

Future Ready Program

Applications open for rolling intake, up to \$10k available per company

THE OPPORTUNITY

The **Future Ready Program** supports companies that are looking to **upskill or reskill existing staff** to support the adoption of Critical Technologies.

SME BENEFITS

- Upskilled/reskilled talent for strategic business growth
- Up to \$10k from OCI
- Network development
- Ecosystem navigation support
- Strategic innovation partners

PROGRAM DETAILS

Future Ready provides up to \$10k in matched funding for companies to hire external, third-party subject matter experts for employee training in areas relating to the adoption and implementation of Critical Technologies.



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ELIGIBILITY

- Open to Ontario-based, for-profit, Small- and-Medium-Enterprises (<500 staff)
- Training must focus on at least 1 of the named critical technologies
- SMEs should operate in at least one of the named key sectors
- Maximum of \$10k funding per company (no limit on number of employees to be trained)
- Funding to be matched 1:1 by SME

APPLICANT PROFILE

This program is suitable for Ontario SMEs with employees that would benefit from upskilling or reskilling in areas related to the named CIT critical technologies.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The first step is to contact an OCI Business Development Manager (BD) to determine project eligibility and program compatibility. See the Business Development Directory here.

- Discussion with OCI Business Development Manager
- Submission of online application with BD Manager support
- OCI Review Process (Internal)
- 4 Decision and next steps

Apply to the <u>CIT Future Ready Service List</u> to join the growing list of approved training providers.



