



London, Ontario

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Both the federal and provincial governments have grant and subsidy programs in place to support the growth and development of the life sciences sector.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PROGRAMS

- ✓ **Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)** makes venture capital investments at any stage of a company's development, from seed to growth and from acquisition or expansion to turnaround. Approximately 25% of its investments are in the areas of life sciences, including biotechnology. www.bdc.ca.
- ✓ **Industrial Research Assistance Program** for small and medium size Canadian enterprises' pre-commercialization and commercialization efforts. This program provides non-repayable assistance up to \$350K and repayable assistance up to \$500K. www.irap-pari.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca.
- ✓ **Scientific Research & Experimental Development (SR&ED)** program is a federal tax incentive program to encourage Canadian and foreign businesses to conduct research and development in Canada. It is the largest federal funding program for biotechnology firms. www.cra-arc.gc.ca.
- ✓ **Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)** is Canada's major federal funding agency for health research. It provides funding opportunities to assist individuals or groups in obtaining the necessary conditions for research, forming networks and translating knowledge. Funding programs are available for training, salaries and research grants. www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca
- ✓ **Genome Canada** is the primary funding and information resource relating to genomics and proteomics in Canada. Genome Canada invests and manages large-scale research projects in key selected areas such as agriculture, environment, fisheries, forestry, health and new technology development. It also supports research projects aimed at studying and analyzing the ethical, environmental, economic, legal and social issues related to genomics research. www.genomecanada.ca.
- ✓ **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)** is the national instrument for making strategic investments in Canada's capability in science and technology. NSERC supports both basic university research through discovery grants and project research through partnerships among universities, governments and the private sector, as well as the advanced training of highly qualified people. www.nserc.gc.ca.

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GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO PROGRAMS

- ✓ **Innovation Demonstration Fund (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 total.
- ✓ **Ontario Business Research Institute Tax Credit (OBRI)** provides a 20 % refundable tax credit for research and development expenditures incurred in Ontario as part of an eligible research institute contract.
- ✓ **The Ontario Cancer Research Network (OCRN)**, an initiative of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT), is designed to fund infrastructure and innovative programs in translational and clinical research, information technology and data management that will enhance the development of new cancer therapies in Ontario. The Cancer Research Fund (CRF) is an OCRN program with a budget of \$56 million. www.ocrn.on.ca
- ✓ **Ontario Centres of Excellence** consist of five centres - Centre for Energy; Communications and Information Technology Ontario; CRESTech; Materials and Manufacturing Ontario and Photonics Research Ontario. They promote the economic development of Ontario through directed research, commercialization of technology and training for highly qualified personnel. www.oce-ontario.org
- ✓ **The Ontario Innovation Tax Credit (OITC)** is a 10% refundable tax credit for qualifying public and private corporations having a permanent establishment in Ontario. Corporations are eligible to claim the full OITC where their Ontario taxable paid-up capital and federal taxable income in the preceding taxation year do not exceed \$25 million and \$200,000 respectively. If the corporation is part of an associated group, the taxable paid-up capital and federal taxable income of those corporations must also be included in the determination of the annual qualifying expenditure limit.
- ✓ **Ontario New Technology Tax Incentive (ONTTI)** encourages the development and transfer of new technology by helping to create increased access to the latest technology. It provides an immediate 100 % income tax deduction of the cost of eligible intellectual property acquired by a corporation from an unrelated person for the purpose of implementation in a business of the corporation that is carried on in Ontario.
- ✓ **The Ontario Research Fund Research Excellence (ORF-RE)** program is a four-year, \$217 million fund to promote research excellence in Ontario by supporting leading-edge research, developing research talent and encouraging partnerships between research institutions and business. Funding is open to Ontario research institutions that must have a commitment from private sector partners to contribute one-third of the total proposed costs.
- ✓ **The Ontario Research Fund Research Infrastructure (ORF-RI)** program promotes research excellence by supporting the eligible capital costs of research for Ontario's universities, colleges, hospitals and research institutes. The \$300 million program provides matching funds toward projects that have been awarded a grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). www.ontariocanada.com.
- ✓ **The R&D Super Allowance** is provided through MEDT. It provides additional deductions for corporate income tax purposes for qualifying R&D performed in Ontario. For corporations which are not Canadian-controlled private corporations, Ontario provides a 25% additional deduction on qualifying R&D expenditures. For Canadian-controlled private corporations, Ontario provides a 35% additional deduction for qualifying R&D expenditures in Ontario.
- ✓ **The Retail Sales Tax Exemption** on research and development and manufacturing equipment is provided on equipment used exclusively by manufacturers for a combination of manufacturing and R&D. It is also provided on equipment used exclusively for research and investigation by non-profit medical research facilities.
- ✓ **The Next Generation Jobs Fund** is a \$150 million program of the provincial government to encourage research-based pharmaceutical companies to invest in Ontario. It will create jobs in the biopharmaceutical research community by enabling companies to apply for grants, loans, forgivable interest loans and funds for building infrastructure, research and training. For more details, visit: <http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/news/BIOP010908.asp>