SAIT

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF APPLIED RESEARCH IN CANADA



SAIT'S 2026–28
Applied Research Plan

APPLIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SERVICES (ARIS) HUB

AMBITION

To be Canada's top applied research hub.

PURPOSE

With our partners, we develop solutions to applied research initiatives.



CORE VALUES

E **P** **I** **I** **C**

- **Excellence:** We deliver on what we promise and work to exceed expectations.
- **Passionate:** We genuinely care about every aspect of what we do and are committed to our partners, communities and students.
- **Innovation:** We think creatively and are constantly looking for new and better ways to solve problems and embrace opportunities. We are dynamic, agile and visionary. We are not afraid to challenge the status quo or the way things have been done before.
- **Integrity:** We uphold the highest ethical standards and promote trust and respect. We make decisions without any preconceptions or biases, treating everyone fairly and equally.
- **Community:** We work together with a commitment to support, encourage and challenge each other. We value everyone within and outside our Hub for their time, views and contribution. We value shared knowledge, skills and experiences to facilitate novel solutions and learning for all of us.

OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

ADVANCE LEADERSHIP IN APPLIED RESEARCH

Be the recognized leader in applied research, shaping standards and inspiring investment through excellence.

- Increase participation in multi-year and/or multi-agency national projects
- Strengthen post-secondary institute research collaborations
- Participate in global grant opportunities, such as Horizon Europe
- Build future-ready data-driven skills and demonstrate capabilities

ELEVATE LIFE-LONG LEARNING ENGAGEMENT

Create a connected learning ecosystem where students, faculty, alumni and partners collaborate to advance research and innovation.

- Strengthen knowledge dissemination, thought mobilization and collaborative knowledge networks
- Expand and promote experiential engagement opportunities
- Synthesize research findings into program courses
- Increase student engagement (diploma, degree, post-doc) in applied research

EXPAND PARTNER NETWORKS

Be the catalyst for regional, national and global collaboration — driving growth, innovation and lasting impact through strategic partnerships.

- Pursue non-traditional partnerships and multi-disciplinary opportunities
- Collaborate with Corporate Development and International in emerging markets
- Expand Industry Night and Alberta Corridor Technical Symposium
- Formalize engagement with ARIS alumni

CHAMPION A CULTURE OF RESILIENCY AND ADAPTABILITY

Cultivate a research culture where sustainability and growth enable people and innovation to thrive.

- Develop sustainable funding models for the research centres
- Define growth path for staff from early career to senior researchers
- Increase connections with applied research landscape decision-makers and influencers
- Elevate supervisory leadership and safety competency

ARIS HUB

The ARIS Hub is one of Canada's top applied research hubs with state-of-the-art research labs and facilities. Our full-time research staff provide the services organizations need to take their products from concept to prototype.

The ARIS Hub brings together researchers, innovators, industry, communities, entrepreneurs and institutions, with students to develop skills and collaborate on new ideas, technologies and products that impact economic and environmental advancements across Canada and the globe.



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MINDSET

Mindsets shape how we approach research, innovation and collaboration. They influence the way we respond to challenges, engage with others and seize opportunities. The right mindsets create the foundation for success.

CURIOSITY | CULTURAL WAYS OF KNOWING

OPEN-MINDEDNESS | GROWTH | HUB

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