The Northern Innovation Program supports the vision of the *Growth Plan for Northern Ontario* by supporting the development and commercialization of new technologies that will contribute to future prosperity in Northern Ontario, and by fostering collaboration and partnerships among the private sector, academic institutions and research institutes.

Eligible projects must involve research and development or commercialization activities for new technologies in the targeted sectors identified and further described in the Growth Plan.

Preference is given to projects falling under the following sectors:

- natural resources
- advanced manufacturing
- clean technology
- health sciences
- the bioeconomy
- the digital economy

The purpose of this program stream is to assist Northern Ontario businesses to undertake applied research or pre-commercialization activities required to further develop their new technologies and move them to market.
What is Eligible?

Eligible costs are those that are incurred by the applicant after the effective date of the complete application that, in the opinion of the NOHFC, are necessary and directly relate to the project.

Eligible costs include:
- direct internal technical labour costs for up to one year of the project’s duration
- prototyping costs (engineering and design services and component purchase, fabrication and installation costs)
- product testing
- intellectual property protection costs

What is Not Eligible?

Ineligible costs include, but are not limited to:
- land
- working capital
- administrative or other indirect operating costs
- business case or business plan development
- travel, accommodation and meeting costs
- office equipment and furnishings
- vehicles