

Your success. Our focus.

The National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP) is Canada's leading innovation assistance program for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Through a national network of experts, we provide customized advice, valuable connections and funding support to help your business innovate, compete and prosper.

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Looking for strategic innovation support?

IRAP can help.

Quality advice

Our advisors are experienced industry professionals with backgrounds in R&D, engineering and entrepreneurship. They work closely with SMEs to navigate every stage of the innovation process, offering tailored guidance and access to resources such as:

- Technology and business advice
- Strategic and competitive intelligence
- Referrals to NRC research centres, other government labs and public institutions
- Connections to specialized expertise and funding partners

Funding support for technology innovation

We work with SMEs and fund projects that demonstrate the greatest potential to help Canada succeed. Funding assistance is offered in a variety of areas including:

- Technology development
- Youth employment
- Artificial intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Intellectual property
- Defence and dual-use technologies
- International co-innovation

To be considered for NRC IRAP support, your business must meet the following minimum eligibility criteria:

- Be incorporated, for-profit and operating in Canada
- Employ up to 500 people (full-time equivalent)
- Develop and commercialize innovative, technology-driven products or services
- Be ready to create economic benefits in Canada

Meeting these criteria is a first step, but does not guarantee funding.

Ready to innovate? Contact us.



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