

Small Project Accelerated Review Process (ARP)

National Research Council – Industrial Research and Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP)

What is it?

The Small Project Accelerated Review Process (ARP) provides grants of up to \$50,000 to allow small and medium-sized businesses to address technology, business and market-oriented needs. The grants cover 75 per cent of consulting costs and 100 per cent of internal labour.

What is the benefit to your company?

Support of up to \$50,000 will help your business grow by addressing a wide range of technology, business and market-oriented needs, covering 75 per cent of consulting costs and 100 per cent of internal labour costs. A streamlined application process provides rapid turnaround.



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Who Qualifies?

Eligible firms must be:

- incorporated and for-profit with 500 or less full-time employees;
- have a separate legal status and operate in Canada; and
- have the objective to grow and generate profits through the adoption, development and commercialization of innovative or technology-driven products, services or processes.

What Qualifies?

Eligible projects include:

- small research and development projects limited in scope and nature
- assessment of technology needs for adoption of technology
- lean manufacturing/productivity systems
- technical feasibility studies
- product design, engineering design, design for manufacture
- prototype engineering
- engineering process analysis
- productivity enhancement studies
- development of business, sales and marketing plans, and image creation (branding)
- development of e-commerce enabled website (or website upgrading)
- development of international strategies or supply chain strategies
- competitive market research and competitive intelligence studies
- feasibility study/assessment for new service or product venture
- financial/corporate restructure for improved growth potential



What Qualifies continued?

- Intellectual Property (IP) assessment, planning and strategy assistance
- first patent application (not CIPs nor other country filings)
- licensing and commercialization strategy
- research- or technology evaluation-related travel and living expenses
- diagnostics (business or technical)
- other projects not entirely technical in nature

How do I apply?

To apply, contact your local Industrial Technology Advisor, or contact NRC-IRAP at 1-877-994-4727 (toll free).

Where can I find more information?

For information on NRC-IRAP, or to reach an Industrial Technology Advisor (ITA) please contact the NRC-IRAP regional office nearest to you by calling the toll-free number (1-877-994-4727) which will automatically connect you with the appropriate regional office.

We're here to help!

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