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City of Brampton strengthens local cybersecurity ecosystem with renewed partnership

Agreement with Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst boosts innovation, security and talent development

BRAMPTON, ON (June 5, 2025) – The City of Brampton is reinforcing its commitment to cybersecurity excellence by renewing a five-year, \$5 million agreement with Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) to operate Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst (Catalyst) in downtown Brampton.

Under the renewed partnership, the Catalyst will enhance cybersecurity awareness, offer specialized training and provide targeted support to Brampton-based businesses and community organizations. This initiative will nurture local cybersecurity talent, bolster entrepreneurial ventures and energize community cybersecurity initiatives.

Established as a cornerstone of the Brampton Innovation District, the Catalyst positions Brampton as a leading cybersecurity hub, especially within key sectors such as advanced manufacturing, smart infrastructure and automotive.

Since 2020, the Catalyst has significantly impacted Canada's cybersecurity landscape, achieving notable milestones:

- Supported 60 cybersecurity startups through the Catalyst Cyber Accelerator program.
- Provided experiential cybersecurity training via the Catalyst Cyber Range to over 50 organizations.
- Launched the RBC FinSec Incubator for early stage cyber and fintech companies.
- Introduced, supported and propelled more than 1,000 girls, women and non-binary individuals into cybersecurity careers.
- Attracted more than 200 attendees annually at the Catalyst Summit, hosted in Brampton.
- Showcased 195 Canadian cybersecurity businesses and counting, through the Buy Canadian Cyber directory, championing homegrown innovation and putting local solutions in the global spotlight.

The renewal underscores the City's dedication to safeguarding the integrity, security and resilience of its digital infrastructure.

Quotes

"This renewed partnership with Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst reinforces Brampton's commitment to being a global leader in cybersecurity. Our continued investment in cybersecurity training, innovation and entrepreneurship not only strengthens local businesses but positions Brampton at the forefront of protecting Canada's digital future."

- *Patrick Brown, Mayor, City of Brampton*

“The Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst plays a pivotal role in our Innovation District, driving growth and creating high-value employment opportunities in Brampton. This renewed agreement solidifies Brampton as the Cybersecurity Capital of Canada, and a hub for innovation and economic prosperity.”

- *Gurpartap Singh Toor, Regional Councillor, Wards 9 & 10; Chair, Economic Development, City of Brampton*

“Investing in cybersecurity initiatives like Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst empowers Brampton’s diverse talent pool and entrepreneurial community. This renewal further solidifies our commitment to fostering a secure, resilient and innovative digital landscape for all residents and businesses.”

- *Rowena Santos, Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5; Vice-Chair, Economic Development, City of Brampton*

“This continued collaboration with Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst enhances Brampton’s role as a leader in cybersecurity, directly benefiting our local economy by attracting top talent, supporting innovative startups and strengthening our business community’s security and competitiveness.”

- *Denise McClure, Director, Economic Development, City of Brampton*

“This renewed investment underscores our shared commitment to advancing cybersecurity excellence and innovation. Through the Catalyst, TMU is strengthening Canada’s national cyber capacity while deepening its growing presence in Brampton.”

- *Mohamed Lachemi, President and Vice-Chancellor of Toronto Metropolitan University*

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As one of the fastest-growing cities in Canada, Brampton is home to nearly 800,000 people and more than 110,000 businesses. People are at the heart of everything we do. We are energized by our diverse communities, we attract investment and we are embarking on a journey to lead technological and environmental innovation. We partner for progress to build a healthy city that is safe, sustainable and successful. Connect with us on [X](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#). Learn more at [brampton.ca](#).

About the City of Brampton’s Economic Development Office

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About the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst

Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst is Toronto Metropolitan University’s national centre for training, innovation and collaboration in cybersecurity. Since its founding in 2018, the Catalyst has grown into Canada’s most active cybersecurity hub, earning a global reputation for delivering high-impact programs and driving innovative solutions to critical technology security challenges.

A not-for-profit corporation, the Catalyst collaborates with governments at all levels, public and private organizations, and academic institutions. Headquartered in Brampton, Ontario’s Innovation District, the Catalyst delivers its programs across Canada and around the world. Learn more at [cybersecurecatalyst.ca](#).

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