



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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About SDTC

Clean technologies have the power to transform the world. Canadian companies have what it takes to lead that transformation. Where others see waste, they see source material. When others see broken systems, they see market gaps to be filled. And in this time of economic uncertainty, they are charging ahead.

Such companies need funding to help to commercialize their ideas and take them to the next level.

That's where we come in. As an independent federal foundation and the largest funder of cleantech SMEs in Canada, SDTC provides non-repayable contributions to Canadian entrepreneurs. We find, fund and foster the entrepreneurs who will lead the transition to a net-zero economy.

Benefits of SDTC funding

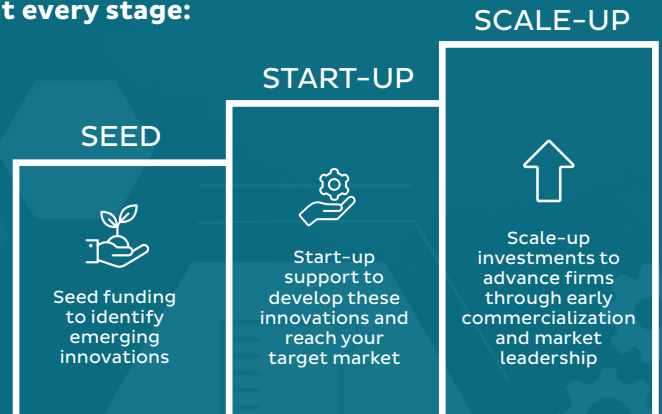
We support companies attempting to do extraordinary things. This means we spend time getting to know the people who are instrumental to making those companies successful – entrepreneurs, financiers, policymakers – and finding out what we can do to champion their collective success. We also recognize that cleantech spans many sectors of our economy and covers a broad range of technologies.

By joining our portfolio, companies can benefit from our deep understanding of Canada's entrepreneurial support systems and our extensive network of federal and provincial partners. We also create forums where companies can benefit from each other's shared experiences and make connections with peers at different stages of business growth.

SDTC investments serve as a springboard to help companies unlock future investment, customers and support. We also work collaboratively with federal and provincial public funding partners to make it easier for companies to find additional sources of funding.

Our portfolio of star performers from across Canada are regularly cited as best in class. They are at the forefront of innovations in their sectors. From seed to scale-up, we are proud to support the entrepreneurs who will create the sustainable economy that Canada and the world needs.

Moving at the speed of business, we catalyze cleantech innovation at every stage:



Since 2001...



\$269.8M
estimated annual costs avoided due to air quality, clean water and clean soil benefits

22.4 megatonnes CO₂
estimated annual GHG emissions² reduction attributable to SDTC-supported cleantech

That's like taking almost **7 million** cars off the roads every year



\$7.22B
estimated total follow-on financing generated by SDTC-funded companies since 2001



\$1.38B
SDTC funding to climate tech projects

To learn more about other companies we've funded: visit sdtc.ca



Email us at applications@sdtc.ca to set up an introductory call to learn more



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Funding for scale-ups: accelerating your growth

If you've already entered your target market and are on the path to delivering meaningful environmental outcomes, we want to help accelerate your growth and enhance market adoption. SDTC's Scale-up funding helps high-potential and high-growth companies with a distinct Canadian advantage bring their unique solutions to the global market.

How it works

SDTC's scale-up funding targets the needs of high-growth companies: those with growing revenues, a clear path to profitability and the potential to deliver significant environmental benefits in the short to medium term.

At this stage of your business journey, your technology has been developed and market tested. You now want to scale your business here in Canada, strengthen your competitive advantage and unlock a larger customer base - whether exporting to new markets, building on your existing technology or developing new products and services.

We run a competitive funding process, working on a continuous intake basis and approving funding every two months. If you're ready, we want to work with you. After an initial screening process, we'll match you with an Investment Lead who will guide you through our funding process.

We recognize that every company is unique, and the funding needed to scale may vary. While our average contribution is \$2-5 M, we have the ability to provide larger contributions (typically up to \$10 M), with these funds disbursed in five years or less. We will work with you to determine what funding is needed to get you to the next stage.

Is my company eligible for funding?

- ✔ A Canadian company that will demonstrate strong Canadian benefits with a defined project.
- ✔ A product or service that has the potential to deliver significant and quantifiable environmental benefits in the short-to-medium term resulting from commercial-scale deployment.
- ✔ A novel technology that is supported by intellectual property owned by the company and a strategy to enable future growth.
- ✔ A defined project supported by a business plan that accelerates growth and achieves profitability.
- ✔ A potential customer or end use partner who can validate market need.

Think you
may be a match?



Email us at applications@sdtc.ca
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How we evaluate scale-up companies for funding

When considering your application, here are some of the questions we'll ask:

Strength of technology innovation

What is the potential magnitude of the environmental and economic benefits?

How is the technology better than existing technologies and emerging competitors?

Do you have a well-developed IP strategy that is core to your business strategy? How strong is your IP?

Management capability

Do you have a qualified and well-rounded management team, with the business skills and experience to grow the company's revenues and put it on a path to profitability?

Are you supported by a board of directors and strategic advisors that complement your management team?

Technology readiness

How will the proposed project accelerate your business plan?

Have your products or services reached the market?

Have you established relationships with strategic customers who will help you demonstrate your solution?

Business plan and path to market

Can you demonstrate a compelling value proposition from a customer perspective?

Do you have a business plan to support your growth and financial sustainability?

Do you have a detailed understanding of the size and segmentation of your target market and the competitive landscape?

Financial strength

How much capital will your company need to finance its growth plan and achieve profitability?

What is your ability to finance your growth?

What success have you had in raising private sector funding?

Other considerations:

33% SDTC funds on average 33% (up to 40%) of eligible project costs.



At least 25% of the eligible costs must be funded through private sector contributions (including in-kind).



At least 50% of eligible project costs must be incurred in Canada, allowing for out-of-country demonstration to test market potential.