

Potential Financing Options

Search Portals

AlbertaIN - <http://www.albertain.com/>

Canada Business Network - www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/program/search/

The Funding Portal - www.thefundingportal.com/

Fundica - www.fundica.com/

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada – resources for business <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/home>

Checklist for Small Businesses - <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/sm/chcklst-eng.html>

Government Related Grants, Loans and Financing

Alberta Innovates Technology Futures - programs targeted at building SMEs in Alberta. www.albertatechfutures.ca

Micro-Voucher Program - funds a service/product provider to assist with early start up development. Up to \$10k.

Voucher Program - funds an SME and project partner to advance a mid to late-development stage technology to commercialization. \$10k-\$100k.

Product Demonstration Program - funds an SME and project partner to showcase the performance, method and features of a prototype/complete technology in the market. Validation of economic and technical feasibility. \$100k-\$300k.

Industry Commercialization Associates Program - stipend of \$126k to \$238k over a 2 year period.

Industry R&D Associates Program - annual stipend of \$55K & research allowance of \$7k to recruit recent Master's and PhD graduates.

Alberta Small Business Innovation & Research Initiative Program - enable the development of solutions to end-users through the engagement of market pull technology concepts developed by Alberta SMEs. \$1M.

Alberta-Ontario Innovation Program - supports cross-provincial collaborations between industry and academia in advanced materials, manufacturing, energy, environment, nanotechnology, agriculture, forestry, life sciences, biotech, ICT, and digital media.

NRC IRAP – research grants for commercial potential. www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap/services/financial_assistance.html

NSERC Idea to Innovation Grants – funding to promote university technology transfer. www.nserc-cnrc.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/I2I-INNOV_eng.asp

Mitacs Accelerate – funding for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to apply their specialized expertise to business-related research challenges. www.mitacs.ca

Build In Canada Innovation Program – federal government acts as first customer. <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/initiatives-and-programs/build-in-canada-innovation-program-bcij>

Community Futures Alberta – loans to support small business growth. \$500-\$150K. <http://albertacf.com/business-loans>

SR&ED Federal + Alberta credits - Grants and tax credits for development and research. www.cra-arc.gc.ca/txcrdt/sred-rsde/

Futurpreneur Canada - financing and mentoring for entrepreneurs aged 18-39. www.futurpreneur.ca

Youth Social Innovation Capital Fund - \$10K for social entrepreneurs between 18-35. www.youthsocialinnovation.org

Alberta Women Entrepreneurs - \$150K growth lending and mentoring, coaching and network access. www.awebusiness.com

BDC – small business loans up to \$50k and business loans over \$50k. www.bdc.ca/EN/financing/Pages/default.aspx

Royal Bank Knowledge Based Industries – financial services and support for IT, life sciences, and media & entertainment SMEs. www.rbcroyalbank.com/kbi/

ATB LendR- new community matched loan program. <https://atblendr.ca/>

Global Commerce Support Program – federal funding and support for international business development activities and to encourage foreign direct investment. www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/funding/home.jsp

International Science and Technology Program – collaborative research in China, India, Israel, Brazil + California.

www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/funding/istpp/istpp.jsp

Leadership Grants – up to \$100k to support starting/growing a small business. www.leadershipgrants.ca

TEC VenturePrize – business plan competition for students and fast growth companies. \$180K+ in total prizes.

www.tecedmonton.com/BUSINESSSERVICES/TECVenturePrize/tabid/71/Default.aspx

CENGN – commercialization acceleration support (\$50k-\$100k) for innovative companies in Software Defined Network, SD WAN, Network Function Virtualization NFV, Data Centre/ Cloud, Network Transport, Security, Network Applications, Network Mobility. Kelly.Daize@cengn.ca

Life Sciences and Biotech

AITF Health Product Development Program – assists inventors and SMEs in the development of new health products. Up to \$100k for proof-of-concept and \$150k for product development.

<http://albertatechfutures.ca/BusinessServicesandIndustryFunding/HealthProductDevelopmentProgram.aspx>

AITF Clinical Demonstration Program - assists Alberta based SMEs develop prototypes into marketable products and provides funding for clinical testing. 50% of project cost, up to \$200k.

<http://www.albertatechfutures.ca/BusinessServicesandIndustryFunding/ClinicalDemonstrationProgram.aspx>

BioAlberta – office space, direct cost savings, and networking, and small business support for life science and biotech companies.

www.bioalberta.com

W21C – health systems research and innovation initiative at the U of C and AHS. Research and beta test-site for prototypical hospital design, novel approaches to health care delivery, human factors research, and innovative medical technologies. <http://w21c.org>

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Micro Nanotechnology

ACAMP – offers services to SMEs for the commercialization of MNT products. Services include marketing and BD, product development, packaging and assembly, manufacturing, testing and characterization. www.acamp.ca/

Advanced Micro and nanosystems Integration Facility – University of Calgary. http://www.amif.ca/AMIF/Welcome_to_AMIF.html

Energy and Clean Tech

PTAC – facilitates innovation, R&D and commercialization of hydrocarbon energy tech. www.ptac.org/

Climate Change and Emissions Management - Priority areas for funding include energy efficiency, carbon capture and storage, and green energy production. <http://ccemc.ca>

SD Tech Fund - funding and support for late-stage development and pre-commercial demonstration of clean technology solutions. www.sdtef.ca/index.php?page=about-our-funds&hl=en_CA

Geomatics

TecTerra - commercialization grants and Geo-Placement hiring support programs for geomatics technology. Up to \$500K.

<http://www.tecterra.com/programs.html>

Cloud Services, Prototyping and Innovation Partners

Canarie Cloud Computing – Federal level cloud support + DAIR Digital Accelerator program free/portable cloud services to startups.

www.canarie.ca/cloud/

Tangent – full-service design engineering firm. Concept to design and prototyping. www.tangentservices.com/

Alta Injection Molding – product design, prototyping, production, packaging and distribution. <http://altainj.com/>

SAIT ARIS Facility – prototype and testing facilities for SMEs. <http://www.sait.ca/research-and-innovation/about-aris/our-facilities.php>

Olds College – applied research and commercialization facility. <http://oldscollege.ca/research-innovation/>

Crowdfunding

www.kickstarter.com, www.indiegogo.com, <http://albertabostr.ca>, www.seedups.ca, <http://www.pozible.com>, <http://www.crowdsourcing.org>

Accelerator Programs

Kinetica Ventures – Energy technology. <http://www.kineticaventures.com/>

District Ventures – Packaged good companies. Founded by Arlene Dickinson. <http://www.districtventures.ca/>

Zone Startups – Industrial internet, IoT, and energy sectors. Partnership of GE and Ryerson Ventures. <http://calgary.zonestartups.com/>

C100: 48hrs in the Valley – 2-day program twice per year. Workshops, mentorship and networking with investors in Silicon Valley.

www.thec100.org/programs/48hrs-in-the-valley

48 hrs in the HUB – 2-day program once per year. Workshops, pitch competition, strategic partner visits, mentorship and networking in

Boston/Cambridge. www.thecene.org/#!48-hours-in-the-hub

Canadian Technology Accelerators – connects high-growth companies to US markets, investors, and partnership opportunities. New York, Silicon

Valley, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Boston. <http://ctaconnects.com/>

Angel Groups and Venture Capital

VA Angels – 130+ member angel investment group. Coaching and investor forums. www.vaangels.com

Banff Venture Forum – 40 VCs. 3 streams: Information Technology, Sustainable Technology, and Health Technology.

www.banffventureforum.com

AVAC – Early stage technology ventures. Accelerate Fund (angel co-investment), Finistere FVII Fund (Ag Tech), and Fund-of-Funds.

www.avactd.com

iNovia Capital – Next generation digital platforms and services. <http://inovia.vc>

Avrio Capital – Innovative food and agriculture companies. www.avriocapital.com

Yaletown – Emerging-growth technology for industrial companies to address resource sustainability, climate change, physical capital and

knowledge worker productivity. www.yaletown.com

Chrysalix – Sustainable innovation and alternative energy. www.chrysalix.com

32 Degrees Capital – Early stage oil and gas companies and energy service, equipment and manufacturing businesses. www.32degrees.ca

Round 13 Capital – Growth stage IT companies in Canada. www.round13capital.com

Azure – Transformative early stage technology companies. Bridge to Silicon Valley. www.azurecap.com

BDC VC division – Health, clean tech, diversified, communications and IT. www.bdc.ca

Foundation Equity – Energy services, manufacturing and B2B software. <http://foundationequity.com>

Canadian Securities Exchange – low cost prospectus public offering venture exchange. <http://thecse.com>