Learn how smart ideas are helping Canadians become more innovative and productive

Canada’s leading thinkers are working to unlock better ways to spur innovation and productivity in Canada.

In a rapidly evolving global economy, with a growing service sector, Canadians need skills in arts, education and design alongside expertise in science and technology. Humanities and social sciences researchers are collaborating across disciplines and working with communities, businesses and governments to build Canada’s innovation agenda. Canadians use this knowledge to drive inclusive growth and improve people’s lives.

We’re making Canada a more innovative country by:

- Exploring and testing new methods of organization, creation and production
- Understanding the challenges of adapting to and adopting new technologies
- Strengthening creative and problem-solving skills among entrepreneurs, workers and employers
- Exploring social, environmental, economic and health issues
- Expanding international collaboration to make Canada an innovation centre
- Transforming government practices in the digital era

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