



CRITICAL
INDUSTRIAL
TECHNOLOGIES

Future Ready Program

**Rolling Applications Open,
up to \$10k available.**

THE OPPORTUNITY

The **Future Ready Program** supports companies that are looking to **upskill or reskill existing staff** to support the adoption of Critical Technologies and commercialize new products or services for the key sectors.

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 to train their employees in the adoption and implementation of Critical Technologies.



 **Get started with the OCI Intake Form**

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 or supply solutions to 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 that are developing or implementing solutions employing named critical technologies and have employees that would benefit from upskilling and reskilling to help support these 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](#).

- 1** Discussion with Business Development Manager
- 2** Completion of Online Application
- 3** Review Process (Internal/Committee/External)
- 4** Final Decision



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