

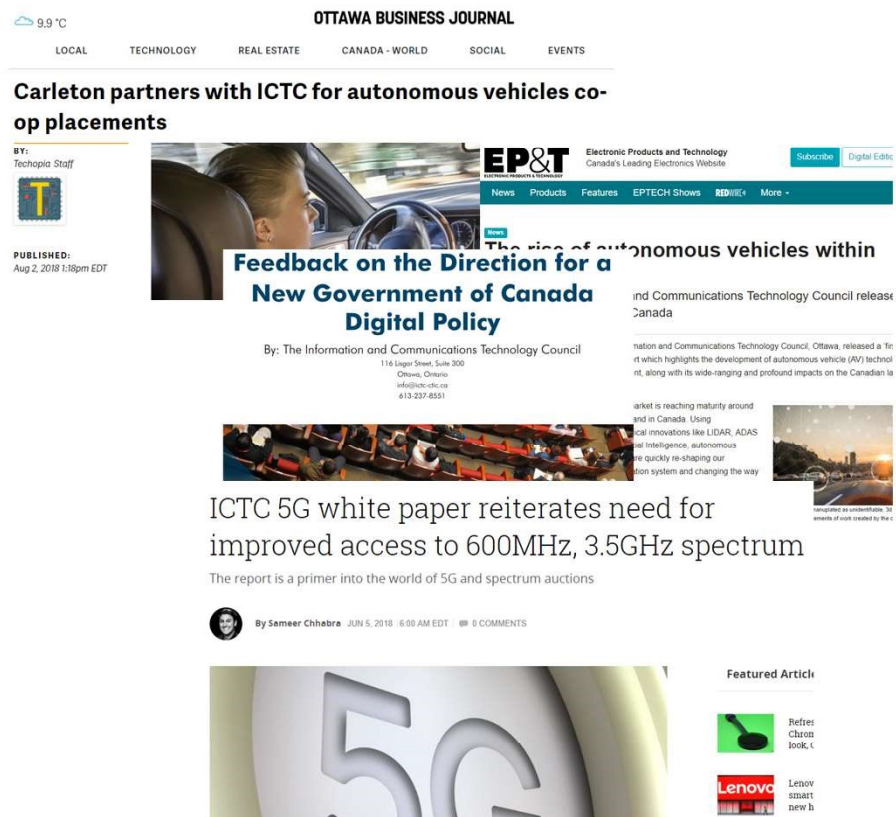
# Canada's Next Generation of Digital Economy Workers

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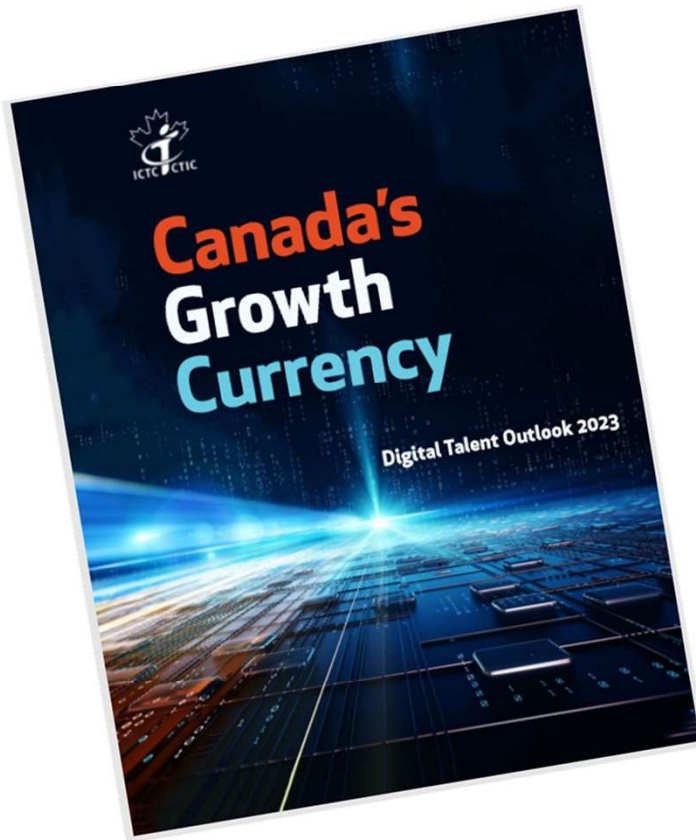
# About ICTC

- An independent and neutral policy advisor to business and governments across Canada.
- An authoritative source of technology, economic, and labour market research.
- A leader in capacity building programs and solutions for the digital economy.
- A creative and responsive team.



# ICTC fosters globally competitive and inclusive digital economy empowered by innovative digital solutions





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Financial services  
FinTech



Advanced manufacturing  
& robotics



Intelligent retail



Entertainment & gaming



Connected transportation



Biotechnology



Clean Tech



eHealth



- Approx. 90% of jobs in Canada require some level of technology.
- Canadian digital economy employs approx. 1.4 million people
- 305,000 digital workers will be in demand across all Canadian industries by 2023.



# Cyber security is the backbone



- Global cybersecurity workforce shortage is projected to increase to **3.5 million by 2021** (Cybersecurity Ventures)
- Canada requires around **40-53K cybersecurity practitioners** by 2023(ICTC)

Technology & Science

**Here's what we know about the ransomware that hit 3 Ontario hospitals**

**Woodstock, police service hit by cyber-attack**



From CTV Kitchener's Jeff Pickel: The City of Woodstock and its police force are investigating after both were hit by cyber-attacks.

**Ontario municipalities hit hardest by cyber attacks, says OPP investigator**

One in five businesses have been hit by cybercrime

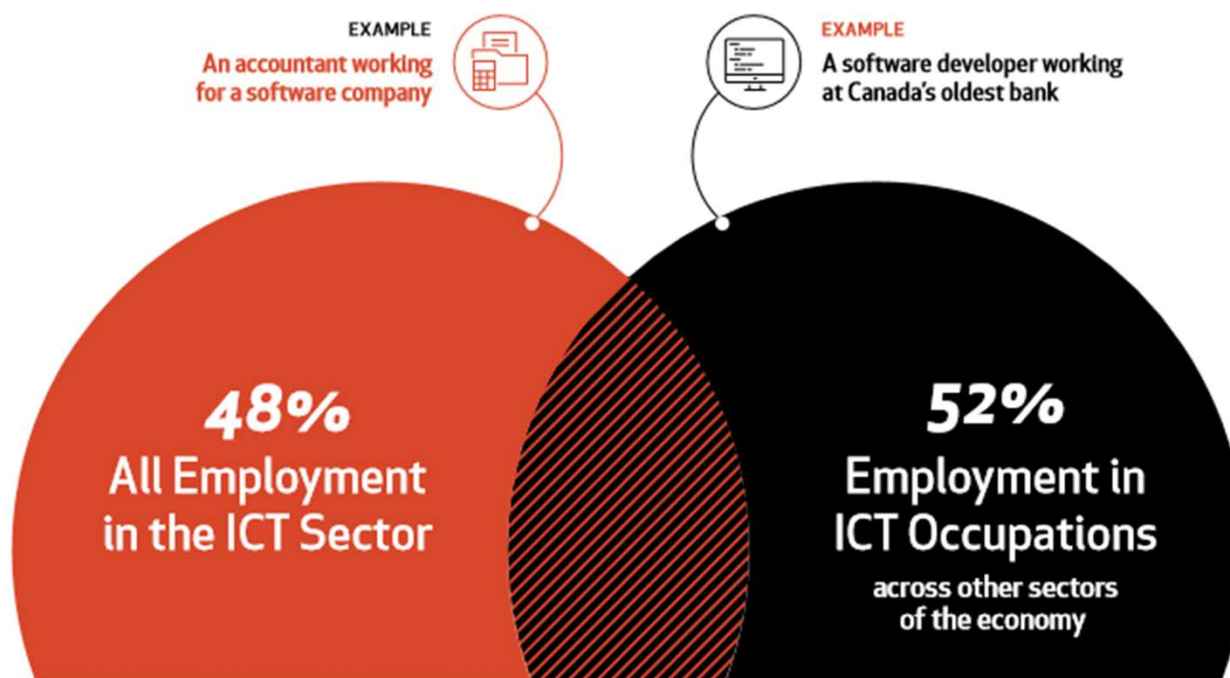
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# ICT Sector Vs. Digital Economy



Over the last 10 years, the ICT sector's total share of digital economy employment dropped by nearly 4%, going from more than 52% in 2009 to less than 48% in 2019.



# Canada's 6 Key Innovation Areas



Interactive  
Digital Media

95,000 workers by 2023



Cleantech

25,500 workers by 2023



Agri-foods &  
Food-tech

20,000 workers by 2023



Clean  
Resources

10,500 workers by 2023



Health &  
Biotech

9,000 workers by 2023



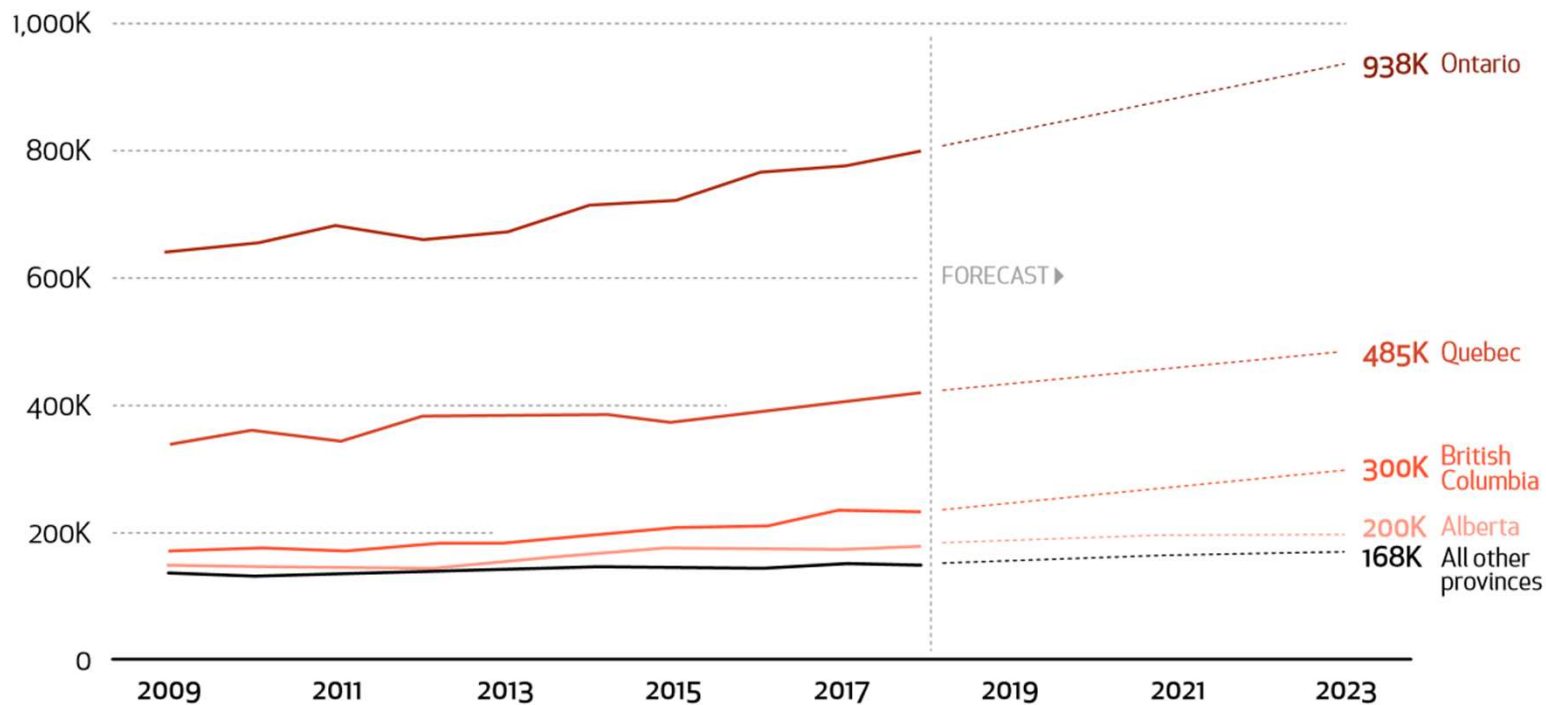
Advanced  
Manufacturing

8,000 workers by 2023

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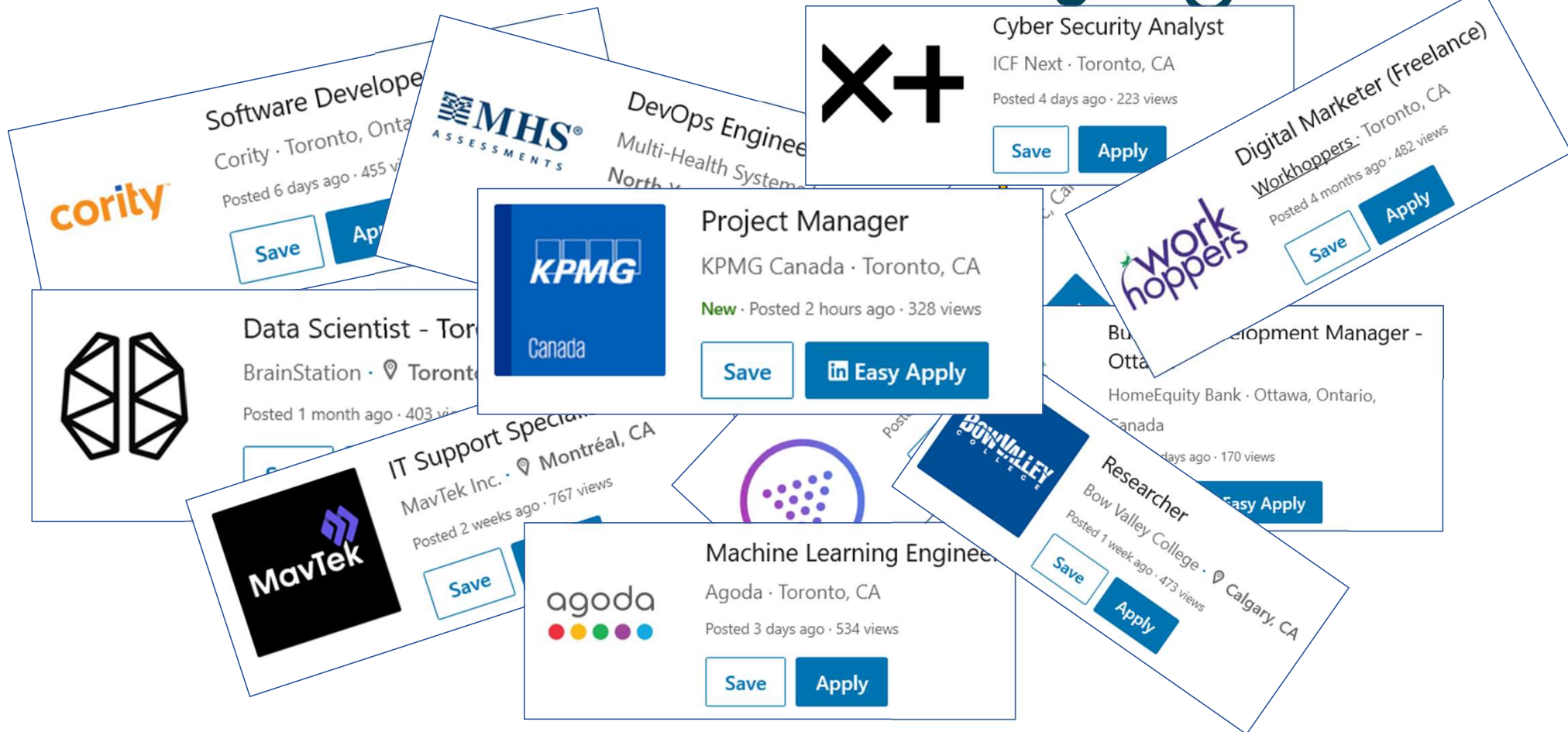


# Digital Economy Forecast 2018-2023: Moderate Growth Scenario



Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey and ICTC Forecast

# Top occupations across the Canadian digital economy



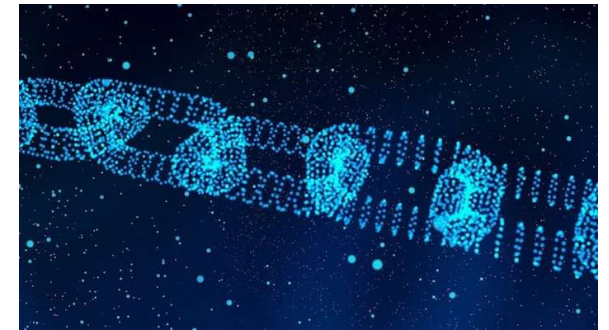
# Changing Nature of Employment that Driver Will Shape our Digital Economy



**Growing Automation**



**Non-Traditional Education and Work**



**Broadening of the Digital Value Chain**



**Demographic Shift & The Diversity Dividend**

# Filling Industry Demand

**Women**

**Internationally  
Trained  
Professionals**

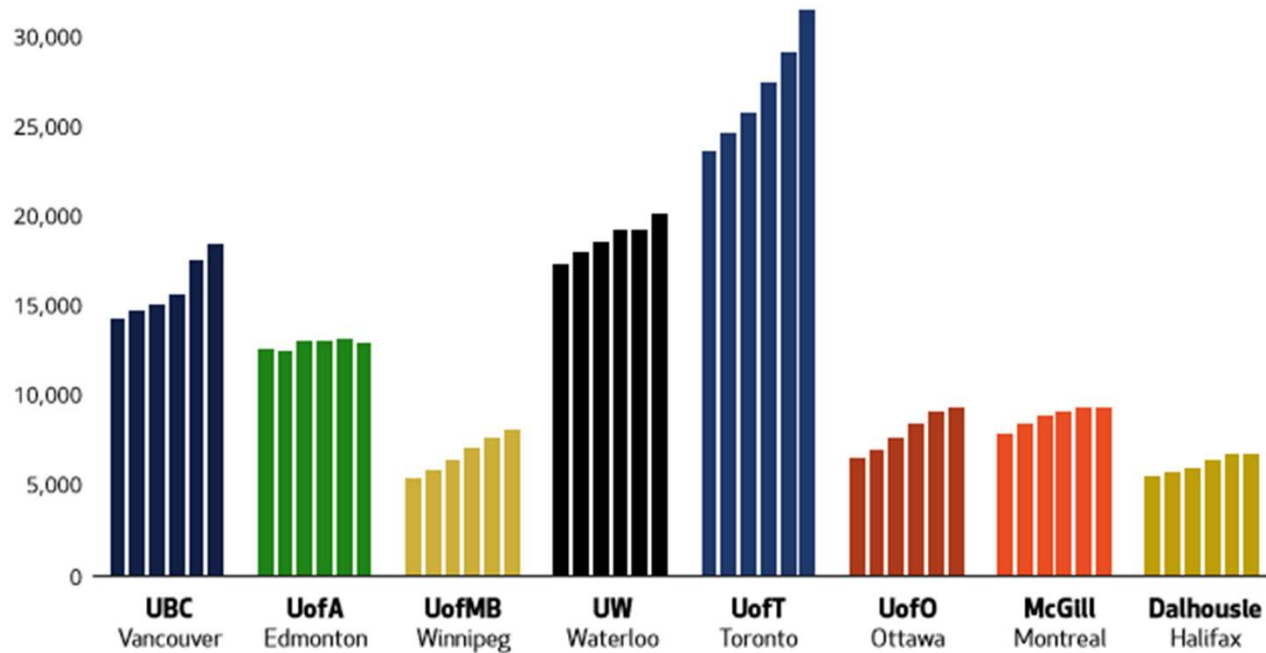
**Career  
Transitioners**

**Indigenous  
Communities**

**People with  
Disabilities**

**Youth & New  
Grads**

# STEM Enrolments by Institution



Source: Universities Canada, 2016

At BCIT, the school of Health Sciences recently developed the SIM Lab, a place where students can learn and attempt medical procedures with the Microsoft Hololens headset.

Lethbridge college has recently become the first in Canada to offer a Virtual and Augmented Reality certificate.



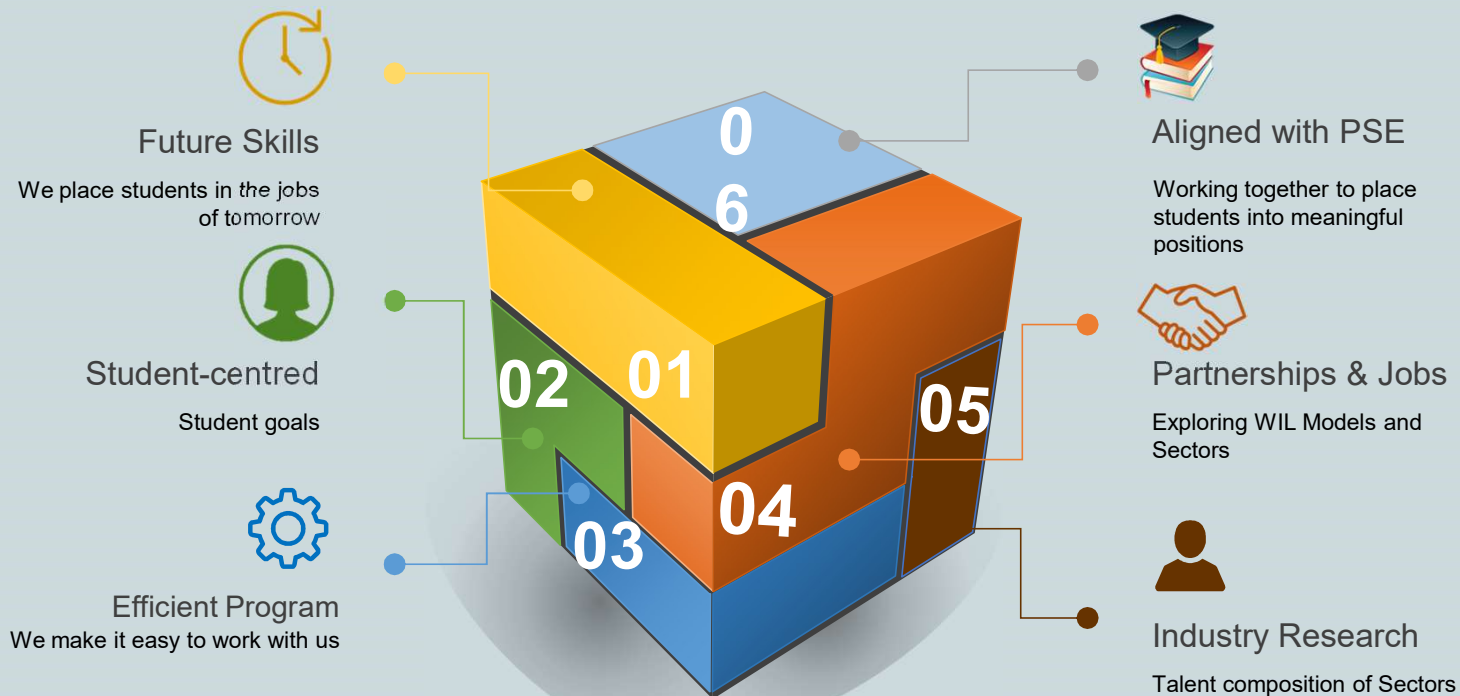
# Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Digital Program

Presenter:

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# WIL Digital Program





# WIL Digital



The objective of the Student Work Placement Program is to drive systemic change in the skills development system at the post-secondary education level, to effectively align technical, foundational and “work-ready” skills of PSE students with the skills required by Canadian employers.

This will be demonstrated by:

- an increase in new, sustainable work-integrated learning (WIL) opportunities for students across all disciplines; and
- continuation of collaborative partnerships between employers and the PSE system established under the program upon sunseting.



**Canada**  
Funded by the Government of Canada Student  
Work Placement Program

# WIL Digital Subsidy



Employers are eligible to receive:

- Up to 50% of wages or up to \$5,000;
- Up to 70% of wages or up to \$7,000 for hiring a student from one of the following under-represented groups:
  - Women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM);
  - Indigenous students;
  - Recent immigrants (last 5 years);
  - Students with disabilities; and
  - First-year students.

# WIL Digital – Company and Position Eligibility

## Company must:

- Be registered in Canada
- Provide a safe workplace
- Have general liability insurance
- Hire Student as an employee on payroll and not as a contractor.

## Position must be:

- NET New
- IT or an IT-related
- Out of the employer's office, not remote
- Provide learning opportunities, that will improve student's employability in the future.



# WIL Digital – Student Eligibility Criteria



Students must be:

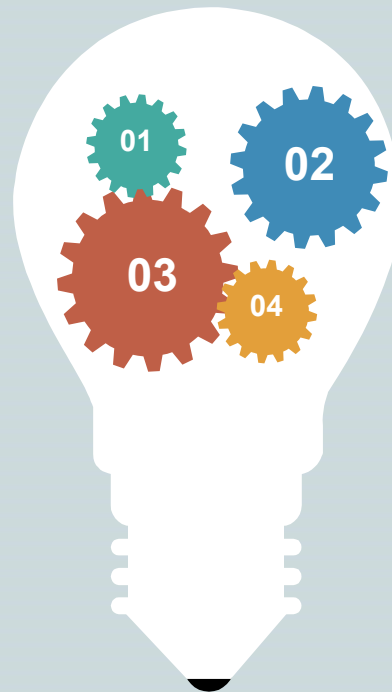
- Enrolled/ registered full-time or part-time at a publicly funded PSE Institution and be able to provide a proof of registration/ enrollment for the placement period;
- Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents or protected as defined by the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and be able to provide supporting documents;
- Legally entitled to work in Canada.



# Employer Application Submission Steps

CHECK ELIGIBILITY &  
CREATE PROFILE

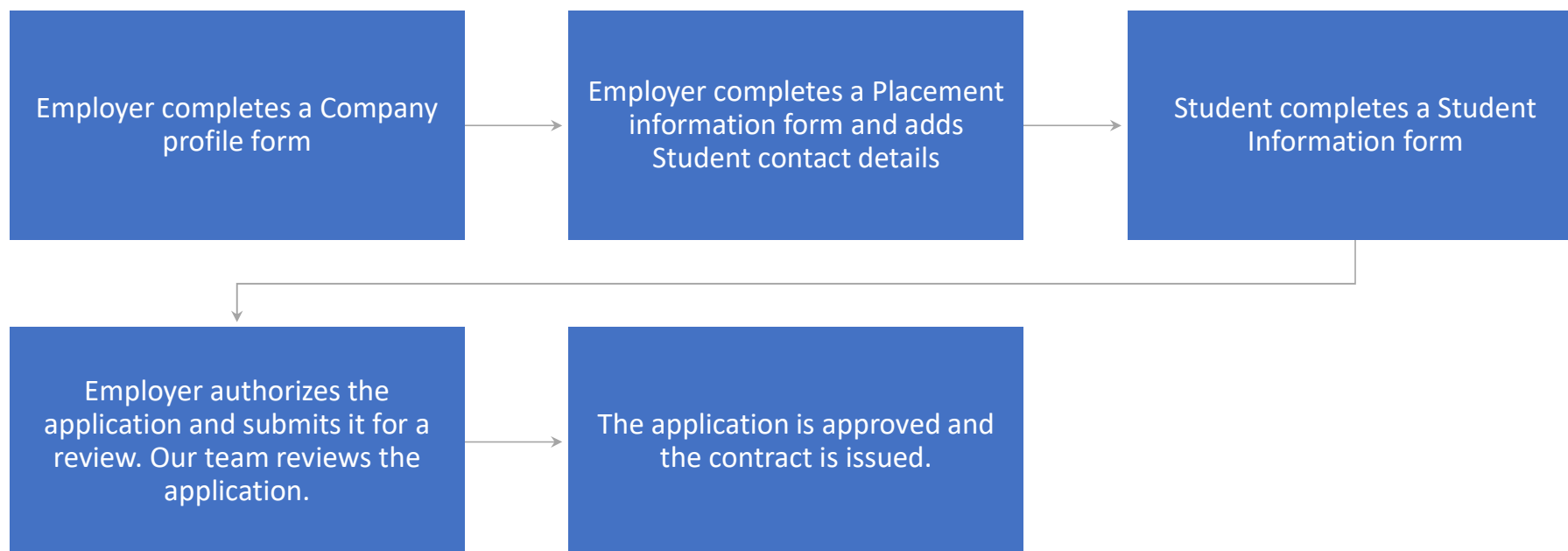
EMPLOYER &  
STUDENT COMPLETE  
APPLICATION



RECRUIT ELIGIBLE  
STUDENT

FOLLOW UP IF  
NECESSARY

# Application Submission Process



# Most Common Reasons for Declining

- Student has already started work
- Student was hired as a contractor not a company employee
- International student
- Student was studying at a private career college
- Position didn't qualify, not an IT or IT-related position
- Potential participant is not enrolled or registered in a PSE during the placement
- The student is employer's direct family member.



# WIL Digital – Models



ICTC's WIL Digital Program commitment is to develop 5 models specifically in FinTech, Intelligent Retail, Advanced Manufacturing, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity.

## **FinTech Collaborative: Launched in May 2019**

The Work Integrated Learning Digital Program's- FinTech Collaborative, offers students the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills in the FinTech landscape; this Collaborative consists of a group of companies that are invested in providing the opportunity for knowledge expansion for post- secondary students, and providing ICTC feedback on skills needed for the industry, while shaping future talent in FinTech.

### **Current feedback:**

Companies and students are very satisfied and are advocating for the FinTech 101 course through video testimonials.

## **Intelligent Retail Model: Launch April 2020**

STATUS – Design Thinking phase with development partners. The model will be piloted in Quebec first.

## **Advanced Manufacturing Model (IoT in a box): Launch April 2020**

STATUS – Currently in content development phase with development partners. The model will be piloted in Ontario first.

## **AI Model: Launch TBD**

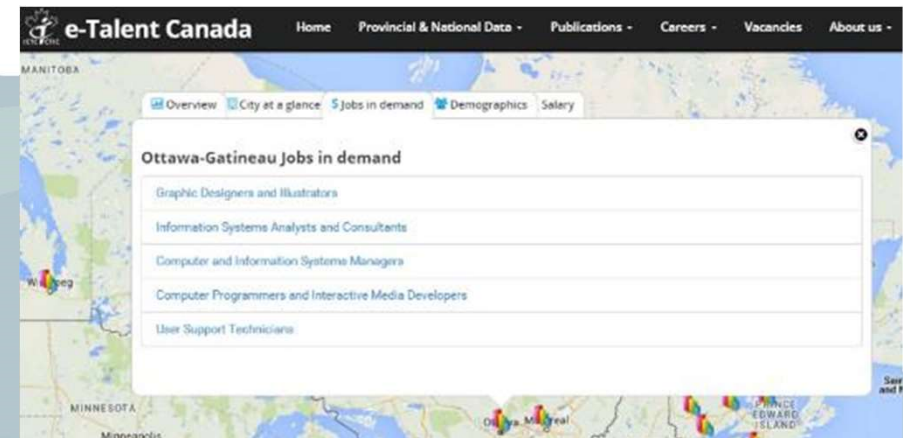
STATUS – Currently in the design thinking phase

## **Cybersecurity Model: Launch TBD**

STATUS – Currently in the design thinking phase

# e-Talent Portal

- Provides ICT job trends & tools pertinent to all sectors
- Highlights in-demand jobs
- Provides important data from national, provincial and municipal level
- Provides you with resources to find talent.



For more information visit  
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# Thank you!

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