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## Aurora Incentives and Services

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### Incentives and Financial Support

#### Capital

##### [Business Development Bank of Canada \(BDC\)](#)

**Description:**BDC actively supports the development and growth of Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises through its complementary financing, venture capital and consulting services.

##### [Canada Small Business Financing Program - Industry Canada](#)

**Description:**The program's main objectives are to help new businesses get started and established firms make improvements and expand, to improve access to loans that would not otherwise be available to small businesses, to stimulate economic growth and create jobs.

##### [Futurpreneur Canada](#)

**Description:**Financing, mentoring and support tools to aspiring business owners aged 18-39.

##### [NextGen Biofuels Fund - Sustainable Development Technology Canada](#)

**Description:**The Next Generation Biofuels Fund (NGBF) is in its wind-down phase. And is focused on construction-ready projects that have successfully progressed through pre-construction planning in accordance with the NGBF Project Assurance Program (PAP).

##### [Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative \(SADI\) - Industry Canada](#)

**Description:**Firms, organizations or institutions may apply for investments assistance repayable over the long term in conducting R and D in eligible aerospace and defence technologies.

#### Commercialization

##### [Conservation Fund](#)

**Description:**The Conservation Fund provides financial support to new and innovative electricity conservation initiatives designed to enable Ontario's residents, businesses and institutions to cost-effectively reduce their demand for electricity.

##### [NextGen Biofuels Fund - Sustainable Development Technology Canada](#)

**Description:**Support establishment of first-of-kind commercial scale demonstration facilities for the production of next-generation renewable fuels (i.e. cellulosic ethanol or next-generation biodiesel) and co-products.

#### [Ontario Centres of Excellence Inc.](#)

**Description:**Covers three key areas: Industry-Academic R and D Collaboration; Commercialization; and Entrepreneurship. Other key OCE initiatives are the IBM Smart Computing Initiative and Colleges Ontario Network for Industry Innovation (CONII).

#### [Ontario Research Fund - Research Excellence \(ORF-RE\)](#)

**Description:**The Ontario Research Fund - Research Excellence (ORF-RE) provides research institutions with funding to help support the operational costs of large-scale transformative research of strategic value to the province.

### Digital Media

#### [Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit \(PSTC\)](#)

**Description:**Tax credit designed to enhance Canada as a location of choice for film and video productions employing Canadians, as well as to strengthen the industry and secure investment.

#### [Ontario Book Publishing Tax Credit \(OBPTC\)](#)

**Description:**Tax credit for Ontario publishing companies to publish and promote works by a Canadian author.

#### [Ontario Computer Animation and Special Effects Tax Credit \(OCASE\)](#)

**Description:**Ontario tax credits for computer animation and special effect activities in film or TV productions.

#### [Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit \(OFTTC\)](#)

**Description:**Ontario refundable tax credit for film and video productions.

#### [Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit](#)

**Description:**Ontario refundable tax credit for labour, marketing and distribution expenditures for the creation of interactive digital media products.

#### [Ontario Production Services Tax Credit \(OPSTC\)](#)

**Description:**Ontario refundable tax credit for qualifying labour expenditures for those productions that do not meet the Canadian content requirements.

### Energy

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#### [Feed-in Tariff Program - Ontario Power Authority](#)

**Description:** Procurement program that guarantees specific prices for various forms of renewable electricity production sources, including on-shore wind, hydroelectric, solar, biogas, biomass and landfill gas.

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### Export

#### [Canadian Commercial Corporation \(CCC\)](#)

**Description:** International contracting agency provides export-related assistance in military sales and Canadian commitments for international assistance.

#### [Export Development Canada](#)

**Description:** A crown corporation that offers financing, credit insurance and bonding solutions to Canadian exporters.

#### [Export Market Access - A Global Expansion Program](#)

**Description:** A 50/50 cost-sharing grant to help Ontario SMEs cover costs incurred to develop export sales in foreign markets, predominately outside the US.

#### [Investment Accelerator Fund \(IAF\)](#)

**Description:** The Investment Accelerator Fund (IAF) helps accelerate the growth of new technology companies being established in Ontario and positions them for further investment by angels and venture capitalists.

### Human Resources and Training

#### [Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit - Canada Revenue Agency](#)

**Description:** A non-refundable tax credit equal to 10% of the eligible salaries and wages payable to eligible apprentices in respect of employment after May 1, 2006.

#### [Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit \(ATTC\) - Ministry of Finance](#)

**Description:** A refundable tax credit available to employers who hire and train apprentices in certain skilled trades.

#### [Canada Summer Jobs](#)

**Description:** Contributions for employers to hire students during the summer.

#### [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#)

**Description:** Major federal health research funding agency for universities, hospitals and research institutes.

#### [Cooperative Education Tax Credit \(CETC\)](#)

**Description:**A refundable tax credit available to employers who hire students enrolled in a co-operative education program at an Ontario university or college. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) administers the program on behalf of Ontario through the federal income tax.

#### [Employer Signing Bonus - Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities](#)

**Description:** A monetary bonus for an employer who hires and registers an apprenticeship scholarship candidate as an apprentice.

#### [Industrial Research Assistance Program \(IRAP\) - National Research Council Canada](#)

**Description:**Technical advisory services, networking and financial assistance to SMEs.

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#### [Ontario Labour Market Partnerships](#)

**Description:**Ontario Labour Market Partnerships support partnerships among employers, employer/employee associations, and community organizations to address identified labour market issues.

#### [Summer Company](#)

**Description:**The Summer Company program provides hands-on business training and mentoring to help enterprising youth start up and run their own summer business.

#### [Work-Sharing Program - Human Resources and Skills Development Canada](#)

**Description:**Provides income support to workers eligible for Employment Insurance benefits and who are willing to work a temporary reduced work week when there is a reduction in the normal level of business activity that is beyond the control of the employer.

#### [Youth Employment Program - National Research Council Canada](#)

**Description:**Financial assistance to innovative Canadian SMEs to hire post-secondary graduates.

### **Research and Development**

#### [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#)

**Description:**To strengthen the ability of Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals, and other not-for-profit institutions to carry out world-class research and technology development that will benefit Canadians.

#### [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#)

**Description:**Major federal health research funding agency for universities, hospitals and research institutes has research programs matching industry partner's financial contributions.

#### [Communications Research Centre Canada - Industry Canada](#)

**Description:**Helps SMEs take part in strategic R&D collaborations that leverage CRC's activities, resulting in knowledge and technology transfer that benefit Canadian industry, the economy and Canadians.

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#### [Mitacs Accelerate](#)

**Description:**A unique cost-shared R and D internship program which connects companies with Canadian universities' research expertise, in all disciplines.

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#### [Ontario Emerging Technologies Fund - Ontario Capital Growth Corporation](#)

**Description:**To leverage private sector capital in clean technology, life sciences and advanced health technologies, digital media and information and communications technology sectors.

#### [Ontario Innovation Tax Credit \(OITC\)](#)

**Description:**The Ontario Innovation Tax Credit (OITC) is a refundable tax credit. It is available to all corporations that perform scientific research and experimental development (SR and ED) in Ontario.

#### [Ontario Research and Development Tax Credit](#)

**Description:**Tax credit for Scientific Research and Experimental Development expenditures.

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#### [Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Incentive Program - Canada Revenue Agency](#)

**Description:**The largest single source of federal support for industrial R and D. Investment tax credits for expenditures such as wages, materials, machinery, equipment, some overhead, and SR and ED contracts.

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## Southern Ontario

### [Scientists and Engineers in Business Initiative](#)

**Description:**Scientists and Engineers in Business is designed to help improve the business and management skills of entrepreneurs in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields by improving access to financing and/or providing business support.

## Business Support Services

### **Aurora Chamber of Commerce**

Serves The Town of Aurora

905 727-7262

Promotion of the commercial, retail and industrial enterprises in Aurora.

<http://www.aurorachamber.on.ca/>

### **York Small Business Enterprise Centre**

17250 Yonge Street

Serves small businesses in the northern six York Region municipalities: Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

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The York Small Business Enterprise Centre, (YSBEC) is managed by the Regional Municipality of Yorks Economic Strategy Branch. They focus on providing support to both new start-ups and existing small businesses.

<http://www.yorksmallbusiness.ca>