Ontario universities’ partnerships with industry, organizations, and communities prepare students for the workplace, drive research and innovation, create jobs and help grow the economy.

Our partners include large employers such as RBC, Sun Life Financial and IBM, local businesses such as winemakers and food producers, technology start-ups, and public sector institutions such as hospitals.

Discover more about these 50 examples at ontariosuniversities.ca/50-partnerships-with-businesses
### Building Vibrant Communities

**Job Creation**

1. Ryerson University partnered with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to found Magnet Hub, harnessing job-matching technology to address unemployment and underemployment.
2. Trent University researchers created Noblegen Inc., a water purification and biotech company that now has 30 employees.
3. The University of Toronto’s entrepreneur-ship hubs help students commercialize their ideas, garnering more than $38.7 million in investment and generating $5.1 million in sales in 2015–16.

### Shared Space and Infrastructure

4. Lakehead University’s new Centre for Advanced Science and Engineering Studies will work with businesses on sustainable resources development and prepare students for jobs in the mining sector.
5. Laurentian University’s Jim Fielding Innovation and Commercialization Space will coordinate investors, alumni, mentors and the community to support youth-led ventures.
6. OCAD University’s Imagination Catalyst develops entrepreneurial talent among students, alumni, researchers and faculty as well as creative people across the GTA.
7. The University of Toronto’s Centre for Engineering Innovation & Entrepreneurship partners with regional businesses to support the cities’ strategic priorities.
8. UOIT’s ACE Climatic Wind Tunnel is a unique facility for the development and testing of new technologies, accessible to a variety of community and industry partners.

### Partnering for Community Success

9. University of Guelph’s International Institute for Critical Studies in Improvisation partners with community organizations to use the power of improvisation for social change.
10. Laurentian University and businesses teamed up on a mobile research lab to work on preventing occupational illness and to address the needs of northern communities.
11. McMaster University’s Research Shop connects student learning with community research needs, helping organizations make research-informed decisions.
12. iBEST is a unique partnership between Ryerson University and St. Michael’s Hospital, working with industry and community partners to improve health care.
13. University of Toronto researchers partner with the City of Barrie, the Barrie Community Family Health Team, and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to enhance collaboration between health-care services.
14. Western University’s WORLDiscovers draws on industry connections, market knowledge and business expertise to help researchers commercialize discoveries.
15. A partnership between the University of Waterloo and Grand River Hospital connects researchers with hospital clinicians to do joint research projects and share expertise.
16. CityStudio serves as an innovation hub where Wilfrid Laurier students, researchers, City of Waterloo and/or Brantford staff and community stakeholders co-create solutions to support the cities’ strategic priorities.

### Driving a Dynamic Province

**Connecting Researchers to Business**

17. BioLinc at Brock University facilitates collaboration between research and businesses, housing companies, researchers and students in the bioscience sector.
18. Carleton University’s Front Door connects local and regional companies with researchers for joint research and development projects.
19. Carleton University’s Industry and Partnership Services brings companies and researchers together, identifying research that matches business needs.
20. The University of Guelph’s Food Innovation Centre partners with businesses in the food industry, offering research services in areas such as safety, quality and cost-effectiveness.
21. UOIT’s Partnerships Portfolio connects researchers to more than 300 industry partners to advance real-world impacts of research.
22. Queen’s University’s Office of Partnerships and Innovation advances partnerships with local industry and non-profits, and helps researchers move discoveries to market.

**Research Partnerships with Industry**

23. The BRAIN Alliance network of universities and public and private institutions conducts state-of-the-art research on big data and knowledge mobilization.
24. Researchers at Brock University’s Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute work with industry partners to solve problems unique to the grape and wine industry, contributing more than $91 million and the equivalent of 307 jobs in 2014–15.
25. iCity is a collaboration between researchers at the University of Toronto, OCAD University, the University of Waterloo, Esri Canada, and IBM Canada to improve transportation and create sustainable cities.
26. McMaster University leads research initiatives in the automotive industry where researchers, students, government and industry address transportation and urban planning challenges.
27. The McMaster University Manufacturing Research Institute helps meet the R & D needs of manufacturers in automotive, aerospace, biomedical and other industries.
28. Queen’s University and Enviro Innovate Corp. created a cleantech accelerator that has grown into the South Eastern Ontario Cleantech Cluster.
29. The University of Toronto Electric Vehicle Research Centre is a partnership with the Havelaar Group, focused on developing new technologies for electric vehicles.
30. The Multi-Scale Additive Manufacturing Lab at the University of Waterloo works with industry partners on innovations in industrial 3-D printing.
31. Engineering researchers at the University of Waterloo work with telecom firm Ciena on solutions in data transmission and connectivity.
32. University of Waterloo researchers are partnering with CooperVision on innovations in contact lenses and other ophthalmic technology.