

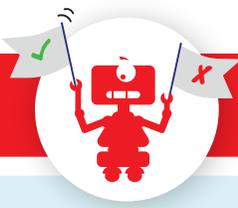
The TACs' industry-friendly Intellectual Property policies put the IP in the hands of industry to commercially exploit, no strings attached, allowing companies to stay nimble.

TACs focus their service offerings on the mid-to-late stage TRLs, helping companies over the "valley of death" of commercialization.

- Retail product label and packaging review
 - Product styling and photography
 - Scale-up manufacturing process design
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- Product/process optimization
 - Non-destructive inspection
 - Product/process testing
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- Product re-design and development
 - Performance monitoring and management
 - Field trials and simulations
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- Rapid prototyping / 3D printing
 - Cost Avoidance
 - Technical feasibility of process, product
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- Reverse Engineering
 - Consumer focus groups
 - Regulatory guidance
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- Validation of processes
 - Technology evaluation / validation
 - Proof of concept



INTERACTIVE VISIT PROCESS: CHECKLIST



My company is:

- Canadian
- Incorporated
- Under 500 employees
- Looking to grow through innovation



Sorry, this program is **only for IRAP-eligible companies**. You are welcome to explore many other R&D support programs and resources available at InnovationCanada.ca



I've met with an **IRAP ITA** (Industrial Technology Advisor) or **CEA** (Client Engagement Advisor)



Contact NRC-IRAP at **1-877-994-4727 for screening** and connection to an ITA or CEA (if your company is eligible).



My ITA or CEA **referred** me for an Interactive Visit



Discuss a potential Interactive Visit with your **ITA** or **CEA**, you'll need their referral (we verify the referral with them).



I know **which TAC** I want to work with



Visit TACJumpBall.ca to describe your challenge. We'll connect you with one or more TACs willing and able to assist



NEXT STEPS:

Go to **InteractiveVisits.ca** and fill out the online form to request a Visit! We'll ask about your company, your innovation challenge, your timelines, and the correct point of contact.

- We'll assign the Interactive Visit request to a TAC
- They'll be in touch to discuss a project plan
- You pay \$250 to "unlock" the 20 hours of innovation support service



Based in Ottawa since 2016, Tech-Access Canada is a member-driven not-for-profit organization. We are the voice of Canada's TACs and we administer the Interactive Visits and JumpBall programs. We also facilitate sharing best practices between members, harmonization of service standards, and promote college applied research to external audiences.

You can learn more about us and our member TACs at MeetTheTACs.ca

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Interactive Visits with TACs

20 hours | Canada's best innovators | Solving your challenge

WHAT IS AN INTERACTIVE VISIT?

Interactive Visits provide eligible companies with 20 hours of collaboration with a TAC to solve an innovation challenge, such as:

- Evaluating technical/economic feasibility of new products, processes, or services.
- Short-term R&D assistance and prototype development.
- Providing access to cutting edge technology a company doesn't have in-house.
- Providing objective scientific, technical and business advice.

WHAT IS A TAC?

A Technology Access Centre (TAC) is a nationally recognized innovation centre connected to a public college or cégep. There are 60 TACs across Canada supporting all sectors and regions.

- TACs provide you with access to their specialized facilities, equipment, and multi-disciplinary expertise to solve your business innovation challenges.
- TACs help you get your innovation to market or help you adopt new technologies to become more innovative and productive.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Interactive Visit program is open only to incorporated Canadian for-profit firms with under 500 employees and the potential to grow through innovation, referred by their NRC IRAP ITA or CEA.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Participating companies pay a \$250 access fee directly to the TAC or Tech-Access Canada to "unlock" the 20 hours of the Interactive Visit.

We strongly encourage and welcome the participation of companies owned by members of traditionally underrepresented groups (women, Indigenous persons, members of visible minorities, and persons with disabilities).

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

- Requests are assessed immediately and the TAC will develop a work plan within a week.
- Once authorized, most Visits are completed within one month and last no more than three months.

WHERE DOES IT TAKE PLACE?

- Interactive Visits can take place at your facilities, or at the TAC, or a combination of the two.
- We can connect you to the unique expertise of a TAC in any part of the country to solve your challenge.

WHICH TAC CAN HELP ME?

- Visit [TACJumpBall.ca](https://www.tacjumpball.ca) and explain the help you're looking for.
- We'll find and connect the TACs that are ready, willing and able to assist you!



WHY SHOULD I DO IT?

- 1 Increase sales

- 2 Hire new employees

- 3 Obtain further funding for expansion

- 4 Launch a new or extended product line
