



Ontario Centres of  
Excellence

**Where Next Happens**

# Ontario Centres of Excellence Commercializing Innovation Across Ontario

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## Who We Are

- **Leading driver of research commercialization with strategic focus on improving Ontario's competitiveness through innovation**
- **Key partner with industry, universities, colleges, students, research hospitals, investors and governments**
- **Founded in 1987 – merged in 2004**
- **Independent, not-for-profit corporation**
- **Province-wide footprint**



## What We Do

- **Drive economic prosperity and job growth through support for the development and successful transfer of new technologies and innovations from the laboratory to the marketplace**
- **Train, develop and foster employment of the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs and business leaders to enable Ontario companies to succeed in the knowledge-based global economy**
- **Foster a culture of innovation across Ontario**

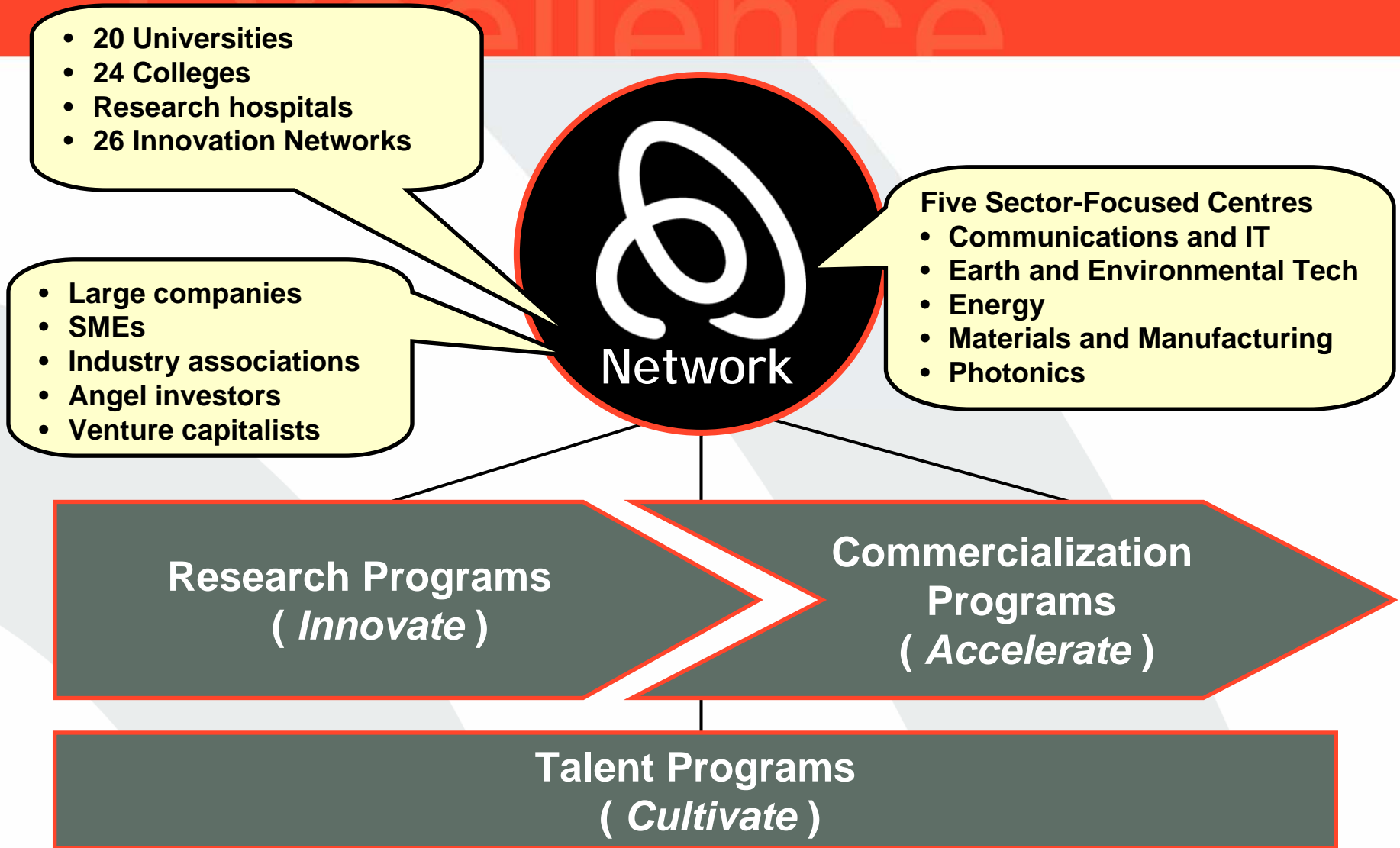


## Innovation Expertise

**Five Centres - each focused on an area vital to the growth and development of the Ontario economy:**

- **Centre for Communications and Information Technology**
- **Centre for Earth and Environmental Technologies**
- **Centre for Energy**
- **Centre for Materials and Manufacturing**
- **Centre for Photonics**

# Network and Program Areas





**China**

**Germany**

**India**

**Israel**

**Spain**

**United Kingdom**

**United States**



- **Leveraged investment**
- **Engaged companies**
- **Enabled researchers**
- **Academia to industry leap**
- **Spin-off companies**
- **Jobs and growth**



## Delivering Results: 2007 – 2008

- **\$24.1 million in 598 research, commercialization and talent projects leveraging \$36.0 million of investment from partners**
- **721 Primary Investigators and 3,031 researchers**
- **1,337 researchers to positions outside their academic institution**
- **38 start-up companies**
- **\$450 million in incremental capital attracted by start-ups**

## **Ontario Market Readiness Program**

- **Investment Accelerator Fund - \$27 million**
- **Business Mentorship and Entrepreneurship Program - \$14.5 million**
- **Build angel investment network - \$2.5 million**

## FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

- **Contact Sport**
- **Team Sport**
- **Great Owners**
- **Great Coaches**
- **Great Players**
- **Great Fans**
- **Investment**

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