



Commercialization Mandate Policy Framework

Annual Commercialization Plan – Year 2

Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology

1.0 IP Development and Commercialization Successes

Q. Describe your institution’s greatest IP development and/or commercialization success over the Year 2 reporting period, whether it is through programmatic/policy development or a specific case study.

Algonquin College continues to be committed to promoting and engaging in research and innovation that is guided by industry and community needs. Through our ongoing engagement with research and innovation intermediaries, we continue to prioritize collaborative efforts through the local innovation ecosystems that target the development of practical solutions for real-world challenges.

In Year 2 of the Annual Commercialization Plan (ACP), we have focused on improving the level of IP and commercialization education and awareness of faculty, learners, and staff who are engaged in projects with external partners. As a first step to promoting improved understanding and awareness of IP and commercialization, links to the educational resources provided by IPON (including *Intellectual Property Education Program – University of Toronto*, and *Foundations of IP Strategy – Centre for International Governance Innovation*) were added to Algonquin College’s Commercialization Resources page, hosted on the Applied Research website and promoted within the College community through our internal communications platforms.

Further expanding on this, we have incorporated IP and commercialization training into the onboarding of all faculty, learners, and staff working on applied research projects. While completion of this training continued to be voluntary, yet encouraged through the promotion of available resources, throughout Year 2; the launch of our new researcher onboarding model makes this a requirement for all funded research personnel moving forward. The training aims to increase general knowledge of IP and commercialization, as well as inform researchers of their responsibilities with respect to the College’s policies on IP and commercialization.

Toward the objective of strong management and protection of IP, the College is in the process of reviewing our standard Collaborative Research Agreement (CRA), ensuring its clarity, accessibility for partners, and alignment with updated College policies related to IP and Commercialization. Review of our institutional policy on Commercialization was also initiated.

In June 2023, and with support from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the College launched its first internal call for proposals under the Research Development Institute (RDI). The aim of this program is to provide funding to faculty who have strategically aligned research project ideas in collaboration with an industry or community partner. Five successful projects were selected in the Fall of 2023, and subsequently launched. A key goal of this program is to grow opportunities for collaborations with new industry and community partners, increasing access to resources and expertise, resulting in a net benefit for Ontarians.