

2017-2018  
Year in Review

# INNOVATION YORK



AGREEMENTS



INDUSTRY  
ENGAGEMENT



KNOWLEDGE  
MOBILIZATION



COMMERCIALIZATION



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Innovation York has a mandate to facilitate and maximize the commercial, economic, and social impacts of research and innovation, and to create a culture of engaged scholarship and experiential learning.

## Our Activity

693



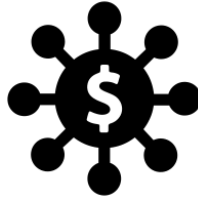
Agreements  
Reviewed

\$33M



Value of  
Agreements

44



Industry-Partnered  
Grants Supported

26



Community  
Projects Brokered

28



KMb Workshops  
Delivered

26



Invention  
Disclosures

\$572K



Commercialization  
Grant Funding

95



Start-up Ventures  
Supported

\$1.5M



Investment/Funding  
Raised by Ventures

41



Entrepreneurship  
Workshops Hosted



## Key Highlights

### AIRD BERLIS

This year Innovation York partnered with Aird & Berlis LLP and Partner Randy Williamson to create the Aird & Berlis StartupSource Market Entry Award. The award has a value of \$25,000 and annually recognizes the top venture from the LaunchYU Accelerator program. The LaunchYU Accelerator is an intensive 4-month program where 20 start-up ventures accelerate their growth. At the end of the program, the top three ventures are named and awarded \$10,000 each. They then move on to compete for the Aird & Berlis award. The 2018 award winner was Senior Care Connect, a one-stop shop for senior care that connects seniors and their families to care options.

### NRC-IRAP

Innovation York has also collaborated with NRC-IRAP to develop and launch a grant that supports industry-driven research projects in artificial intelligence. The grant enables Canadian small- and medium-sized enterprises to partner with York University faculty members and apply for \$10,000. In its inaugural year, ten grants were awarded. One of the ten was awarded to Professors Steven Wang and Xin Gao of the Faculty of Science, and Professor Gary Sweeney of the Faculty of Science; they partnered with uBioDiscovery to conduct a project to identify personalized linkage patterns between microbiome profiles and lifestyle parameters.

### YSpace Markham

YSpace is York University's community innovation hub located in Markham Centre. Developed and managed by Innovation York, YSpace supports innovators and entrepreneurs to create a community of start-up ventures that will scale their impactful businesses in York Region. Innovation York officially launched YSpace in July 2017 with the inaugural Youth Innovation by Design course, in collaboration with the YRDSB, and opened its doors to entrepreneurs in January 2018. The results have been fantastic, with 10 start-up ventures immediately moving into the space. We look forward to seeing great growth in this community.

## Other Key Partners



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