

CRITICAL INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES

Technology Access Program

Applications open for rolling intake

THE OPPORTUNITY

Ontario Small-and-Medium-Enterprises (SME) can **validate an existing product or solution** with no-cost access to a Technology Development Site (Dev Site).

SME BENEFITS

- No-cost access to cutting-edge Dev Site testing facilities
- Increase momentum for market penetration
- Product validation in unique industrial environments and/or with critical technology applications
- Network development
- Ecosystem navigation support
- Publicity
- Strategic innovation partners

PROGRAM DETAILS

The **Technology Access Program** helps Ontario products hit new markets faster by providing no-cost access to a Technology Development Site (Dev Site) for strategic testing and validation.

Technology Development Sites (Dev Site) unlock an operational environment that reflect target markets for SMEs to validate their solutions, accelerating their go-to-market timeline within CIT core sectors.

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ELIGIBILITY

- Open to Ontario-based, for-profit, Small-and-Medium-Enterprises (<500 staff)
- SME solution must incorporate at least one of the named Critical Technologies
- Required usage of at least 1 Dev Site
- Up to 6 months of no-cost Dev Site access
- Explore the growing roster of Dev Site sites and their testing services online

APPLICANT PROFILE

This program is suitable for companies that have developed a solution employing critical technologies but have not yet had the opportunity to validate in real-life environments for their target market.

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 <u>here</u>.

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

