

University of Toronto Resources

[U of T Entrepreneurship](#) is the hub of the entrepreneurial ecosystem at U of T. Find out about:

- Workspace and networking opportunities through [ONRamp](#).
- Entrepreneurial [courses and programs](#)
- [Accelerators and incubators](#)
- [Funding opportunities](#)

Innovations & Partnerships Office is the technology transfer office for the University of Toronto.

[U of T Entrepreneurship Library](#) is another important resource when working with University IP, market research, and events.

Other Resources for Start-ups

Centres of Excellence in the Commercialization of Research (CECR's) help bridge the gap between innovation and commercialization. The centres adopt different models to best serve the commercialization needs of their sector; acting as investors, incubators or service providers.

U of T is a member of the CECR's listed below but has access to many others.

- [CCRM](#) aims to harness the power of stem cells and biomaterials to treat disease
- [TIAP](#) specializes in extreme early-stage seed investing for companies and technology emerging from its 15 member institutions, of which U of T is one

Regional Innovation Centres (RICs) provide specialized assistance in 18 regions across the province to accelerate start-up and growth of entrepreneurial talent and globally competitive, innovative companies with value-added advice, access to capital, market intelligence, mentoring, and peer- networking programs. U of T entrepreneurs often access the resources of our local RICs.

- [Communitech](#) is an innovation hub located in Waterloo Region that provides support and collaboration to +1400 technology entrepreneurs.
- [Entrepreneurship.org](#) was formed as a free, online international resource designed to help build entrepreneurial economies.
- [How to Build a Startup](#) is a course designed to introduce the basics of building a successful start-up.
- [MaRS](#) In addition to their Start, Growth and Scale Programs, MaRS has a variety of online courses and resources that are accessible to all; please visit the [MaRS Library](#)
- [NEXT](#)
- [Oneelevelen](#) is North America's largest scale-up innovation hub focused on helping the most promising, high-growth start-ups build their businesses and scale their operations.

- [RIC Centre](#) is Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon’s innovation hub, providing free support services to entrepreneurs focused on IT, Clean Tech, and Advanced Material manufacturing sectors.
- [Startup Canada Awards](#)
- [VentureLAB](#) operates out of York Region to help technology entrepreneurs build scalable, high-growth tech businesses.

IP Education & Training Programs

In addition to University of Toronto’s IP Education Program, the following education and training programs are also available to educate you in IP:

- [AUTM](#)
- [Intellectual Property Institute of Canada \(IPIC\)](#)
- [Licensing Executive Society \(LES\)](#) – LES offers paid courses on IP Licensing, taught by experienced IP Licensing people – one lawyer and one IP Licensing professional instructor per class, including instructors w/ strong industry & university licensing experience. For a list of the courses, [please click here](#).

Common Innovation Funding & Grants

General Awards and Investor Groups

- [BDC Entrepreneurship Awards](#)
- [Innovators & Entrepreneurs Foundation & the CANIE Awards](#)
- [NACO](#)

Government of Canada Awards and Funding

- [Canada.ca Research Funding and Awards](#)
- [Canada’s Strategic Innovation Fund](#)
- [Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Canadian International Innovation Program \(CIIP\)](#)
- [Governor General’s Innovation Awards](#)
- [Innovative Solutions Canada](#)
- [Mentor Networks: Canadian Government Funding for Small Businesses](#)
- [Mitacs Accelerate Program](#)
- [National Research Council of Canada—Industrial Research Assistance Program \(IRAP\)](#)
- [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada—Idea to Innovation Grants](#)

Awards for Ontario Entrepreneurs

- [Ontario.ca Early Researcher Awards](#)
- [Ontario Centres of Innovation \(OCI\)](#)

- [Ontario Tax Exemption for Commercialization](#)
- [SOSCIP](#)

Industry-Specific Opportunities

- [Business Scale-up and Productivity Program](#)
- [Canadian Media Fund: Innovation & Experimentation Program](#)
- [Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security \(IDEaS\)](#)
- [Ontario Interactive Digital Media Fund](#)
- [Quantum Leap Funding Program](#)

Funding for Initiatives in Social Innovation

- [Charity Village: Canadian Foundations](#)
- [The McConnell Social Innovation Fund](#)

Women in Innovation Funding

- [RBC Women of Influence](#)
- [SheEO](#)
- [Standup Ventures](#)