

National Priorities

- **Canada's Superclusters - \$950M public funding matched by the private sector**
 1. Digital Technology Supercluster
 2. Protein Industries Supercluster
 3. Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster
 4. AI-Powered Supply Chains Supercluster (SCAL.AI)
 5. Ocean Supercluster
- **Canada's innovation landscape**
 - Invest 2% GDP in R&D
 - SMEs contribute to > 80% GDP
 - Strong MNE presence in natural resource processing and food processing
 - Manufacturing MNEs include Bombardier, Magna, Linamar, etc.
 - Service sector firms are expanding footprint, Telus Health, Blackberry/QNX
 - Well-established collaborations with global MNEs, including ABB, Ericsson, Siemens



Funding Outlook

- **Federal programs**
 - **Industry**
 - **NRC-IRAP (NRC Industrial Research Assistance Program)**
 - SME only (< 500 FTEs)
 - ~\$300 million annual budget
 - up to 80% technical labour costs
 - NRC houses Canada's National Office for EUREKA Programme
 - **SR&ED (Scientific Research and Experimental Development Tax Incentive Program):**
SME – up to 35%, Large firm – up to 20%
 - **SIF (Strategic Innovation Fund):** \$1.2 billion over 5 years, focusing on project > \$10 million
 - **Academic**
 - **NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council)**
 - **CIHR (Canadian Institutes for Health Research)**
- **Other programs: provincial, regional, and municipal**



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