

Financial Institutions

The organizations below provide integral support, investment, and funding for a variety of different business development efforts across the Bioscience sector.

First Angel Network

<http://www.firstangelnetwork.ca/>

A not-for profit organization created to bridge the gap between entrepreneurs and capital in Atlantic Canada through communication, education and networking. FAN also provides qualified entrepreneurs the opportunity to approach a community of active investors.

Venture Capital Organizations

The venture capital community finances the vast majority of new, private placement, fast-growth enterprises and plays an invaluable role in the entrepreneurial process. Traditional financing is not always available to start-ups and other emerging enterprises and VC investors are willing to tackle the challenges associated with these new growth projects.

Business Development Bank of Canada

<http://www.bdc.ca/en/home.htm>

A major venture capital investor in Canada, active at every stage of a company's development cycle, from seed through expansion, with a focus on technology-based businesses that have high growth potential and are positioned to become dominant players in their markets.

Farm Credit Canada

<http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/products/ventures/index.asp?pf=y>

FCC is Canada's largest provider of business and financial services to farms and agri-business. Operating out of 100 offices located primarily in rural Canada, FCC boasts a portfolio of more than \$18 billion. The organization offers venture capital financing, either directly or in partnership with others, to help develop and grow agricultural and agri-business operations.

Big 6 banks

www.rbc.com

www.tdcanadatrust.com

www.scotiabank.com

www.bmo.com

www.nbc.ca

www.cibc.com

Through a variety of investment programs and financial management the Big 6 Canadian Banks – RBC, CIBC, TD Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal and the National Bank – serve a vital role in assisting the development of a fruitful industry from early days to prominence.