

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA INNOVATION COUNCIL**

The British Columbia Innovation Council (BCIC) develops entrepreneurial talent and commercializes technology through start-up companies and partnerships between industry and academia to solve real world problems through direct and applied research. BCIC focuses on competitively positioning BC in today's global knowledge economy in order to provide significant employment opportunities and a high standard of living for British Columbians.

### **Entrepreneurial Talent Development and Retention**

BCIC helps to foster an environment that encourages people to become technology entrepreneurs while building the entrepreneurial infrastructure and high quality jobs that will allow them to stay in BC.

### **Commercialization of Technology**

BCIC is building a network of incubators inside educational institutions to train students to be entrepreneurs and launch start-up companies. These students will become the future business leaders of the province who will help drive the provincial economy. Similarly, the Council is building a network of business accelerators to rapidly grow early stage technology companies as BC shifts from a resource to a knowledge-based economy.

### **Technology Awareness**

Underlying all its programs and initiatives is the Council's intention to increase awareness of BC's science and technology sectors domestically and internationally. BCIC does this by linking BC companies to international growth opportunities and increasing awareness of BC achievements.

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