Overview

# Campus Alberta Small Business Engagement (CASBE) Program

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Donor: Alberta Innovates
Location: Canada
Deadline: 18 December 2026

Open

## Purpose and scope

Alberta Innovates issues and administers the Campus Alberta Small Business Engagement (CASBE) Program, which provides grant funding under an Investment Agreement for collaborative research between Alberta post-secondary researchers and Alberta SMEs in Alberta.

## Funding

The Alberta Innovates contribution is up to CAD 300,000 per proposal over the project term, with an annual cap of CAD 150,000. Projects may run for up to 2 years. In the NSERC-Matched stream, Alberta Innovates matches the NSERC contribution dollar-for-dollar, up to CAD 150,000 per year; NSERC funds its share under the applicable Alliance or ARD terms.

## Who can apply

The Applicant must be an Alberta post-secondary institution on the Government of Alberta publicly funded institution list; the institution, not the individual researcher, is the Applicant. It must have a physical presence in Alberta, be authorized to undertake the project and execute Alberta Innovates' standard grant agreement, not be prohibited from Alberta Innovates funding, and maintain good financial standing with Alberta Innovates, InnoTech Alberta and C-FER Technologies. For the NSERC-Matched stream, the Applicant and Applicant Representative, and the project, must meet the applicable NSERC Alliance or ARD requirements.

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## Priorities

Researchers are strongly encouraged to discuss institutional commercialization processes, including IP, industry engagement and spin-out pathways, before applying. Discussion of project scope and alignment with the ET&T team is optional but strongly recommended. Applicants with a previously submitted or similar project are advised to contact the ET&T team before submitting.

## Sources

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