ORANO PROFILE

Optical Regional Advanced Network of Ontario

ORANO, a not-for-profit organization, is responsible for building and operating the Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION).

ORION is Ontario's leading-edge research and education network, connecting some 90 Ontario universities, colleges, teaching hospitals, cultural institutions, research labs and school boards to one another, to Canada's national research and education network (CANARIE), and to partners around the world at ultra high speeds.

Spanning 5,800 kilometres, with access points in 21 Ontario communities, ORION is among the largest and most advanced research and education networks in the world.

ORION links our researchers, educators and learners - over 1.5 million Ontario students - to knowledge resources, learning opportunities, centres of excellence and research facilities across the province and around the world.

ORION transmits massive amounts of data at the speed of light. This capacity is transforming the way we conduct research and education in Ontario, allowing individuals and institutions to collaborate in ways never before possible. It enables new learning technologies and approaches to education and training to be developed, tested and implemented across the province. It supports innovation in research and enables full participation by Ontario researchers in global scientific activities.

ORANO is committed to finding ways to advance research, innovation, learning, knowledge, technology development, creativity and scientific discovery.

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