

# Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative

The Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative (OAFRI) provides funding to advance key agri-food research, innovation and commercialization projects for the province by partnering directly with businesses and organizations. OAFRI turns innovative ideas into marketable solutions that increase the competitiveness, sustainability and strength of Ontario's agri-food sector.

**Applicants** from any Ontario organization with capacity to carry out research and innovation projects can apply to the calls for applications\*.

**Priorities** from the Ministry Research Agenda are integrated into OAFRI research call; projects must align with at least one identified priority area\*.

**TRL** or Technology Readiness Levels, are used to distinguish between streams.

**Grow Ontario** strategy is supported by the outcomes of these funding opportunities.

**Funding Streams** include 4 key intake streams across the innovation continuum\*\*.

\*Learn more about these funding opportunities including eligibility, priorities, deadlines and how to apply, on the OAFRI website.

## \*\*OAFRI Funding Streams:

1. **Applied Research** projects at the research and experimental development stages (TRLs 1-5).
2. **Pilot and Demonstration** projects are trying to complete the prototype development (TRL 6) of a future technology to be commercialized.
3. **Commercialization** projects seeking market validation or product development grants (TRL 1-9). Also introducing a new **Grow Ontario Accelerator Hub** supporting companies by providing mentoring and advisory services in agri-food business acceleration, growth planning, and investment readiness.
4. **Knowledge Translation and Transfer** or KTT projects support the mobilization and synthesis of research findings and solutions.

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