INNOVATION RESOURCES

Agriculture and Agrifood Canada - Agricultural Clean Technology Program

The <u>Research and Innovation Stream</u> will support pre-market innovation including research, development, demonstration and commercialization of agricultural clean technologies.

Alberta Innovates

By seeing beyond the possible, Alberta Innovates solves some of the biggest <u>industry challenges</u>. Alberta Innovates <u>supports</u> research, the growth of business, and we help the start-up community to build new technology and drive new ideas.

Continuous intake innovation programs:

- Micro voucher grants to hire service providers | Alberta Innovates; \$10K
- Voucher | Alberta Innovates; \$100K
- <u>r&D Associates | Alberta Innovates</u>; 1 year salary
- Commercialization Associates | Alberta Innovates; 1 year salary
- Accelerating Innovations into CarE (AICE) | Alberta Innovates

Alberta Scaleup and Growth Accelerators Program

ScaleUp and Growth Accelerators help businesses transform at a faster rate. These accelerators provide intensive learning experiences where mentors compress years of experiential learning into a few months. Alberta Scaleup and Growth Accelerator Program (Scaleup GAP) will accelerate Alberta's companies to scale and grow and to propel digital transformation. These programs are open to companies from Alberta, Canada and around the world.

Canadian Technology Accelerators

Three main sectors of activity:

- Cleantech
- Digital industries and information and communications technologies (ICT)
- Life sciences and digital health

Community Innovation Connector

The Connector for short, is an openly accessible, online portal connecting entrepreneurs, industry, inventors, and students to innovation and entrepreneurship programs, advisors, and support. The space also integrates an online meeting platform for hosting virtual conferences and events.

ExploreIP: Canada's IP Marketplace, Connecting people with public sector IP

ExploreIP: Canada's IP Marketplace: a new, online resource for businesses to explore possible licensing and collaboration opportunities with public sector patent holders. ExploreIP now has a "COVID-19 related" category to help users find technologies that could help combat COVID-19.

Innovation Canada – Accelerated Growth Service

Innovation Canada's programs and services, including the AGS, are designed to help businesses innovate, create jobs and grow Canada's economy. They work with colleagues and partners across the innovation and investment ecosystems to help businesses develop effective strategies and growth plans by connecting them with the right partners, programs and services they need to grow. In the AGS program they are looking for incorporated Canadian companies with yearover-year revenue growth, especially over the past three years, who are export and innovation-focused, generating at least \$3-5 million annually and have the capacity and willingness to grow

Tecconnect Programs and Events

Economic Development Lethbridge offers relevant sessions on topics that matter to start-ups, entrepreneurs, businesses and the community. With partners in the Regional Network of Southern Alberta (RINSA), they offer the Tecconnect+ED series of programs designed to educate, empower and inspire entrepreneurs of all business development stages within the community.

Women Innovators Southeast (WISE)

The APEX Regional Innovation Network partnership continues to accept applications for female entrepreneurs, or those who identify as female, who want to start or scale up a technology, or knowledge-based business.