

## Fast Facts... the NCE Program

The Networks of Centres of Excellence Canada program:

- Is a joint initiative of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and Industry Canada
- Promotes unique research partnerships among universities, industry, government and not-for-profit organizations
- Connects excellent research with industrial know-how and strategic investment
- Aims to turn Canadian research and entrepreneurial talent into economic and social benefits for Canadians
- Is an effective mechanism for building multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral research teams
- Encourages multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral co-operation
- Promotes training of young Canadian researchers and advanced technology workers for industry and the health sector
- Is recognized on the international stage and emulated by other countries. (e.g. the United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, France and Japan)
- Is an integral part of the federal government's innovation strategy
- Number of Networks and NCE Initiatives: 18
- Number of health, human development and biotechnology networks: 7

