






Canadian Accelerators

Company	Focus	Conditions	Description
 <p data-bbox="224 745 378 804"> Visit Website Toronto, ON </p>	<p data-bbox="565 422 685 478">Creative Industries</p>	<p data-bbox="885 422 1005 478">No equity retained</p>	<p data-bbox="1214 422 1468 1241"> A one-stop creative entrepreneurship hub which provides access to multi-disciplinary production studios, meeting and event facilities, co-working space, specialized entrepreneurship programs, services and support. Everything about Launchpad has been designed to build a supportive community from facilitated mentorship, coaching and collaboration programs to wayfinding services that help creatives plug into resources and business opportunities. </p>
 <p data-bbox="224 1528 378 1587"> Visit Website Montréal, QC </p>	<p data-bbox="565 1367 766 1455">Information technology-oriented startups</p>	<p data-bbox="885 1367 1005 1423">No equity retained</p>	<p data-bbox="1214 1367 1455 1755"> Contributes to the start-up of successful businesses and to the creation of long-term jobs. Offers customized management support, consulting programs and efficient and affordable related services. </p>

 <p>Visit Website Waterloo Region, ON</p>	<p>Any technological startup</p>	<p>No equity retained</p>	<p>Helps companies start, grow and succeed. Communittech Startup Services works directly with incubating startups to support the growth of any technology startup in the Waterloo Region.</p>
 <p>Visit Website Montréal, QC</p>	<p>Mobile games</p>	<p>100K investment in cash and 15% taken in equity</p>	<p>Accelerator and investment platform designed to support talented, entrepreneurial game developers with various profiles. Its goal is to back the very best game studios in the world through mentorship, financing, and a collaborative community.</p>
 <p>Visit Website Toronto, ON</p>	<p>Women-owned/led enterprises* in southern Ontario's digital media sector (*inclusive of women-identified and/or underrepresented women)</p>	<p>No equity retained</p>	<p>A business accelerator to support the growth and development of women/women-identified entrepreneurs in the digital media sector of southern Ontario. Programming will bring intersectional feminist business practices to the forefront of Canada's start-up ecosystem and weave feminist ideals of equity and fairness into business sustainability and scalable growth.</p>



[Visit Website](#)
Toronto, ON

Digital Media and Games

No equity retained

Supports Toronto's digital sectors and is committed to accelerating the growth and development of start-up firms with the goal of forming new jobs and opportunities.

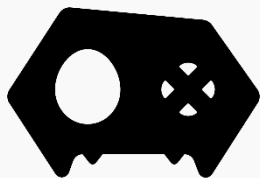


[Visit Website](#)
Toronto, ON

Early-stage startups, and SMEs

\$30K interest-free loan, no equity taken

Business accelerator with a difference - a bootcamp for companies that want to navigate an entertainment ecosystem that has been radically disrupted by new technologies and demanding audience expectations. Founded in partnership with Corus Entertainment and Shaw Media.



ASYLUM

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Montréal, QC

Video game design companies (developing their own IP or working on third-party IP)

No equity retained

Indie Asylum is an ecosystem of video game companies focused on acceleration. Member companies help accelerate each other in an environment that encourages collaboration and well-being, boldness, and creative and disruptive ways to make exceptional games—and to make a lasting positive mark on the world!

 <p>Visit Website Montréal, QC</p>	<p>Information and Communications Technology</p>	<p>No equity retained</p>	<p>Accelerates the start-up and growth of technology-based businesses. Dedicated to knowledge transfer and commercialization, offering companies a range of professional and business services and access to all the sectorial business intelligence required by its clients to succeed.</p>
 <p>Visit Website St. Catharines, ON</p>	<p>Startups and scaleups that have developed their own IP and have high-potential scalability for their technology.</p>	<p>Tenancy is competitive and has a rolling intake. Companies must apply to Innovate Niagara's tech incubator. Innovate Niagara's tech incubator advisory will select those deemed the highest potential to take residency at the incubator.</p>	<p>Helping entrepreneurs with leading edge ideas start, grow and succeed.</p>
 <p>Visit Website Montréal, QC</p>	<p>Creative Industries</p>	<p>No equity retained. Eligible programs are Deep Dive and Plouf@.</p>	<p>La Piscine is an accelerator dedicated to the development of entrepreneurship in the cultural and creative industries. La Piscine supports creative businesses and not-for-profits in accelerating and scaling their growth and international development.</p>



[Visit Website](#)
Charlottetown, PEI

LaunchPad PEI focuses on startups in the technology sector. We have worked with companies in the areas of video game development, analytics, fintech, ERP, ehealth, software development and more.

No equity retained

LaunchPad PEI works with later stage startups, those that have developed a product and are expanding their market reach. Our startups receive their first dedicated office from which to operate out of and assistance scaling up their business. LaunchPad PEI has been assisting startups since 2002 and have been fortunate to work in all facets of the technology sector to help build great companies.



[Visit Website](#)
Montréal, QC

Innovative startups in the tourism, culture and entertainment industries

No equity retained, free program

MT Lab is an incubator of innovations and accelerator of opportunities in tourism, culture and entertainment. It facilitates collaboration between startups and big players in the industry. It offers tailored support, a coworking space and events on industry trends.








[Visit Website](#)
Winnipeg, MB

Interactive Digital Media (IDM) companies and technologies

No equity retained

A customized, needs-based accelerator to support video game development studios in growing revenue and accessing new markets.


 <p>QUÉBEC INTERNATIONAL</p> <p>Visit Website Quebec City, QC</p>	<p>Digital Media and Interactive Entertainment, ICT, Web and Mobile Applications</p>	<p>No equity retained</p>	<p>Regional economic development agency that contributes to the economic development of the Québec City metropolitan area and enhances its international status. Fosters growth and development, supports key business sectors and attracts talent and investment to the region.</p>
 <p>Visit Website Toronto, ON</p>	<p>Software and small hardware technology startups</p>	<p>No equity retained. A2P recipients will only be awarded \$15,000 for the Ryerson DMZ program.</p>	<p>Business incubator for startups in the heart of downtown Toronto. Helps startups succeed by connecting them with customers, advisors, influencers and each other. Offers entrepreneurs education and development opportunities, services and co-working space.</p>
 <p>Ryerson Futures</p> <p>Visit Website Toronto, ON</p>	<p>Software and small hardware technology startups.</p>	<p>Equity taken up to 5% depending on the stage of the company.</p>	<p>"Founders First" accelerator program that selects and assembles top technology-based startups, accelerating their go-to-market success with real customers, real investors, and actionable guidance.</p>

 <p>Visit Website Toronto, ON and virtual support</p>	<p>Data Driven Information and Communication Technology Companies</p>	<p>No equity retained</p>	<p>Offers leading edge infrastructure and services to develop and showcase innovative applications that will benefit data driven ICT companies and end users in target vertical markets. Provides a collaborative environment that brings together key stakeholders in a market-driven approach to innovation and commercialization.</p>
 <p>Visit Website Toronto, ON</p>	<p>Women-led ventures</p>	<p>0% interest loan of ~\$100K. No equity taken</p>	<p>Global initiative to radically transform the way we finance, support and celebrate women entrepreneurs. Selected women-led ventures receive a 0% interest loan, take part in a personalized guided development program, and gain access to a network of thousands of women investors, advisors, customers and connectors to help grow their business.</p>

<p>TRANSMEDIA ZONE</p> <p>Visit Website Toronto, ON</p>	<p>Media and storytelling innovation driven teams and projects</p>	<p>No equity retained</p>	<p>Incubator for media startups and creative production teams in the heart of downtown Toronto. Connects teams with mentors, advisors, influencers and each other, and provides them with technical and creative resources. Offers education, training and development opportunities, services and co-working space, and collaboration in industry and research initiatives.</p>
<p>VICTORY SQUARE</p> <p>Visit Website Vancouver, BC</p>	<p>Companies in the game, film, Web and mobile space sectors</p>	<p>Equity taken: 5 to 30% based on the stage of the project. It would never exceed 50%.</p>	<p>Acceleration program that helps passionate teams with promising ideas in the Web, mobile, film and gaming verticals to scale their startups to the next level. With up to \$150K in funding, access to a global network of mentors, and creative workspaces in Vancouver (Canada), Shenzhen (China) and Delhi (India).</p>

 <p>York Entrepreneurship Development Institute</p> <p>Visit Website Toronto, ON</p>	<p>New and innovative small business and social enterprise organizations</p>	<p>No equity retained</p>	<p>Charitable organization whose mission is to provide free business education and mentorship to innovative entrepreneurs in order to build and accelerate successful businesses. Guides innovators to refine their ideas and create tested proof of concepts that are attractive to investors and will benefit Canadian society.</p>
 <p>Visit Website Montréal, QC</p>	<p>Companies, organizations and artists in the creative entertainment sector</p>	<p>No equity retained</p>	<p>Zú is a non-profit organization whose mission is to gather, help and promote creative entrepreneurs in the entertainment sector to develop world-class innovative projects. Zú supports them in their creative and growth process through its incubator and accelerator by facilitating access to the necessary resources for the development of new intellectual properties.</p>

International Accelerators

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 <p>Visit Website Boston, Denver, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, New York City, San Francisco Bay Area, Singapore, and Taipei</p>	<p>Individual CTAs feature different focuses: ICT, Cleantech, Life Sciences</p>	<p>No equity retained. Participants responsible for funding travel/living expenses and legal status outside of Canada.</p>	<p>Provides Canadian high-growth market-ready companies support to access global markets and entrepreneurship services within the ICT, Life Sciences, and Clean Technologies industries.</p>
<p>Storytek_</p> <p>Visit Website Tallinn, Estonia</p>	<p>10 weeks mentor-driven accelerator with global reach for early seed companies in the audiovisual, creative and supporting tech industries. Content centric companies (creative IP, film, media and content) or startups with strong tech component, such as curation, financing, distribution, marketing, AI/AR/VR, copyright, royalties and workflow.</p>	<p>2000 EUR participation fee per participating company (covering mentor & advisor fees, office space, investor & sales days + accreditation fees, sales & marketing support at international content & startup events). Travel and accommodation grants during the acceleration period. Free of charge registration of Estonian e-residency and establishment of Estonia/pan EU business entity.</p>	<p>Helping creatives, producers, and early-stage content/media/filmtech companies to develop business, fast-track their content, products and services to global markets and access financing in Northern Europe and Asia as well as matching business opportunities in both film and media sectors.</p>