

Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)

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**Alternative and Emerging Species
Workshop**

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Where is IRAP?

*We meet with clients
at their business
location.*



IRAP at a glance

- Since 1947
- Present in all provinces, 120 locations
- Serving 13,000+ clients/ year
- Clients in all sectors
- Funding: 3,000+ clients
- Field Staff: 255 ITAs

Advisory services

Our ITAs work with clients through every aspect of the innovation process, providing:

- technical and business advice
- referrals to other programs and services
- linkages and networking to appropriate resources / expertise searches
- strategic intelligence

IRAP funding programs

- **IRAP Core:** Assists Canadian **SMEs** with their R&D projects with the intention and potential to grow the firm, and provides funding to a small # of **organizations** that provide direct services to innovative SMEs.
- **Youth Employment Program (YEP):** Helps SMEs hire highly-skilled post-secondary graduates
- **Youth Employment Program Green:** Helps SMEs increase their *green* innovation capacity through the hiring of youth
- **Concierge:** Assists SMEs in navigating the many available innovation and support programs/resources and selecting the best options to help them innovate and grow.
- **CanExport** (co-managed with GAC): *Supports SMEs develop export markets.*

Core IRAP funding - firms

Target:

- Small companies with the potential and willingness to grow through innovation

Purpose:

- To encourage investment in R&D activities that have clear commercialization goals

Scale:

- 1,700 new and unique CAs/ year



Core IRAP funding - Orgs

Helps small firms by funding organizations like PEIAA and CATC that provide innovation support services to SMEs that are complementary to IRAP's services.



Youth Employment Program (YEP)

Target:

- Technology-focused SMEs looking to build their technical capacity

Purpose:

- To support SMEs in increasing their innovation capacity through the hiring of post-secondary graduates

Duration: of internships:

- 6 to 12 months

Youth Employment Program **GREEN**

Target:

- Technology-focused SMEs looking to build their technical capacity

Purpose:

- To support SMEs is increasing their green innovation capacity through the hiring of youth (ages 15-30).

Duration of internships:

- 3 to 6 months

Thank You

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