

The Drive Ability program has been created by The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) to support the automotive sector as it re-opens, re-focuses, and increases production. Fanshawe College, in collaboration with York University and George Brown, Sheridan, Georgian, Mohawk, and Conestoga Colleges, will facilitate the program through subsidized quality work-integrated learning opportunities for students, apprentices, and new graduates.

Funding

- \$3,000 - \$5,000 per eligible and completed work placement by an eligible participant (i.e. student, recent grad or apprentice)
- Wage support from combined sources cannot exceed 100% of the wages paid to a participant

Employer Eligibility

The following employers are eligible for the work placement incentive:

- Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) in the auto sector
- Manufacturers with a minimum of 50 percent total sales revenue from the automotive supply chain to OEMs
- Advanced Manufacturers with a minimum 30 per cent sales revenue from the automotive supply sector falling under one or more of the following areas: production activities dependent on ICT (Information and Communications Technology), automation, computation, software, sensing, and data transfer networking (Internet of Things, or IoT) technology developers/suppliers

Participant Eligibility

- Student – in any year of study and including graduate and international students
- Recent Graduates – with a minimum one-year program from a public post-secondary institution within the previous 18 months and currently without full-time employment
- Apprentices – at the beginning of their work placement with a new signed Registered Training Agreement (RTA). The individual may have worked with the employer prior to starting the RTA, but not as an apprentice

Benefits to Employers

- Access a pool of highly skilled and qualified individuals for your short or long term needs
- Reduce your recruitment and training costs
- Expand your company's reputation as a leader in your sector

To find out more details or to apply for the funding, contact:

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