and development (R&D) that will result in innovation and excellence in new products and services; 2. to enhance the competitiveness of Canadian A&D companies; 3. to foster collaboration between research institutes, universities, colleges and the private sector.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * All Canadian companies in aerospace and defense (A&D) industries that wish to conduct strategic research and development (R&D) activities, creating opportunities for Canadians to contribute to a highly skilled and knowledge-based work force, are eligible to apply for repayable contributions under the Strategic Aerospace and Defense Initiative (SADI). * SADI is open to A&D companies of all sizes-including small and medium-sized enterprises-and from all regions of Canada. * Eligible recipients are corporations incorporated under Canadian law.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * These are costs incurred by the recipient that are required to carry out the project. * Costs may include labour, material, overhead, specialized equipment and other costs related to the project. * SADI's repayable contributions may also cover eligible project costs incurred prior to the signing of contribution agreements with recipients. In such cases, these costs will not have been incurred prior to the date when the Industrial Technologies Office (ITO) received the project proposal, and they will not exceed a specific percentage of total project costs. * SADI shall not reimburse eligible costs incurred by the recipient should the proposal be rejected.
Terms	Contributions to SADI projects will equal approximately 30 percent of a project's total eligible costs.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Company's ability to achieve stated objectives. *Technology benefits. *Social and economic benefits.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Proposal Submission * Eligibility Review * Assessment Review * Due Diligence Review * Decision by the Deputy Minister, the Minister, Treasury Board and/or Cabinet
Application Deadlines	Applications can be submitted throughout the year. Complete proposals are considered in the order in which they are received.
Processing Time	
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Strategic Jobs and Investment Fund - Ministry of Economic Development and Trade

Summary	Projects must either create or retain at least 50 jobs, or invest \$10 million over five years. JIP can provide grants up to 15% of eligible project costs.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/1medt/econdev/en/ed_sjif_main_en.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Clean/Green Technologies; * Financial Services; * Information and Communication Technology; * Life Sciences.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to 15% of the total eligible costs of a Project
Program Objective	The purpose of the Jobs and Investment Program (JIP) is to support research, development and commercialization in innovative industries and attract new investments and jobs in areas of great potential for Ontario
Obligations	Projects must either create or retain at least 50 jobs, or invest \$10 million over five years.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The Jobs and Investment Program (JIP) is open to Canadian and foreign incorporated companies provided they have an incorporated Ontario/Canadian subsidiary. A Project must be a clearly defined innovative investment that increases a company's capacity.</p> <p>All projects must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide economic and environmental benefits to Ontario • demonstrate innovation • include investments or expansions that meet the project thresholds of \$10M or create/retain 50 high value jobs within five years • demonstrate the financial capability to complete and implement the project • be in one of the Priority Investment Targets
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible costs generally relate to one-time establishment. They are to fund a project that would not otherwise be undertaken. • Eligible costs are actual costs directly attributable to and necessary for the completion of the Project, and are not wholly or partially for another purpose. • Eligible costs incurred and paid after the date that a full and complete proposal is received, as determined by Ontario, are eligible for reimbursement. • Eligible costs are actual cash outlays (not in-kind contributions) that must be documented through invoices or receipts acceptable to the Ministry and are subject to verification by an independent auditor. Evidence of payment must be maintained for audit purposes. The Ministry's decisions as to the expenditure eligibility and valuation shall be final and determinative. <p>*Construction/leasehold improvements *Equipment and machinery *Labour (one-time) *R&D *Training *Overhead</p>
Terms	The Jobs and Investment Program will provide up to 15% of the total eligible costs of a Project which have been incurred and paid after the date that a complete proposal is received by the Ministry. Approved funding will be provided in the form of a conditional grant. However, the ministry may consider requests for funding in the form of loan (a low interest rate loan, a forgivable interest loan, or a forgivable loan) on a case by case basis.
Judgment Criteria	<p>4. Applicants and proposals will be subject to detailed analysis by the Ministry and/or its agents to verify that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Include a viable Project plan, project budget, market assessment and evidence of ongoing sustainability. o Possess the requisite organizational and managerial capabilities and financial capacity to achieve the stated objectives of the project (including the company's financial stability). o Meet the NGOJF Jobs and Investment Program objectives and criteria including:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs and investment commitments • Innovation • Environmental benefits (where applicable) • Priority investment targets
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Application form (signed) * Business plan * Business plan charts – milestones, sources of financing, project costs, job target, security, etc. * Annual audited or accountant-reviewed financial statements for the past five years * Most recent interim financial statements (internal) * Details of existing debt (lender, payments, interest, security) * Five-year detailed forecast of revenues and expenses for the company as a whole * Information for financial due diligence * Copies of the documentation confirming the establishment of the business (i.e. articles of incorporation, amendments, partnership agreements, etc.).
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	The service guarantee means that a decision regarding your proposal will be provided 45 days from the date of a written acknowledgement from the JIP Secretariat.
Notes	

Technology Demonstration Program

Summary	The TDP sponsors approximately 40 defense research and development projects with an average funding value of \$6 million. Typically, six new projects are selected from a pool of proposals each year.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.drdc-rddc.gc.ca/sciences/tdp-pdt-eng.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Defense Research and Development Canada
Market	•No information available.
Keywords	No information.
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	\$6 million per project, on average.
Program Objective	The main objective of the Technology Demonstration Program (TDP) is to impact future defense capabilities by demonstrating the military utility of emerging concepts and technologies.
Obligations	No information.
Eligibility Requirements	No information.
Eligible Costs	No information.
Terms	No information.
Judgment Criteria	No information.
Application	No information.
Documentation and Process	
Application Deadlines	No information.
Processing Time	No information.
Notes	No information.

The Alouette Award

Summary	The trophy shall be awarded annually for an outstanding achievement in the field of astronautics as defined by the CASI By-Laws. The achievement may be either a single outstanding contribution or, in the case of an individual nominee, a sustained high level of performance resulting in several advances in space. The contribution on which the award is based must be recognized as a Canadian-led space endeavour or as a significant Canadian contribution to an international program. Preference shall be given to contributions that lead to new benefits for mankind. The recipient shall have been a Canadian citizen at the time the contribution was made.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.casi.ca/alouetteaward.aspx
Funding Type	Award
Source	Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute
Market	Aeronautics
Keywords	Aeronautics, space
Regions Available	
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Alouette is an award introduced to recognize an outstanding contribution to advancement in Canadian space technology, applications, science or engineering. It may be awarded to an individual, to a group, an organization or group of organizations, as appropriate to the nature of the contribution.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The contribution on which the award is based must be recognized as a Canadian-led space endeavour or as a significant Canadian contribution to an international program. Preference shall be given to contributions that lead to new benefits for mankind. The recipient shall have been a Canadian citizen at the time the contribution was made.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application	Unknown
Documentation and Process	
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	
Notes	

The Steacie Prize

Summary	The Steacie Prize is a Canadian award presented once a year to a scientist or engineer of 40 years of age or less for outstanding scientific research carried out in Canada.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.steacieprize.ca/index_e.html
Funding Type	Prize
Source	* E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Trustees Fund, Canada * National Research Council of Canada (NRC), Canada
Market	Natural sciences
Keywords	Natural sciences
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Steacie Prize is named in memory of E.W.R. Steacie, a physical chemist and former President of the National Research Council of Canada, to whom much is owed for the development of science in Canada. The Prize is awarded annually to a young scientist or engineer in Canada and is administered by the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Trustees Fund.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The Steacie Prize is a Canadian award of \$10,000 presented once a year to a scientist or engineer of 40 years of age or less for outstanding scientific research carried out in Canada. The winner is selected by a distinguished panel which is appointed annually by the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fund, a private foundation dedicated to the advancement of science and engineering in Canada. Nominations of candidates should be made by a colleague, and should include a description and evaluation of the nominee's work, together with a curriculum vitae, a publication list, and a list of referees.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	The Steacie Prize is a Canadian award of \$10,000 presented once a year to a scientist or engineer of 40 years of age or less for outstanding scientific research carried out in Canada.
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Candidates for the prize are nominated by their colleagues. Nomination packages longer than 25 pages (single-sided) may be edited for brevity. The nominations should contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a nomination letter explaining why the candidate should be considered for the prize, and giving the candidate's birth date, (ii) a curriculum vitae with publication list, and (iii) a list of names and addresses of 5 or 6 independent referees with recognized expertise in the candidate's field.
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	
Notes	All current application deadlines have passed. Please check back at the fund website for future updates.

The Tech Awards

Summary	Each year, candidates are nominated and then invited to submit applications. Individuals, for-profit companies, and not-for-profit organizations are eligible. International panels of judges review the applications and annually select 15 Laureates. Awards are presented in five categories: Health, Education, Environment, Economic Development, and Equality.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.techawards.org/index.php
Funding Type	http://techawards.thetech.org
Source	Applied Materials and Partners
Market	Various
Keywords	Health, education, environment, economic development, equality
Regions Available	International
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	The Tech Awards Laureates are profoundly improving the human condition through the use of technology. It is the goal of The Tech Awards to showcase their compelling stories and reward their brilliant accomplishments.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Individuals, for-profit companies, and not-for-profit organizations are eligible.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	Three Laureates in each category are honored and one Laureate per category receives \$50,000.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The technology application significantly improves the human condition in one of the five award areas: environment, economic development, education, equality, or health. * A serious problem or challenge with global significance is addressed by this use of technology. * The application of this technology, which may be either a new invention or an innovative use of an existing technology, makes a noteworthy contribution that surpasses previous or current solutions. * The technology application has the potential to serve as an inspiration or model for further innovation. * The technology application is in the field and has demonstrated a measurable benefit.
Application Documentation and Process	The Tech Museum encourages and solicits online nominations from anyone who can identify a worthy candidate, including self-nominations.
Application Deadlines	Nomination for The Tech Awards 2011 re-open October 1, 2010
Processing Time	
Notes	The award is based in the United States.

TiEQuest

Summary	TiEQuest is an annual business venture competition held in Toronto to encourage entrepreneurship, engage emerging entrepreneurial talent and to create an ecosystem of entrepreneurship.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.tiequest.org/
Funding Type	Prize
Source	TiEQuest
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	up to \$50,000
Program Objective	The mission of TiEQuest is to connect entrepreneurs and business enthusiasts with the private equity and venture capital industry
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	The contestants of TiEQuest will include existing and emerging entrepreneurs, patent holders and/or applicants, university students and alumni. Contestants are expected to come from business schools, life sciences, engineering and technology departments of various universities in Ontario, Entrepreneur Assistance programs of the Ontario Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Board of Trade, Business Development Bank of Canada and Export Development Corporation. In addition, a number of contestants will be referrals from banks, accounting firms, law firms and other entrepreneurial associations
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	TiEQuest provides contestants an opportunity to present to well-known angel investors, venture capitalists and fund managers. Many of these professionals will be on a panel of judges. Sponsoring firms will be offering an "Expression of Interest" for investments of up to \$1,000,000 to top teams. In addition, the winners will receive various cash prizes and incentives exceeding \$150,000 in value.
Judgment Criteria	Strength of the business plan and pitch presentation
Application Documentation and Process	Business plan
Application Deadlines	A new competition is announced each year. Registration for TiEQuest 2011 will begin sometime in November 2010.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Women 2.0 Pitch Night

Summary	Pitch 2009 can get you started by giving you a chance to PITCH. Our goal is to encourage entrepreneurial women to launch startups and, with feedback from the judging panel of investors and experienced executives, take their businesses to the next level.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.women2.org/pitch2009/
Funding Type	Award
Source	Women 2.0
Market	Any
Keywords	Women
Regions Available	Global
Funding Amount	No direct funding.
Program Objective	<p>Women 2.0 is committed to increasing the number of women entrepreneurs starting high growth ventures by providing the resources, network, and knowledge for the launch and growth of their company.</p> <p>Our vision is to be a catalyst for innovation, mobilizing a global community of women entrepreneurs seeking to advance the world through technology.</p>
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Any team that has at least one female in the founding team. There is no age limit. Submissions accepted worldwide.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	If your company is selected as a finalist, the entire team must be present on May 7th, 2009 in San Francisco at the Women 2.0 Pitch Night to pitch in front of a live judging panel and audience. The winner will be selected that night.
Judgment Criteria	Strength of the business plan and pitch presentation
Application Documentation and Process	Business plan + video pitch + paper napkin
Application Deadlines	A new competition is announced each year. Check back at the competition website for new deadlines.
Processing Time	
Notes	

General Funding Programs Applicable to All Companies

Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit

Summary	The AJCTC is a non-refundable tax credit equal to 10% of the eligible salaries and wages payable to eligible apprentices in respect of employment after May 1, 2006. The maximum credit is \$2,000 per year for each eligible apprentice.
Abbreviation	AJCTC
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvds/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/lns409-485/412/jctc-eng.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Job, Apprentice, Intern, Staff, Student, Graduate, Employee, Employment
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	10% of Eligible Salaries and Wages up to \$2,000/year/apprentice
Program Objective	Apprenticeship is a proven industry-based learning system that combines on-the-job experience with technical training to produce a certified journeyperson.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Any business that hires an "eligible apprentice".
Eligible Costs	"Eligible salaries and wages" are those payable by the employer to an eligible apprentice for the apprentices' employment in Canada in the tax year and during the first 24 months of the apprenticeship. It does not include remuneration based on profits, bonuses, and taxable benefits including stock options, and certain unpaid remuneration.
Terms	Non-refundable tax credit.
Judgment Criteria	
Application Documentation and Process	Employers will be able to claim the credit on their income tax returns, using either Form T2038(IND), Investment Tax Credit (Individuals) or Form T2SCH31, Investment Tax Credit - Corporations. Forms can be ordered on-line at www.cra.gc.ca/forms .
Application Deadlines	Due with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit

Summary	The 2004 Ontario Budget announced a new refundable tax credit for corporations and unincorporated businesses employing apprentices in certain skilled trades during the first 36 months of an apprenticeship program.
Abbreviation	ATTC
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/crprtns/prv/on/pprntcshp-eng.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Ontario Ministry of Revenue
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Job, Apprentice, Intern, Staff, Student, Graduate, Employee, Employment
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	The maximum credit for each apprenticeship is \$10,000 per year. The maximum credit over the first 48-month period of the apprenticeship is \$40,000.
Program Objective	To invest in apprentices to build careers, businesses and the Canadian economy.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>*Corporations with permanent establishments in Ontario subject to Ontario corporate income tax are eligible.</p> <p>*All proprietors filing Ontario personal income tax returns whose unincorporated business has a permanent establishment in Ontario are eligible.</p> <p>*A corporation or unincorporated business that pays a fee to an employment agency for the services of an apprentice is deemed to be the eligible employer and to employ the apprentice, not the employment agency. As well, the corporation or unincorporated business is deemed to be participating in the apprenticeship program with the apprentice, not the employment agency.</p> <p>*Members of a partnership may share the ATTC for each qualifying apprenticeship. Limited partners are not entitled to this credit; however, the general partners of a limited partnership are entitled to share the credit.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>*Eligible expenditures are salaries and wages, including taxable benefits (i.e., amounts reported on the apprentice's T4 slip) paid or payable to an apprentice in a qualifying skilled trade for services performed by the apprentice for *Eligible expenditures also include fees paid or payable to an employment agency by a corporation or unincorporated business for services performed by the apprentice in a qualifying apprenticeship after May 18, 2004 and before January 1, 2015.</p> <p>*All eligible expenditures must be for services provided by the apprentice to the eligible employer during the first 36 months of the apprenticeship program. All eligible expenditures must be attributable to an Ontario permanent establishment (place of business) and must be reasonable in the circumstances.</p>
Terms	The ATTC is based on salaries and wages paid to an apprentice. The maximum credit for each apprenticeship is \$10,000 per year. The maximum credit over the first 48-month period of the apprenticeship is \$40,000.
Judgment Criteria	
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Incorporated Business</p> <p>Corporations may claim the tax credit on Schedule T2SCH552 and file it with their T2 Corporation Income Tax Return.</p> <p>Unincorporated Business</p> <p>Employers operating unincorporated businesses may claim the credit on Form ON479, Ontario Credits, included in their personal income tax return.</p> <p>Others</p> <p>Members of partnerships claim their share of the credit on their own corporate or personal tax returns.</p>
Application Deadlines	Due with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Financing for Working Capital

Summary	No details available.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/solutions/financing/Pages/fs_working_capital_general.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Negotiable
Program Objective	Fund the start-up stage of business development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Essentially the same as eligibility for bank loan, but riskier companies who wouldn't be eligible for regular bank loans can apply for BDC funding,
Eligible Costs	Inventory, R&D expenses, e-commerce or exporting efforts, product development & marketing or implementing quality solutions.
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Fixed or floating interest rates.
Judgment Criteria	*Common institutional lending criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Consultation and online application.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Young Entrepreneur Financing Program

Summary	Small loans, sometimes requiring guarantees, with fixed or floating interest
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/i_am/young_entrepreneur/Pages/default.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Negotiable
Program Objective	Fund the start-up stage of business development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Essentially the same as eligibility for bank loan, but riskier companies who wouldn't be eligible for regular bank loans can apply for BDC funding,
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Working capital: to supplement an existing line of credit * Acquiring fixed assets * Marketing and start-up fees * Buying a franchise
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Fixed or floating interest rates.
Judgment Criteria	*Common institutional lending criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Consultation and online application.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Financing for Starting a Business

Summary	Small loans, sometimes requiring guarantees, with fixed or floating interest
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/EN/solutions/financing/Pages/fs_start_business_general.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Negotiable
Program Objective	Fund the start-up stage of business development.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Essentially the same as eligibility for bank loan, but riskier companies who wouldn't be eligible for regular bank loans can apply for BDC funding,
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Working capital: to supplement an existing line of credit * Acquiring fixed assets * Marketing and start-up fees * Buying a franchise
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Fixed or floating interest rates.
Judgment Criteria	*Common institutional lending criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Consultation and online application.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Market Xpansion Loan

Summary	BDC's innovative Market Xpansion Loan provides up to \$100,000 and can be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Participate in prospecting initiatives like trade shows overseas > Develop export and/or e-commerce plans > Advance SR&ED (Scientific Research & Experimental Development) refunds to replenish working capital, or cover SR&ED consulting costs > Conduct product development and R&D > Purchase additional inventory for export
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/solutions/financing/Pages/fs_market_expansion.aspx
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$100,000
Program Objective	Expand your domestic market or explore foreign markets
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Assessed on a case-by-case basis
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Participate in prospecting initiatives like trade shows overseas > Develop export and/or e-commerce plans > Advance SR&ED (Scientific Research & Experimental Development) refunds to replenish working capital, or cover SR&ED consulting costs > Conduct product development and R&D > Purchase additional inventory for export
Terms	Contact BDC for program terms
Judgment Criteria	*Common institutional lending criteria.
Application Documentation and Process	Contact a BDC branch directly for application information
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

BDC Young Entrepreneur Award

Summary	Pays tribute to outstanding young Canadian entrepreneurs.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.bdc.ca/en/about/events/young_entrepreneur_awards/Pages/young_entrepreneurs_awards.aspx
Funding Type	Award
Source	Business Development Bank of Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Award, prize
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Travel cost reimbursement only.
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nationwide media visibility unparalleled opportunities for networking with other entrepreneurs valuable media relations training many skills development opportunities
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian citizens between 19 and 35 years of age as of December 31, 2009 Be a manager and have been actively involved in the company's daily management for a minimum of two years as of December 31, 2009 Hold at least 20% of the company's capital stock
Eligible Costs	*Travel expenses to award ceremony, including round-trip economy-class train or airfare.
Terms	<p>The YEA winners will be invited to receive their award during the awards gala in Ottawa, on October 20, 2009 as part of Small Business Week®. Over 350 business people and representatives of BDC, its partners and the various levels of government are expected to attend the gala. The winners will benefit from nationwide media visibility, unparalleled networking opportunities, valuable media relations training and many skills development opportunities.</p> <p>*You will also be eligible to the Export Development Canada Export Excellence Award (this award comes with a \$10,000 grant) or the Corporate Social Responsibility Award, presented at the gala.</p> <p>*BDC will reimburse travel expenses (round-trip, economy class only) from the award winners' city of residence to Ottawa.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are in the start-up or early growth phase (first 12 months of sales) Can demonstrate realistic market and sales potential Possess experience or expertise in their chosen field Demonstrate key personal characteristics of a successful entrepreneur Have assembled a competent management team Have invested reasonable financial resources in the enterprise Can provide personal and credit references
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Application form</p> <p>Corporate profile</p> <p>Financial statements Other</p> <p>Business plan</p> <p>Corporate brochure</p>
Application Deadlines	The YEA nomination campaign will be launched during Small Business Week™ 2010 (October 17 - 23) and will end on November 30, 2010.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canada Small Business Financing Program

Summary	Under the program, the Government of Canada makes it easier for small businesses to get loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders.
Abbreviation	CSBF
Website	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/csbfp-pfpec.nsf/eng/Home
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Business loan, bank loan, small business loan
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to a maximum of \$500,000 for any one business, of which no more than \$350,000 can be used for purchasing leasehold improvements or improving leased property and purchasing or improving new or used equipment.
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help new businesses get started and established firms make improvements and expand To improve access to loans that would not otherwise be available to small businesses To stimulate economic growth and create jobs for Canadians
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Small businesses operating for profit in Canada, with gross annual revenues of \$5 million or less.
Eligible Costs	<p>Loans can be used for financing up to 90% of the cost of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> purchasing or improving land, real property or immovables purchasing leasehold improvements or improving leased property purchasing or improving new or used equipment
Terms	<p>The interest rate is determined by your financial institution. The interest rate may be variable or fixed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable rate: The maximum chargeable is the lender's prime lending rate plus 3%. Fixed rate: The maximum chargeable is the lender's single family residential mortgage rate plus 3%. <p>A registration fee of 2% of the total amount loaned under the program must also be paid by the borrower to the lender. It can be financed as part of the loan.</p> <p>The registration fee and a portion of the interest are submitted to Industry Canada by the lender to help offset the costs of the program for the government</p> <p>Lenders are required to take security in the assets financed. Lenders also have the option to take an additional unsecured personal guarantee, which cannot exceed 25% of the total amount loaned.</p>
Judgment Criteria	Decisions to lend are based on lending criteria of each financial institution.
Application Documentation and Process	financial institutions deliver the program. Discuss your business needs with a financial officer at any bank, caisse populaire, or credit union in Canada. The financial officer will review your business proposal and make a decision on your loan application. Once the decision is made to offer financing under the program, the financial institution will register the loan with Industry Canada.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canada Youth Business Foundation & BDC Start-Up Financing Program

Summary	Provides small, low interest loans to young entrepreneurs with sound business plans who are taking over a business.
Abbreviation	CYBF
Website	http://www.cybf.ca/entrepreneurs/cybfbdc.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Loan, small business, start-up, young, entrepreneur, young entrepreneur, small, bank, low
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	up to \$15,000
Program Objective	This is a loan program aimed at young startups in all areas.
Obligations	Must agree to work with a mentor for two years.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be approved first for CYBF Start-Up financing * Meet BDC's eligibility as per Application for Financing FormLegal problems, bankruptcy/insolvency, taxes, criminal record, permits/licenses, ineligible activities etc. and environment policies where applicable, subject to a final review by BDC before authorization * Applicant to have a minimum investment of 10%Proof can be shown by way of invoices for items purchased for the company; items transferred to the company by the owner or through bank statements with adequate deposit balances. of the total value of the project (including the transfer of personal assets). * Existing CYBF clients have up to 30 days from CYBF approval date to apply for BDC Financing * BDC matches up to \$15,000 matching the CYBF approved amount
Eligible Costs	Start-up related costs.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Up to \$15,000 matching the CYBF approved amount * Amortized over 3 to 5 years matching the CYBF amortization period * Repayment of outstanding BDC principal at the loan maturity date with one balloon payment * Interest rate: BDC Floating Base Rate + 5.65%, interest payable monthly after disbursement * \$50 processing fee withheld upon loan disbursement * Other standard terms and conditions will apply as per BDC letter of offer (once approved by BDC)
Judgment Criteria	Sound business plan.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *CYBF portion same as CYBF Start-Up Financing *Complete BDC Loan Application up to 30 days after the CYBF portion is approved.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canada Youth Business Foundation Start-Up Loan

Summary	Provides small, low interest loans to young entrepreneurs with sound business plans.
Abbreviation	CYBF
Website	http://www.cybf.ca/entrepreneurs/cybfstartuploan.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Loan, small business, start-up, young, entrepreneur, young entrepreneur, small, low
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	For loans up to 7500, repayable after 3 years. For loans up to 15k, repayable after 5 years.
Program Objective	This is a loan program aimed at young startups in all areas.
Obligations	Must agree to work with a mentor for two years.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 18-34 years old Eligible to work in Canada (work permit holders not eligible) Produce a complete and viable business plan In business, fully operating, for less than 12 months Lives in or operates the business in the community which offers the CYBF program Has some training / experience related to their business idea Agrees to work with mentor for a period of two years Has a business idea that creates full-time sustainable employment for the applicant Must hold at least 51% voting share in the business (if a partnership) Not a full-time student Loan proceeds may NOT be used for refinancing of existing debt
Eligible Costs	Start-up related costs.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amortized over 3 years if loan is \$7,500 or less Amortized over 5 years for loans over \$7,500 Interest-only payments in the first year Principal repayments are made in equal monthly installments together with interest, over the remaining two to four years, depending on the amount borrowed No penalty for early re-payment First year, CIBC prime rate plus 2% Second year, conditional on timely payments, CIBC prime rate plus 1% Third and subsequent years, conditional on timely payments, CIBC prime rate. <p>*\$50.00 CYBF loan administration fee *\$10.00 CYBF monthly administration fee</p>
Judgment Criteria	Sound business plan.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Application Business Plan Reference Check Form Attend and interview Complete online orientation
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canada Youth Business Foundation Succession Financing Program

Summary	Provides small, low interest loans to young entrepreneurs with sound business plans.
Abbreviation	CYBF
Website	http://www.cybf.ca/entrepreneurs/successionfinancing.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Industry Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any
Keywords	Takeover, taking over, succession, new owner
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$15,000
Program Objective	Assist young people take over businesses.
Obligations	Must agree to work with a mentor for two years.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 18-34 years old Eligible to work in Canada (work permit holders not eligible) Produce a complete and viable business plan In business, fully operating, for less than 12 months Lives in or operates the business in the community which offers the CYBF program Has some training / experience related to their business idea Agrees to work with mentor for a period of two years Has a business idea that creates full-time sustainable employment for the applicant Have until the end of the fifth year of operation to attain 51% ownership in the Company financed by CYBF. (Under normal Start-Up criteria, you must have 51% ownership at inception). Not a full-time student Loan proceeds may NOT be used for refinancing of existing debt
Eligible Costs	Any
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amortized over 3 years if loan is \$7,500 or less Amortized over 5 years for loans over \$7,500 Interest-only payments in the first year Principal repayments are made in equal monthly installments together with interest, over the remaining two to four years, depending on the amount borrowed No penalty for early re-payment First year, CIBC prime rate plus 2% Second year, conditional on timely payments, CIBC prime rate plus 1% Third and subsequent years, conditional on timely payments, CIBC prime rate Current prime rates may be obtained from CIBC at http://www.cibc.com/ca/rates/index.html \$50.00 CYBF loan administration fee \$10.00 CYBF monthly administration fee
Judgment Criteria	Sound business plan.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Application Business Plan Reference Check Form Attend and interview Complete online orientation
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Canadian Newcomer Entrepreneur Program

Summary	CYBF is proud to offer the CYBF Canadian Newcomer Program. This program has been designed to help individuals between the ages of 18 to 34, who are new to Canada, access pre-launch coaching, start-up financing, mentoring and business resources to start a business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cybf.ca/entrepreneurs/canadiannewcomer.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	CYBF Canadian Youth Business Foundation
Market	Any
Keywords	Foreign
Regions Available	Ontario and BC
Funding Amount	Up to \$15,000
Program Objective	CYBF recognizes that young people often face significant barriers to starting their own business and that newcomers to Canada sometimes face additional barriers such as language difficulties and requirements for Canadian credit history or work experience. That's why our application process and program caters to you and your needs.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	
Eligible Costs	
Terms	CYBF lends young entrepreneurs up to \$15,000* for their start-up. We support businesses of all kinds – skilled trades, retail stores, services, and everything in between. CYBF does not require security for its loans – CYBF lends based on character and a great business plan. CYBF lends up to \$15,000. However, additional financing may be available through the CYBF-BDC Start-Up Financing Program, where you can get up to an additional \$15,000.
Judgment Criteria	Character and strength of the business plan.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Custom business plan, Bank Letter and References form. Once you have completed your Business Plan, have your Bank Letter and References ready, you will need to submit your online application to CYBF. Contact your Community Partner to get the access code to register in our system and then complete the online application form.</p> <p>CYBF will then begin the process of reviewing your application.</p> <p>* Loan assessment requirements that have been altered to capture individuals who do not have credit history or long standing references</p> <p>* CYBF will attempt to match each new entrepreneur with a mentor who shares the same first language and who has a strong knowledge of the Canadian small business market. Along with your CYBF loan you will benefit from our mandatory world-class mentoring program. Every entrepreneur is hand-matched with an experienced business mentor for 2 years to allow knowledge sharing and ensure a higher business success rate.</p>
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Career Focus

Summary	Career Focus offers youth a range of work experiences, learning and skill-building activities to help them choose careers and to encourage them to pursue advanced studies.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/career.shtml
Funding Type	
Source	Service Canada
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Unknown
Program Objective	Under the Youth Employment Strategy, Career Focus provides funding for employers to help post-secondary graduates obtain career-related work opportunities in Canada to support their development of advanced skills, to help them make career-related links to the job market, and to assist them in becoming leaders in their field.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Organizations: Businesses, organizations (including not-for-profit, professional, employer and labour associations), public health and educational institutions, band/tribal councils, Aboriginal organizations and municipal governments.</p> <p>Participants: To participate in Career Focus, youth must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * between the ages of 15 and 30 (inclusive) at the time of intake/selection; * post-secondary graduates; * Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or persons on whom refugee protection has been conferred; * out of school; * legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations; and * not in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits. <p>Note: Post-secondary graduates are limited to participation in one Career Focus project.</p>
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Interested employers should contact their local Service Canada Center and consult the Youth Employment Strategy Guide for Applicant.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Co-operative Development Initiative

Summary	Building on the recognized strengths of co-operatives, the Government of Canada is interested in learning more about how co-operatives can contribute to meeting the economic and social needs of Canadians.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en/innovative-co-op-projects/Program-information
Funding Type	
Source	Government of Canada
Market	<p>Within this context, the following are current priority areas, which may evolve over the course of the program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. agriculture, including farmer-driven projects for value-added agriculture and bio-fuels; 2. rural/northern community development; 3. innovative goods and services, including innovative uses of technology; and 4. projects that contribute to capacity building and sustainability of the co-operative sector as a whole in Canada.
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Program is currently under revision.
Program Objective	The goal of this CDI program component is to support projects in areas of public policy priority that test innovative applications of the co-operative model. Within this goal, broad activities to be supported should contribute to: testing the co-op model in new and innovative ways; strengthening co-operatives and co-operative sectors; and generating information on best practices and lessons learned, or other information that adds to the body of co-op development knowledge.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Program is currently under revision.
Eligible Costs	Program is currently under revision.
Terms	Program is currently under revision.
Judgment Criteria	Program is currently under revision.
Application Documentation and Process	Program is currently under revision.
Application Deadlines	Program is currently under revision.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Community Futures Program

Summary	Through Government of Canada funding, CFDCs administer local investment funds to help finance new or existing small businesses and social enterprises for start-up, expansion or stabilization plans that help maintain or create jobs.
Abbreviation	CFP
Website	http://ontcfdc.com/frame3.asp?lang=english
Funding Type	Loan
Source	FedNor / Industry Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, project
Regions Available	Northern Ontario, Rural Southern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$150,000
Program Objective	to help finance new or existing small businesses and social enterprises for start-up, expansion or stabilization plans that help maintain or create jobs
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Organizations, entrepreneurs, small-to-medium businesses and social enterprises located in Northern Ontario and rural Southern Ontario residing within the boundaries of the 61 Community Futures Development Corporations are eligible for CFDC support and services.
Eligible Costs	New or existing small businesses for start-up, expansion or stabilization plans that help maintain or create jobs.
Terms	Repayable financing of up to \$150000 on commercial terms through loans, loan guarantees or equity investments is available when financing from other sources is insufficient.
Judgment Criteria	*Job creation *Commercial viability
Application Documentation and Process	*Business plan and interview.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Computer Capital Cost Allowance

Summary	Certain types of computer equipment and office equipment can become obsolete before you can fully deduct their cost for income tax purposes. 45% deduction on general-purpose computer equipment and software purchases.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/slprtnr/rprtng/cptl/dprcbl-eng.html#electronic
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The CCA you can claim depends on the type of property you own and the date you acquired it.</p> <p>You group the depreciable property you own into classes. A specific rate of CCA generally applies to each class.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>You might acquire a depreciable property to use in your business or professional activities, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * building * furniture * equipment
Terms	A specific rate of CCA generally applies to each class.
Judgment Criteria	Not Applicable.
Application Documentation and Process	File with annual corporate tax return.
Application Deadlines	File with annual corporate tax return.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Eastern Ontario Development Fund

Summary	The Eastern Ontario Development Fund will invest up to 50 per cent for economic development projects valued at \$100,000 or more.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/1medt/econdev/en/ed_eodf_main_en.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing • Processing (primary and secondary, including projects in sectors such as agriculture and food and forestry) • Tourism (e.g. hospitality & entertainment) • Business services • Cultural industries • Technology (e.g. Information and Communications, digital media) • Green technologies (environmental services)
Keywords	manufacturing, processing, agriculture, food, forestry, tourism, business services, culture, technology, ICT, media, digital, green, clean, environment
Regions Available	Eastern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$1.5 million
Program Objective	To attract investment and support job creation in eastern Ontario
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Support is available to businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With at least 10 employees, and who can provide 3 years of financial statements, - With a project idea that involves a minimum investment of \$500,000 in eligible project costs and will create 10 net new jobs over 5 years, <p>**Retail, personal services, electricity generation, primary production (from agriculture, forestry, mining, etc.), free standing restaurants, golf courses, residential development, academic/research institutions, arms length government agencies, and consultants are ineligible.</p>
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of special purpose buildings, including retrofits. • Project-related infrastructure • Project-related capital expenses directly attributable to the project • One-time labour and materials, including such fees as engineering costs to set up/commission new equipment, technology or systems. • Intellectual capital • Skills training, including employer-provided, related to the project. • Costs of permits, inspections and other fees directly related to the project.
Terms	The Eastern Ontario Development Fund–Business Stream will fund up to 15 per cent of eligible project costs for approved projects. Successful applicants are expected to contribute at least 50 per cent of total project costs from their own business resources or through private financing. Maximum funding from EODF is up to \$1.5 million per approved project.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prospects for the proposed project to help the business grow move forward or transition to new markets/lines of business. • Quality of business plan – understanding/assessment of business environment and plan to address it, prospects for ongoing business success • Feasibility/viability of project – technical, market-related, degree of innovation • Project budget • Prospects for the proposed project to deliver outcomes/benefits on EODF measures • Risk Assessment
Application Documentation and Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the eligibility checklist 2. Discuss your project with one of the program contacts 3. Complete the full application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	Once a complete proposal is submitted, and you receive a confirmation of complete proposal, the 45-day customer service guarantee begins.
Notes	Up to 35 per cent of the total project costs can come from other public sector funding sources. Up to 15 per cent will come from the EODF - Business Stream funding, and the remaining 50 per cent is expected to come from your own business resources or through private financing.

EDC Buyer Financing

Summary	EDC provides a small, term loan to your foreign buyers.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_foreign_buyer.htm
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Export, loan, financing, buyer financing
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to 85 per cent of the value of the sale and to a maximum of USD\$100 with repayment terms ranging from two to ten years
Program Objective	to help you offer your customer extended payment terms by providing them with financing for an export sale of capital goods and/or services.
Obligations	Loan is conditional upon approval of your buyer by the EDC.
Eligibility Requirements	Foreign buyers for purchases of capital goods and/or services from Canada
Eligible Costs	Foreign buyers for purchases of capital goods and/or services from Canada
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis with foreign buyers
Judgment Criteria	Buyer loan approval
Application Documentation and Process	<p>From the Borrower/Investor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At least three (3) years of audited financial statements and interim reports; * Company profile and key clients; * Bank reference; * In some case, available security or guarantee; * The financial preference: currency, length of the credit, fixed or floating interest rate. <p>From the Canadian exporter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A copy of the commercial proposal or draft contract; * Information on the relationship with the buyer and the market; * Information on the exporter's competitor(s) for this transaction and suspected financing being offered (if available); * Information on the products being exported, and estimate of the contract, and the expected terms of payment, the expected terms of delivery, and a delivery schedule; * On a case-by-case basis, the exporter may be requested to complete a Canadian Benefits Report.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC Equity Direct Investment

Summary	Equity Investments allows you to leverage EDC's access to a unique combination of financial tools, expertise and international networks, and acquire the private equity and venture capital you need to grow your export business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_equity_investments.htm
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Technology • Industrial Technology • Clean Technology
Keywords	Export, Equity, Investment, Venture Capital, Private Equity, Trade, Technology
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	CAD 1 to 3 million
Program Objective	helps you access equity and venture capital to grow your international business.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*Assessed on a case-by-case basis.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Early commercialization, expansion and later stage financing *Projects (case-by-case)
Terms	* Commercial viability.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Commercial viability *Sustainable competitive position
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a business plan or information memorandum; * a copy of the proposed investment terms and conditions (if available); * identification of other key parties, including other potential equity investors, strategic alliances, debt providers, and project sponsors (if applicable); * copies of relevant commercial documentation.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC Equity Indirect Investment

Summary	Equity Investments allows you to leverage EDC's access to a unique combination of financial tools, expertise and international networks, and acquire the private equity and venture capital you need to grow your export business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_equity_investments.htm
Funding Type	Equity investment
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Export, Equity, Investment, Venture Capital, Private Equity, Trade, Technology
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	helps you access equity and venture capital to grow your international business.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	*Assessed on a case-by-case basis.
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tenor Preference: Within 10 years * EDC Equity Participation: Subject to Export Development Canada Exercise of Certain Powers Regulations. Preference not to exceed 10% of aggregate commitments * Co-Investors: At least 2 other arms-length, value-added and reputable co-investors
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sound business plan *Commercial viability *Available co-investment partners
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a business plan or information memorandum; * a copy of the proposed investment terms and conditions (if available); * identification of other key parties, including other potential equity investors, strategic alliances, debt providers, and project sponsors (if applicable); * copies of relevant commercial documentation.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC EXPORT Express Credit

Summary	EDC provides fundin to promote your company in a new foreign market, attend a trade show or increase production capacity for an export order. Through EDC's partnership with Mercantile Finance Services Ltd., EDC can provide unsecured loans of up to \$50,000 with flexible repayment terms of up to two years
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_export_express_credit.htm
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Export, loan, trade show, marketing, trade, border, equipment, travel, foreign
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$50,000
Program Objective	To promote Canadian companies in foreign markets.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	This program is designed for Canadian exporting companies with at least two-years operating history and with annual sales of less than \$5 million.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cover specific contract costs – all costs associated with a specific export contract. •Fund a marketing program – this includes trade shows, brochures, display units, market research, etc. •Purchase equipment – the equipment must be specific to the manufacturer of the specific product being exported.
Terms	Borrow up to \$50,000 over 2 years, no penalty for early payback, no pledge of company or personal assets is required to qualify, \$200 administration fee is due at application.
Judgment Criteria	Viability of your business
Application Documentation and Process	4-page application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	As little as 24 hours
Notes	

EDC Export Guarantee Program

Summary	Enables you to obtain loans from your financial institution to provide you with the financing you need for your export-related activities or foreign investments.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_export_guarantee.htm
Funding Type	Loan guarantee
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• All
Keywords	Guarantee, loan, export, trade, international,
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * up to 100% for loans where Canadian companies are making direct investments abroad; * up to 90% for guaranteed amounts up to and including \$500,000; * up to 75% for guaranteed amounts greater than \$500,000 and up to \$10 million.
Program Objective	By providing a guarantee to your financial institution, the Export Guarantee Program could help you access additional financing to support export-related activities and/or foreign investments.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Any Canadian company with export-related activities or foreign investments can inquire about this program. To qualify, your financial institution must be willing to establish a credit arrangement with your company and participate in the financing. *small and medium sized Canadian companies in most sectors; * you must have, or be able to obtain credit arrangements with your financial institution; and *your financial institution must indicate their willingness to participate in the deal.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finance your work in progress and inventory related to a specific or multiple export contracts; •finance ongoing export-related working capital needs; •finance the purchase of equipment or other expenses related to export activities; •provide support for those looking to expand their business by making business investments outside Canada; •finance foreign-domiciled inventory. Among other requirements, this type of inventory must consist of finished goods for which the exporter has unencumbered legal title; and •free up your working capital by using the security of your foreign receivables and an EDC guarantee to your financial institution to increase your operating line of credit.
Terms	Costs are based on the associated risks, the duration of the contract and the amount of financing required.
Judgment Criteria	Contingent upon acceptance and participation by your banking institution.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Signed Term Sheet or Facility Agreement *Export Contract or Exporter Declaration * Exporter's financial statements (3 years) *Financial Institution's credit write-up
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake.
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC Project Finance

Summary	Project Finance provides structuring expertise and direct financing of complex, large-scale global projects across a variety of industry sectors. This type of financing support is typically required when the project sponsor needs to build, expand or acquire a project.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_project_finance.htm
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Project, international, trade, export, large
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Variable
Program Objective	Provides project sponsors with access to limited-recourse financing for large-scale global infrastructure and industrial projects.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Complex, large-scale global projects. Any project sponsor with a project that demonstrates economic benefits to Canada can inquire about our project financing solutions
Eligible Costs	
Terms	Negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *research and development potential; *number of start-up firms created; *employment growth; *quality of jobs created; *dividends, royalties, licensing fees, etc.; *market share maintenance or growth (particularly for new products or technologies); *number of primary/lead contractor designations for projects; and *potential for small and medium sized business growth
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a financial model clearly detailing the sources of revenue; * market and feasibility studies; * an insurance review; * an independent engineer's report; * an environmental assessment; and * details of Canadian content and/or ownership (as applicable).
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

EDC Supplier Financing

Summary	Tailored towards small- and medium-sized export contracts. Under a note purchase arrangement, EDC can buy promissory notes issued to you by your foreign buyer related to the sale of Canadian goods and services. This reduces your risk of non-payment and increasing your access to cash.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edc.ca/english/financing_supplier_financing.htm
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada
Market	• Any
Keywords	Guarantee, loan, export, trade, international, risk, note, payable, foreign
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Variable
Program Objective	provides you with access to cash rather than waiting for payment from your foreign buyers.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Contact us before the commercial contract with a foreign buyer is signed to determine whether a note purchase is feasible because certain requirements must be met to qualify for this arrangement.
Eligible Costs	*Transaction financing
Terms	Rates are based on credit risk of your customer, term of the note and market risk.
Judgment Criteria	*Financial standing of the supplier.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>From the Borrower/Investor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At least three (3) years of audited financial statements and interim reports; * Company profile and key clients; * Bank reference; * In some case, available security or guarantee; * The financial preference: currency, length of the credit, fixed or floating interest rate. <p>From the Canadian exporter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A copy of the commercial proposal or draft contract; * Information on the relationship with the buyer and the market; * Information on the exporter's competitor(s) for this transaction and suspected financing being offered (if available); * Information on the products being exported, and estimate of the contract, and the expected terms of payment, the expected terms of delivery, and a delivery schedule; * On a case-by-case basis, the exporter may be requested to complete a Canadian Benefits Report.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Employer Signing Bonus

Summary	The 2004 Ontario Budget included a new \$2,000 Employer Signing Bonus initiative to encourage employers in the trades to register new apprentices in sectors where there is a high demand for skilled workers.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/employers/emp_bonus.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Employment Ontario
Market	Trades
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$2,000
Program Objective	This initiative will assist employers to hire and register youth under 25 years of age who have left school and require upgrading to meet the registration standards for apprenticeship training.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Employer must be in the "trades", and must hire and register a youth under 25 years of age who has left school and requires upgrading to meet the registration standards for apprenticeship training
Eligible Costs	Hiring an apprentice.
Terms	<p>The Employer Signing Bonus will be delivered in two equal instalments over six months. To be eligible for the first instalment, employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Meet all the specific apprenticeship requirements to provide training in the trade, and * Hire and register an apprenticeship scholarship candidate as an apprentice. <p>To receive the second instalment, employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continue to employ the apprentice and provide on-the-job training for at least six months from the date that the apprentice was registered
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Call the toll-free Employment Ontario Hotline at 1-800-387-5656, TTY (telephone service for the deaf) 1-866-533-6339 for the phone number and location of the apprenticeship office in your area. Newcomers to Ontario can ask for this information in the language of their choice.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Enterprises North Job Creation Program

Summary	NOHFC provides financial assistance to the private sector to help bring new jobs and economic prosperity to the North.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_enjcp_e.asp
Funding Type	Loan, Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Mining • Forest products • Resource-based, cultural, adventure or nature-based tourism • Manufacturing • Technology • Telecom
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, employee, salary, job,
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	The maximum project funding from the NOHFC will generally not exceed 50 per cent of eligible costs up to \$1 million.
Program Objective	Job creation and economic growth in Northern Ontario
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	New and existing enterprises that will create jobs in Northern Ontario.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Leasehold improvements * Purchase of new or used equipment * Intellectual capital * Capital construction costs related to establishing or expanding a business *Staff training *Marketing *Land servicing
Terms	Up to one-half of NOHFC funding may be in the form of a conditional grant with the remainder in the form of a repayable loan.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Job creation *Commercial viability
Application Documentation and Process	Application form
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Export Market Access

Summary	If your company has 5 or more employees and annual sales of \$500,000 or more, you may qualify for a grant covering up to 50% of eligible costs incurred to develop export sales. Eligible activities include market research, marketing tools, direct contacts and foreign bidding projects.
Abbreviation	EMA
Website	http://exportaccess.ca/en/
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any
Keywords	Export, trade show, travel, expenses
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to 50% of the costs to become export-ready.
Program Objective	Export Market Access: A Global Expansion Program (EMA) is designed to assist small to medium size organizations (SMEs) to access and expand their growth in new foreign markets that are beyond the U.S.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Annual sales of \$500,000 or more * Have 5 to 500 employees * Registered company (federally or provincially) for minimum of two years * In full compliance with all government laws and regulations * Not receiving any other contributions from public funds towards the activities contained in the funding application other than support provided through export development programs offered by the International Trade Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Eligible Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct Contacts: International trade shows, fairs and exhibits as well as incoming and outgoing missions which are verifiable and supported by a recognized third party such as governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and trade related organizations. 2. Marketing Tools: Developing promotional materials to be used for increasing awareness of applicant's activities, and goods and services for potential international buyers and/or foreign audiences to broadly market the applicant's products. 3. Market Research: Conducting market research for more precise international market targeting. 4. Foreign Bidding Projects: This element of EMA is intended for providers of professional services (engineering, consulting, constructions etc.) bidding on foreign projects against foreign competition.
Terms	The payment clause in the EMA legal agreement stipulates that payment of 25% of eligible costs will be made upon contract signing. The balance will be reimbursed upon submission by the applicant, following completion of the activities/project, a detailed report on project progress to include details on performance achievements upon project completion, and a financial report detailing costs incurred and revenues along with supporting documentation such as receipts and invoices. Upon approval and acceptance of the final report, the OCC will reimburse the applicant for the balance of 25% of eligible costs not to exceed the amount stipulated in the contract document.
Judgment Criteria	<p>Eligibility of activities and expenditures for funding and linking of proposed activities to EMA's objectives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial and management capability of the applicant to complete the proposed activities as described in a timely basis; • Level of funding requested in relation to the performance measurement; • Validation of expected results and outcomes - what are the measurements, how will these be measured and what performance indicators will be used; and • Completeness of the application.
Application Documentation and Process	Online Application
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

First Capital Business Loan Fund

Summary	The First Capital Business Loan Fund will provide loans of up to \$10,000 to qualified individuals who wish to start a new business or grow an existing business in Kingston and who have been turned down by a financial institution.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.firstcapitalchallenge.com/
Funding Type	Loan
Source	The Kingston Economic Development Corporation, Unity Savings and Credit Union.
Market	• Any
Keywords	Small business, loan, start-up
Regions Available	Kingston
Funding Amount	Up to \$10,000
Program Objective	To stimulate business growth and employment in the City of Kingston
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * You must have a viable business idea * You must operate your business in Kingston * You must have been turned down for funding by an existing financial institution
Eligible Costs	*Business start-up costs.
Terms	*Similar to commercial lending terms.
Judgment Criteria	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The applicant has a complete business plan already prepared. * The applicant has a well-researched idea but needs help putting together the business plan. * The applicant is in the early stages of thinking about starting a business but needs advice on how to go about it.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Individuals interested in meeting with the Loans Manager are invited to complete the Introductory Information Form and submit it electronically. *The Loans Manager will arrange a meeting to assess the applicant. *The applicant's business plan is presented to the Loan Review Committee. *The committee will review the plan and decide whether a loan should be granted to the applicant.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Index Award

Summary	<p>INDEX: is dedicated to change global mindsets by showing and exploring how design can improve life for people.</p> <p>INDEX: is the largest design award in the world and focuses solely on Design to Improve Life.</p>
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.indexaward.dk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=31&Itemid=9
Funding Type	Prize
Source	INDEX
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Worldwide
Funding Amount	\$100,000
Program Objective	Inspire design worldwide that responds to the needs of people in societies, both developed and developing. The jury's main concern is that the nominated designs substantially improve important aspects of people's lives or carry the potential to do so. The jury will evaluate three aspects of the designs: Form, Impact and Context.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Designers, design teams, public and private companies as well as design students and design enthusiasts from all over the world.</p> <p>INDEX: has no requirements regarding formal design education for INDEX:Award nominees.</p>
Eligible Costs	Not Applicable
Terms	<p>INDEX: Award is split into five categories: Body, Home, Work, Play and Community.</p> <p>One prize worth 100,000 euros will be presented to the winner of each category.</p> <p>Nominated designs can be tangible designs or intangible designs, such as concepts, strategies or services. The role of the designer/design team must be well-defined in each nomination.</p> <p>Nominated designs must be genuinely new. Sheer restyling of known designs is insufficient, unless it implies a genuinely new aspect to improve life. Publication of the design is accepted.</p> <p>Nominated designs must, as a minimum, be on a prototype stage, which enables testing or user comments.</p> <p>The nominated designs must not date back later than 2004.</p>
Judgment Criteria	<p>The jury's main concern is that the nominated designs substantially improve important aspects of people's lives or carry the potential to do so. The jury will evaluate three aspects of the designs: Form, Impact and Context.</p> <p>Form is concerned with the surface, material, interface, color, coherency and aesthetic of the design.</p> <p>Impact is concerned with the impact or potential impact of the design and, thus, the number of lives improved by the design, the distribution and the economic and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Context is concerned with the context that the design is designed to fit: the challenge or the problem, the relevance of the challenge, the culture and the geography.</p> <p>Design to Improve Life is evaluated according to the three parameters of Form, Impact and Context because, in short, Form relates to Design, Impact to Improvements and Context to Life, which creates the formula seen below.</p> <p>+FORM = DESIGN</p> <p>+IMPACT TO IMPROVE</p> <p>+CONTEXT LIFE</p>

Application Documentation and Process	No information
Application Deadlines	The next INDEX:Award will be presented in August 2011. INDEX: will issue the call for nominations for the upcoming award cycle on September 7, 2010. Deadline for submissions is December 17, 2010.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Investment Cooperation Program

Summary	The Investment Cooperation Program (INC) is part of Canada's Official Development Assistance for developing countries.
Abbreviation	ICP
Website	http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/funding/investment-cooperation-program/home.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Up to \$575,000
Program Objective	The Investment Cooperation Program (INC)'s objective is to support responsible, developmentally beneficial, private sector engagement in developing countries leading to sustained economic growth and poverty reduction. The program achieves this by sharing some of the costs involved in studying the viability of an investment, demonstrating and adapting appropriate technologies, and undertaking activities aimed at enhancing the economic, environmental and social benefits of those investments.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Eligible recipients of an INC contribution are for-profit, private sector firms, in operation for at least three years, and registered in Canada. Recipients must be registered online on the Virtual Trade Commissioner and be eligible as clients of the Trade Commissioner Service [1]. Applicants must demonstrate that they are financially sound and have the capacity to implement the proposed investment; or are seeking support related to an existing investment or contract. Applicants must have at least \$2 million in annual revenues in both the previous two years, and be able to demonstrate a positive recent earnings/profit performance, sufficient liquidity in relation to the size of the investment, and the absorptive capacity necessary to take on obligations related to the eventual investment.</p> <p>The program also expects firms to have undertaken preliminary research on the project, including through a visit to the country, and established contact with clients or with a prospective partner.</p>
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Phase 1: Commercial Viability Study; * Phase 2: Adaptation and Demonstration of Technology (if applicable); * Phase 3: Sustainability assessments * Phase 4: Implementation costs
Terms	INC can contribute to examining the viability of a direct investment of \$500,000 or more, demonstrating technologies related to that investment, and studying and implementing initiatives that enhance the development impact of a proposed or existing investment[3]. INC will also provide support for activities that enhance the development impact of a services contract valued at \$1 million or more that is being executed by an eligible Canadian firm. The total maximum contribution available from the ICP is \$575,000.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the applicant's, and if applicable, the partner's, commitment to the project including the contribution to the project; * the potential commercial viability of the project, including previous study of – and visits to - the market; * ownership or rights and applicability of any technology to be transferred or adapted, if applicable; * project budget; * curricula vitae of the applicant's staff responsible for undertaking the funded activity or any external consultants hired for that purpose; * experience doing business in the host country, region, or other developing markets; * expected development impacts of the project and supported activities, including forecasted job creation, exports from the host country, government revenues/royalties; expenditure on local products/services; skills, technologies, and business processes transferred, etc.; * integration of internationally-recognized Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) performance standards and reporting guidelines at the corporate and project-level; * expected benefits to Canada (or impacts) in terms of incremental value-added, jobs, and research and development.
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential clients must complete a Prequalification Application through the Virtual Trade Commissioner (VTC). To register for the VTC, or to access your existing account, login to the VTC. • Prior to applying through the VTC, applicants are strongly encouraged to read the Applicant's Guide and contact a Program Advisor from the Investment Cooperation Program (INC).
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Job Connect - Ontario

Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Job Connect employment specialists will match your employment requirements with the skills and goals of our registered participants * Applicants are pre-screened to ensure suitability * Basic Health & Safety Training is provided to all our participants * We provide an ongoing commitment to ensure your satisfaction * You can receive negotiated training supports that can potentially be assigned to wages, training or both.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.jobconnectontario.org/newsite/html/employers.html
Funding Type	Wage supports
Source	Employment Ontario
Market	No Information
Keywords	Job, Apprentice, Intern, Staff, Student, Graduate, Employee, Employment
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	No Information
Program Objective	Employment aid.
Obligations	No Information
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * be licensed to operate in Ontario; * place trainees on the company's payroll and provide the same employment terms, conditions and benefits as for all regular employees; * comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Employment Standards Act; * maintain appropriate WSIB or alternate workplace safety insurance coverage; * have adequate third party general liability insurance * comply with all applicable federal and provincial human rights legislation, regulations, and any other relevant standards; and * comply with freedom of information and protection of privacy legislation.
Eligible Costs	Wages, new employee training.
Terms	Negotiated wage supports and grants for new employee training.
Judgment Criteria	No Information
Application Documentation and Process	No Information
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	No Information
Notes	

Leadership Grants

Summary	The Leadership Grants Organization is a newly registered non-profit funding organization that provides cash awards and in-kind resources to small business owners and entrepreneurs to start or grow a small business in Canada.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.leadershipgrants.ca/LeadershipGrants/leadership_grants.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Industry donors
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$100,000
Program Objective	
Obligations	Grant funds allow small business operators to procure needed resources such as goods, services, equipment, inventory, advice, training and professional assistance.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To Qualify for consideration, Grant Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be ready to start or launch their new business within 6 months. * Use awarded proceeds within 6 months of receipt. * Be a Canadian citizen or legal immigrant. * Intend to start or grow a small business irrespective of receiving a grant. * Present an objective and balanced mandate to create or grow a for-profit business. * Meet deadlines for completing / submitting qualification criteria. * Demonstrate confidence, initiative and preparedness. * Present a specific, feasible business plan with well-defined goals and measurable results. * Provide evidence of thorough knowledge of their industry. * Possess general knowledge of basic business fundamentals. * Seek funding of \$1,000 to \$100,000. * Give priority to applicants that can demonstrate matching funds. * Assist in the process of evaluating their application.
Eligible Costs	Business start-up and operation costs.
Terms	See eligibility requirements for relevant grant terms.
Judgment Criteria	Proceeds are allocated on a discretionary basis contingent upon the applicant demonstrating confidence, initiative, preparedness and a reasonable likelihood of future success.
Application Documentation and Process	Application forms and business plan.
Application Deadlines	Deadlines are assigned on a case-by-case basis after a discussion with a program administrator. Grant Proposals are reviewed upon receipt. Final decisions and fund allocations are completed quarterly each year. (January, April, July & October)
Processing Time	
Notes	<i><u>*This program is run by a private organization and has been flagged by several applicants for unwelcome marketing attempts, particularly attempts to solicit fees for business plan writing and other related services for third-party "partners". Approach this organization with caution, and please email MaRS if you have any further comments that may add to our assessment of this group, and whether they should continue to be included in this compilation.</u></i>

New Exporters to Border States Program

Summary	The New Exporters to Border States (NEBS) program is a practical, hands-on introduction to the basics of exporting to the United States. Designed for Ontario small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), NEBS is ideal for anyone working in marketing, sales, management, or business development.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontarioexports.com/preparingexport/new_exporters.asp
Funding Type	Educational course
Source	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	N/A
Program Objective	To provide practical support to firms exporting to the United States.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	To participate in NEBS, your company must be export-ready, in business for at least one year, and have a manufacturing or service base in Ontario.
Eligible Costs	There is a registration fee for each individual participating in NEBS. Return transportation from the departure point and some meals are provided. Participants are responsible for the cost of accommodation and any incidental expenses.
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	N/A
Application	Unknown
Documentation and Process	
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Northern Ontario Entrepreneur Program

Summary	The NOHFC is proud to support northern entrepreneurs, with up to \$125,000 funding per project.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/programs/noep_e.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	NOHFC
Market	•Any
Keywords	Northern Ontario
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	up to \$125,000 funding per project.
Program Objective	The NOHFC's Northern Ontario Entrepreneur Program aims to mobilize motivated entrepreneurs and community builders in the North to secure a prosperous economy and foster long term job creation.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Residents of Northern Ontario who plan to start their own for-profit business in the North. *The new venture cannot be an expansion of a similar business owned by the entrepreneur and/or relatives. *The proposed new business must operate full-time and result in job creation in Northern Ontario.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Costs that may qualify for funding include but are not limited to leasehold improvements and capital costs related to starting a new business such as office furniture, fixtures and equipment. * Marketing costs totalling up to 20 per cent of eligible project costs.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The NOHFC may provide a conditional grant generally up to 50 per cent of eligible costs and not to exceed \$125,000 per project. * The entrepreneur must make a cash investment in the business of no less than 10 per cent of the NOHFC's conditional grant. * NOHFC funding, when combined with other provincial and/or federal government funding will generally not exceed 75 per cent of eligible costs. *Contributions to projects are not intended to allow for-profit proponents to generate profits or to increase the value of their business. If a contribution to a project leads to the for-profit proponent generating a profit, the proponent may be required to repay the contribution or share the resulting financial benefits with the federal government. The requirements that could trigger repayments will be detailed in the Contribution Agreement, along with the process for repayment.
Judgment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Job creation *Ability to obtain funding other than from the program *Business potential
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Application form to determine eligibility, then further documentation, including business plan. Possible interview.
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	Unknown
Notes	

Northern Ontario Young Entrepreneur Program

Summary	Funding is available to help the North's youth develop their business skills and to help them start their own enterprises in Northern Ontario.
Abbreviation	YEP
Website	http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/nohfc/program_noyep_e.asp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
Market	• Any
Keywords	North, Northern Ontario, project, entrepreneur, start-up, capital
Regions Available	Northern Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$25,000
Program Objective	The NOHFC Young Entrepreneur program aims to mobilize a new generation of entrepreneurs and community builders in the North, securing a more prosperous future for tomorrow's northern families and workers.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Residents of Northern Ontario, 18 to 29 who are planning on starting their own for-profit business in the North. * The new venture cannot be an expansion or natural extension of a similar business owned by the young entrepreneur and/or family members or direct relatives.
Eligible Costs	*Capital costs related to starting a new business such as office furniture, fixtures and equipment.
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Generally, funding does not have to be repaid and may cover up to 85 per cent of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$25,000 per project. * The young entrepreneur must make a cash investment in the business equal to 10 per cent of the NOHFC's conditional contribution. * The proposed new business will operate as a full-time business and create a minimum of one new job in Northern Ontario.
Judgment Criteria	Commercial viability, job creation
Application Documentation and Process	Application form and business plan
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

NORTHSTAR Trade Finance

Summary	NORTHSTAR Trade Finance Inc. brings together the export strengths of the government of Canada through Export Development Canada (EDC) and Western Economic Diversification, the provincial government of British Columbia, and the private sector through BMO Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank of Canada, HSBC Bank Canada, and National Bank of Canada.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.northstar.ca/whoWeAre.php
Funding Type	Loan
Source	Export Development Canada + Commercial Banks
Market	Any
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Varies
Program Objective	NORTHSTAR Trade Finance Inc. was created to support Canadian exporters by offering financing to credit worthy buyers of eligible Canadian goods and services.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	To be eligible for either financing options, exported good and services must satisfy Canadian benefits requirements of EDC.
Eligible Costs	Export sales
Terms	<p>Term Finance Fixed-rate, medium-term loans, from two to five years, are available from NORTHSTAR to your foreign buyer, providing them with a regular repayment schedule. These loans are for amounts up to US\$5 million, and are secured by a registered lien on the exported goods. NORTHSTAR is also able to offer loans on a variable rate basis should your buyer prefer.</p> <p>Floor Plan Finance This option provides a short-term loan to your foreign buyer. The buyer repays NORTHSTAR when the goods are sold, or within 360 days, whichever occurs first. Interest is payable monthly on the outstanding balance. The loans are for amounts up to US\$5 million and are secured by a promissory note and security interest in the inventory financed.</p>
Judgment Criteria	No information.
Application Documentation and Process	<p>Step One</p> <p>Contact NORTHSTAR when negotiating an export contract that may require financing. A complimentary letter of intent can be issued to you by NORTHSTAR to assist in negotiations with your foreign buyer.</p> <p>Step Two</p> <p>Complete the Exporter application form (available on our website) when you have a final deal with your foreign buyer. Submit the application via the online application, by facsimile or mail directly to NORTHSTAR. Include all supporting documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Financial and corporate information about your foreign buyer (may be forwarded to NORTHSTAR by your buyer directly) * A copy of the export contract or proposed export contract * Canadian Benefits Report to confirm Canadian content requirements (available on our website) * A cheque for \$300 (plus GST / HST) <p>Step Three</p> <p>Once your application is approved, NORTHSTAR will issue an Offer Letter to your foreign buyer. If accepted, NORTHSTAR will enter into a loan agreement with the buyer. Once the acceptance of the exported goods is completed, including all sales conditions, NORTHSTAR will issue a cheque directly to you for the amount financed from the invoice. NORTHSTAR will then collect loan repayments directly from your buyer.</p>
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	NORTHSTAR offers a quick turnaround of applications for buyer financing (within ten business days of submitting a complete application)
Notes	

Ontario Co-Operative Education Tax Credit

Summary	An eligible employer may claim a refundable tax credit for each qualifying work placement ending in the tax year equal to the lesser of: 10% to 15% of eligible expenditures made for the work placement and \$3,000.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/crprtns/prv/on/cprtvdctn-eng.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ministry of Revenue
Market	•Any
Keywords	Salary, Support, Job, self-employed, pay, benefit, student, graduate, co-op, placement
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Up to \$3,000
Program Objective	The Co-operative Education Tax Credit (CETC) is a refundable tax credit available to employers who hire students enrolled in a recognized Ontario university or college co-operative education program.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * have a permanent establishment located in Ontario, and * be subject to Ontario income tax, and * incur eligible expenditures associated with hiring co-op students enrolled in an Ontario university or college.
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible expenditures are the following expenditures made by a business in respect of a qualifying work placement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Salaries and wages including taxable benefits (i.e., the amounts reported on the T-4 slip) paid or payable to the student in respect of the qualifying work placement. The student's remuneration must be attributable to an Ontario permanent establishment (place of business). * Fees paid or payable to an employment agency in respect of the qualifying work placement for the services of a student carried out primarily at an Ontario place of business.
Terms	The maximum credit for each work placement is \$3,000. Most work placements are for a minimum employment period of 10 weeks up to a maximum of four months.
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable
Application Documentation and Process	Claim your tax credit on form ON479, Ontario Credits included in your federal income tax return.
Application Deadlines	File with corporate taxes.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Employer Health Tax Exemption

Summary	Employers are required to pay Employer Health Tax (EHT) based on Taxable Total Ontario Remuneration (i.e. annual gross total Ontario remuneration in excess of the employer's available exemption) paid to employees or former employees. Effective January 1, 1999, eligible employers become exempt from paying Employer Health Tax on the first \$400,000 of annual total Ontario remuneration. Eligible employers with a payroll less than the exemption amount for the year are not required to file an EHT annual return for that year. Associated employers are required to share the exemption amount, and must file an EHT annual return even if the payroll is below the exemption amount.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/tax/eht/index.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Ontario Ministry of Revenue
Market	Any
Keywords	Tax credit
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Not applicable
Program Objective	Eligible employers do not pay tax on the first \$400,000 of annual Ontario payroll.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	Eligible employers generally include private sector employers, organizations funded by the Ontario Government but not controlled by it and Crown corporations that are subject to federal income tax under Part I of the Income Tax Act (Canada).
Eligible Costs	Employer health tax
Terms	Eligible employers do not pay tax on the first \$400,000 of annual Ontario payroll.
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable
Application Documentation and Process	An eligible employer is not required to remit tax instalments until the cumulative remuneration exceeds the employer's allocated exemption amount for the year. Final adjustments to the exemption amount claimed during the year should be made at the time of filing the annual return.
Application Deadlines	Not applicable
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Job Creation Partnerships

Summary	Ontario Job Creation Partnerships is an employment program that provides work experience to unemployed job seekers within projects that benefit the community or local economy.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/employers/jobCreation.html
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Service Canada
Market	•Any
Keywords	Job, Apprentice, Intern, Staff, Student, Graduate, Employee, Employment
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Approximately \$400/week
Program Objective	At the end of their participation, participants in the program will have recent work experience and additional skills to add to their résumés, increasing their chances of successfully finding long-term employment.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Finite projects, incremental to the sponsors normal activities * Projects must provide a benefit to the community or the local economy * Projects must provide participants with a meaningful work experience .
Eligible Costs	*Salary
Terms	Not Applicable
Judgment Criteria	Projects are assessed on the extent to which they benefit the community or local economy.
Application Documentation and Process	*Telephone consultation and application form.
Application Deadlines	Continuous Intake
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ontario Self-Employment Benefit

Summary	The Ontario Self-Employment Benefit provides unemployed people who are or have recently been eligible for Employment Insurance with income and entrepreneurial support while they develop and start their business.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/employees/selfEmployment.html
Funding Type	Income support
Source	Ontario Ministry of Colleges, Training and Universities
Market	Any
Keywords	Salary, Support, Job, self-employed, pay, benefit
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	Approximately \$400/week for 10 months
Program Objective	Self-Employment assists unemployed eligible individuals create jobs for themselves by starting a business.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Job seekers who are unemployed can apply to participate if they meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * They established a claim for Employment Insurance benefits or their Employment Insurance benefit period ended within the past three years. * They established a claim for Employment Insurance maternity or paternity benefits and were paid benefits within the past five years, and are re-entering the labour force after having left it to care for newborn or newly adopted children.
Eligible Costs	*Wage support
Terms	* The maximum duration of an agreement with a participant is 52 weeks.
Judgment Criteria	*Strength of action plan/ongoing self-employment potential
Application Documentation and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Complete the application form Self-Employment Employment Benefit Participant Application (EMP5260) and submit it to the nearest Service Canada Centre. * As part of the application process, it is necessary for you to receive an employment assessment and develop a Return to Work Action Plan with a case manager. The case manager's decision is required before Service Canada can assess your application. Please contact your Service Canada Centre for information on where you can receive this service. *Individuals must then bring their completed action plans and applications to their nearest Service Canada Centre for assessment and decision making.
Application Deadlines	Applications are no longer being accepted to the Ontario Self Employment Benefit. The ministry will resume accepting applications for the program in Spring 2010.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Ottawa Community Loan Fund

Summary	The Ottawa Community Loan Fund provides short-term loans of up to \$15,000 to small business owners, aspiring entrepreneurs, talented individuals with international training and community groups.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.oclf.org
Funding Type	Loan
Source	OCLF is a not-for-profit supported by various finance and community development organizations
Market	•Any
Keywords	Ottawa, start-up
Regions Available	Ottawa
Funding Amount	Up to \$15,000
Program Objective	By focusing on the micro-credit needs of our community, OCLF contributes to the wider prosperity of the Ottawa area.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * You are 18 years or older and not attending school on a full-time basis. * You live in the City of Ottawa and have permanent legal status in Canada. * You have sole ownership in the company or partners that are willing to co-sign for the business loan. * You can demonstrate to the satisfaction of OCLF that you can fully repay the loan. * If applicable, you have been discharged from bankruptcy. * You can submit a complete business plan including start-up or expansion costs, and a cash flow forecast. * You have participated in a business training program associated with OCLF or, you are presently operating a business and can supply the required documentation or; * you have experience in a similar business. <p>Your business must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be located in the City of Ottawa and operates a minimum of 10 hours per week. * Not be a network marketing business. * Be, or will be, a legally registered sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or co-operative. * Use the funds to start or expand business operations. * Not be applying the funds to consolidate debt.
Eligible Costs	<p>OCLF loan proceeds may be used to start or expand a business and can be used for a number of purposes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Working capital * Seed capital to start a business * Purchasing fixed assets
Terms	OCLF loans start at \$1,000 and go up to a maximum \$15,000 with interest rates that range from 3-7% above the current prime rate. Loan repayment terms range from 12 to 48 months.
Judgment Criteria	Assessment of OCLF loan applications is based on the viability of the business, the commitment and character of the applicant, and the capacity for repayment.
Application Documentation and Process	*Complete an application form and submit an application fee
Application Deadlines	Continuous intake
Processing Time	up to 4 weeks
Notes	

RST Exemption for Manufacturing Equipment

Summary	(RST) exemptions for production machinery and equipment bought by, or for the use of, qualified manufacturers.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/guides/rst/400.html
Funding Type	Tax Credit
Source	Canada Revenue Agency
Market	
Keywords	
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	
Program Objective	
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Under Ontario's Retail Sales Tax Act, a manufacturer is a person who manufactures, fabricates, produces or assembles goods for sale where the fair value of the goods sold to others is more than \$5,000 in the fiscal year or, the fair value of goods manufactured for own use is more than \$50,000 in the fiscal year.</p> <p>Note: This exemption also applies to machinery and equipment used by a manufacturer exclusively in research and/or development of goods and manufacturing/production processes for others. Non-manufacturing organizations involved in research and/or development are not entitled to the exemptions available to manufacturers.</p>
Eligible Costs	Purchase of manufacturing equipment and processing materials.
Terms	<p>If you qualify as a manufacturer, the following items may be bought without paying RST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * machinery and apparatus used primarily and directly in the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. manufacture or production of goods 2. *development of manufacturing/production processes 3. *development of goods for manufacture
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable.
Application Documentation and Process	Fill out appropriate entry in corporate tax return.
Application Deadlines	Submit with corporate tax return.
Processing Time	
Notes	

SSMIC CEO In Residence

Summary	The “CEO in Residence” will work directly with local companies identified by SSMIC staff as having high growth potential.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ssmic.com/News/index.cfm?fuseaction=view&id=62&categoryid=1
Funding Type	Grant
Source	NRC-IRAP and The Sault St. Marie Innovation Centre
Market	Unknown
Keywords	Unknown
Regions Available	Sault Ste. Marie area
Funding Amount	up to \$203,400
Program Objective	Unknown
Obligations	Unknown
Eligibility Requirements	To be eligible for the CEO in Residence program, clients must be a Canadian incorporated firm with less than 500 employees. They must be identified as having high growth potential.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attract investment • further their efforts to develop new products or services • strengthen their capability of bringing products to market • adopt new technology, which has the potential to help increase sales, employment or productivity
Terms	Unknown
Judgment Criteria	Unknown
Application Documentation and Process	Unknown
Application Deadlines	Unknown
Processing Time	Unknown
Notes	This is a new program. Check back at the website for further program information once it is released.

Summer Company

Summary	If your application is accepted, you will be eligible to receive up to \$1,500 to put toward start-up costs and up to \$1,500 upon successful completion of the program.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.ontariocanada.com/ontcan/1medt/youth_summerco_index.jsp
Funding Type	Grant
Source	Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Market	•Any
Keywords	Summer, intern, job, start-up, young
Regions Available	Ontario
Funding Amount	\$3,000
Program Objective	an exciting opportunity for enterprising students, 15 to 29 years old, to start and run their own summer businesses.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>The individual must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a student 15 to 29 years of age as of April 30, 2010. Note: applicants under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the application • proposing a new business (if you are unsure contact your Program Provider) • attending school and returning to school in the fall • a resident of Ontario • a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant • not operating an existing or previously existing business venture or employed elsewhere (working for more than 12 hours per week) during the term of the operation of the Summer Company program, and • prepared to commit to a minimum average of 35 hours a week, for a minimum of 8 consecutive weeks if you are in high-school or 12 consecutive weeks if you are attending post-secondary school. This should be defined in the business plan. Exceptions may be approved by the ministry. <p>The company must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a sole proprietorship or a corporation where the applicant will be the majority shareholder • is an independent business venture • fits the Canada Revenue Agency definition of being self-employed (FORM RC 4110 through the website www.cra-arc.gc.ca/sred/) • operates at arm's length from family business ventures • operates in Ontario • operates full-time as defined in the business plan • maintains its own books and records • maintains a separate business bank account • follows government rules and regulations for operating a business, and • is a new business, not previously registered or operated on an on-going basis.
Eligible Costs	Unknown
Terms	<p>If your application is accepted, you will be eligible to receive an upfront award of up to \$1,500 to put toward start-up costs and up to \$1,500 upon successful completion of the program. Successful completion requires that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement your project substantially in accordance with the business plan • participate in coaching and training • meet with a local business mentor as specified • provide documents related to the experience and business operations as required in the guidelines, and • meet all program requirements for establishing and operating the business.
Judgment Criteria	*Commercial viability
Application Documentation and Process	*Business plan according to online template *Interview
Application Deadlines	Summer Company 2010 is now closed for new applications. Check back at the program website in the spring of 2011 for new deadline dates.
Processing Time	
Notes	

Work-Sharing Program - Human Resources and Social Development Canada

Summary	WSP agreements benefit employers by allowing them to stabilize their work force, to retain trained employees and to avoid the costly process of recruiting and training new employees when business returns to normal levels. Employees benefit by maintaining their job and receiving Employment Insurance income benefits for the days without work. If a worker is laid off subsequent to the WSP, his/her entitlement to Employment Insurance regular benefits is unaffected by the receipt of WSP benefits.
Abbreviation	
Website	http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/work_sharing/index.shtml
Funding Type	Employment assistance
Source	Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
Market	Any
Keywords	Employment benefit, employment insurance, job protection.
Regions Available	Canada
Funding Amount	Employment insurance benefits for the time the employee spends not working as part of the work-sharing arrangement with their employer.
Program Objective	The Work-Sharing Program (WSP) is designed to help employers and workers avert temporary layoffs. The program provides income support to workers eligible for Employment Insurance benefits and who are willing to work a temporary reduced work week when there is a reduction in the normal level of business activity that is beyond the control of the employer.
Obligations	
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Eligible employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * have been in year-round business in Canada for at least two years; * show that the need for reduced hours is unavoidable; * show that the work shortage is temporary and unexpected; * demonstrate (through a recovery plan) how the business will be maintained for the duration of the agreement and return to normal working hours as the economy strengthens; * not be undergoing a labour dispute; and * have the agreement of the union (if applicable) and employees. <p>Eligible employees must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * be "core staff" (year-round permanent full-time or part-time employees who are required to carry out the functions that will lead to recovery); * be eligible to receive regular Employment Insurance benefits; and * not be participating in a labour dispute.
Eligible Costs	Not applicable
Terms	<p>The employees are eligible to receive Employment Insurance benefits for the days they are not working (55% of their maximum yearly insurable earnings). There is no Employment Insurance waiting period to be served under work sharing benefits.</p> <p>The shortage of work must be expected to last for a minimum of 6 weeks to a maximum of 26 weeks. Extensions beyond the maximum of 26 weeks may be considered in extenuating circumstances for up to a maximum of 38 weeks (12-week extension), and must be thoroughly substantiated.</p> <p>The employer is responsible for setting up a schedule of work hours and notifying HRSDC/Service Canada officials of any changes in the amount of time worked and the number of employees on the WSP. WSP agreements do not affect workers' rights to regular Employment Insurance benefits if they happen to be laid off after the agreement ends.</p>
Judgment Criteria	Not applicable.
Application Documentation and Process	Employers and employees must agree to the terms of the work sharing arrangement and apply jointly to the closest Service Canada Centre.
Application Deadlines	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
Processing Time	
Notes	