FOOD & BEVERAGE INCENTIVES



INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY

Agri-Innovation Program

Provides funding to accelerate commercialization, adoption and/or demonstration of innovative agri-based products. The repayable contribution covers up to 50% of total eligible costs up to \$10 million. agr.gc.ca/agriinnovate

Canadian Agricultural Partnership

GF3 is a federal-provincial initiative that focuses on innovation, competitiveness and market development to ensure Canadian producers and processors have the tools and resources they need to continue to innovate and capitalize on emerging market opportunities.

omafra.gov.on.ca

Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)

Provides financial support to qualified small and medium-sized enterprises (less than 500 employees) in Canada to assist with technology innovation. *nrc.canada.ca*

Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program

The SR&ED Program is a tax-incentive program that encourages Canadian businesses to conduct research and development in Canada. *cra-arc.gc.ca*

Strategic Innovation Fund

Provides financial aid for projects across various organizations with the goal of accelerating commercialization and technology on a national level. *ic.gc.ca*

ENERGY

Energy Efficiency for Industry Financial Assistance

Offers cost-shared assistance to industrial companies to implement energy management projects. *nrcan.gc.ca*

Save-on-Energy

Save-on-Energy offers saving incentives and programs: Retrofit Program, High Performance New Construction, Process and Systems and Demand Response. *saveonenergy.ca*



TALENT

Achieving Innovation and Manufacturing Excellence – AIME

AIME offers manufacturers in south, central and eastern Ontario up to \$50,000 to offset the costs of training or skills development to support innovation. **yveslandryfoundation.com**

Canada-Ontario Job Grant

Provides funding to individuals identified by employers in need of skills improvement. The grant covers up to two-thirds of eligible training costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per individual. *tcu.gov.on.ca*



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RESOURCES

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

A Federal government agency working with farmers and food producers to support the growth and development of a competitive, innovative and sustainable Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector. agr.gc.ca

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

Mitigating risks to food safety is the CFIA's highest priority, and the health and safety of Canadians is the driving force behind the design and development of CFIA programs. *inspection.gc.ca*

Canadian Institute of Food Science & Technology (CIFST)

CIFST is the national association for food industry professionals with more than 1,200 members, comprised of scientists and technologists in industry, government and academia. *cifst.ca*

Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA)

A not-for-profit organization that represents companies actively involved in the marketing of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables. *cpma.ca*

District Venture Kitchen

District Venture Kitchen focuses on helping early-stage food processors commercialize the development of their food products.

districtventurekitchen.com

Food & Beverage Ontario

A provincial professional Food and Beverage leadership organization dedicated to Ontario's food and beverage processors.

foodandbeverageontario.ca

Food Innovation & Research Studio (FIRSt) George Brown

Research facility that specializes in getting new food products into market and onto store shelves. It offers access to technical resources, facilities and networking opportunities.

georgebrown.ca

Ontario Agri-Food Technologies (OAFT)

OAFT supports the research, development and commercialization of new agri-food technologies in Ontario to remain competitive in the global markets. **oaft.org**

Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE)

OCE works in collaboration with Innovation Networks to connect Ontario-based industry to research expertise in Ontario. *oce-ontario.org*

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)

OMAFRA is responsible for the development of the food, agriculture and rural sectors of Ontario by investing in the development and transfer of innovative technologies, retaining and attracting investment. *omafra.gov.on.ca*



BUILDING A CYBERSECURITY ECOSYSTEM:

As Advanced Manufacturing continues to move towards a digital world, Cybersecurity is becoming a critical component to business operations. Brampton is on the leading edge of cybersecurity and is home to the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, a national centre for innovation and collaboration in cybersecurity, and a variety of programs in cybersecurity through The Chang School and Sheridan College.

The Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst provides training and certification, commercial acceleration and support for cyber scale-ups, applied research and development, and public education.

Specialized incubation and accelerator space is also available through **the Brampton Innovation Zone, RIC Centre** (Research Innovation and Commercialization)

