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Biotechnology in Ontario

Ontario has a vibrant biotechnology sector with strengths in the bio-medical, pharmaceutical, medical devices, agricultural-biotechnology and biomaterials field.

Most start-up companies (70%) are created from science developed at universities and both provincial and federal governments are promoting commercialization. The MaRS Discovery District in Toronto is dedicated to accelerating the rate of successful commercialization of new discoveries in Canada.

The Provincial government supports four Ontario Centres of Excellence, a program established to strengthen research linkages between academia and industry and has committed \$20 million to the establishment of Biotechnology Commercialization Centres.

The federal government has supported commercialization through the establishment of the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE), a program connecting academic and industry researchers. Since 1994, five biotechnology NCEs have spun out 33 companies to commercialize new technologies.

Ontario's R&D Infrastructure

Ontario's universities and public research institutions have proven themselves to be a constant source of new ideas and materials with commercial applications.

Seventeen of Canada's top 50 research universities are located in Ontario, seven of which - led by the University of Toronto - attract more than \$100 million in sponsored research funding annually. During 2004, Ontario universities attracted 37% of all sponsored research income in Canada.*

In addition to more than 150 university and college research centres, Ontario hosts an array of publicly funded and not-for-profit research organizations.

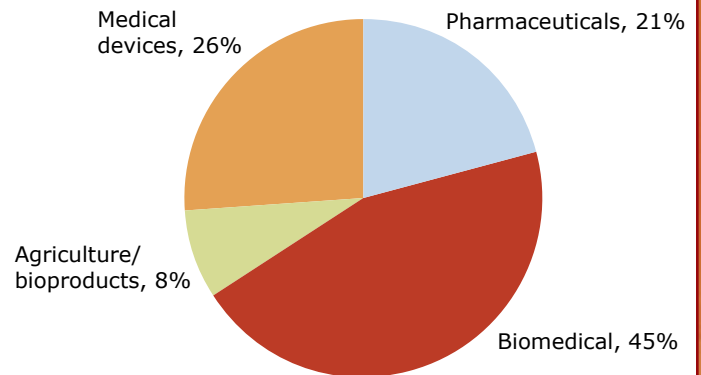
Source: <http://www.biotechontario.com>

Statistics

Companies	129
Employees	3500
Revenues	\$2 billion
R&D expenditure	\$453 million

Source: Statistics Canada

Ontario Employment by Sector



Source: Government of Ontario, <http://www.2ontario.com/> unless otherwise indicated

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