# ONTARIO NETWORK OF ENTREPRENEURS (ONE): PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE

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## Agenda

- What is the ONE?
- Campus-Linked Accelerator Program (CLA)
  - Propel, Western University
  - LEAP, Fanshawe College
  - OCEA Programs
- Regional Innovation Centres (RIC)
- Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBEC)
- Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE)
- How to get involved

# **Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs**

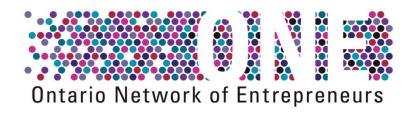
- Program funded by Government of Ontario
  - 5 areas of focus:
    - Starting
    - Growing
    - Financing
    - Youth
    - R&D
  - www.onebusiness.ca

Oversee all organizations (100+) across
Ontario

# **Campus Linked Accelerators**

Campus Linked Accelerators (CLAs) are an important step in the evolution of Ontario's entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem. This program provides funding to post-secondary institutions to create, improve and sustain a culture of entrepreneurship among students and youth in their regions, and to integrate these entrepreneurial activities with investors, industry, and other stakeholders in their region.







# CLA – Resources Available

- Co-Working Space (Fanshawe and Western)
- Mentorship (technical and business advisory)
- Education / Training / Workshops
- Special Events
- Seed Funding
- Connections to Broader Ecosystem
- Pitch Competition (full-time students)
- Summer Incubator (Western University)
- The CLA's are administered by:



# Propel, Western University

Western 😿

Entrepreneurship | Western University

Propel

- Formed from success of BizInc (USC)
- 100+ startups since September
- Work closely with student clubs, Ivey, Engineering, Science, WORLDiscoveries
- Retail operations (UCC Startup Market, Bookstore)
- PSI first cohort starting May 2015 (8 companies)

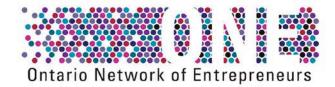


Ever dreamed of starting your own business? Got an innovative idea to develop? Do you think you have what it takes to be an entrepreneur?

If so, then take the leap. Come check things out at the leap junction where leadership, entrepreneurism, alliances  $\triangleleft$  passion meet.

#### LEAP Junction SUB1035 leapjunction@fanshawec.ca









### **Regional Innovation Centres**

TechAlliance is one of 17 Regional Innovation Centres in Ontario, along with:



### TechAlliance (Regional Innovation Centre)

- Partner with MaRS to provide:
  - Market Intelligence
  - Workshops
  - Funding opportunities
  - Entrepreneurs Toolkit (E101 videos, templates, workbooks)
- Work with technology companies of all sizes (startup SME)
  - Mentorship, funding, service provider network, training, connections
- Entrepreneurs-in-Residence program offers high-value mentors (seasoned business expertise) for free
- Work with clients in digital media, life sciences, cleantech and advanced manufacturing





### Prototyping Services – The MVP Lab



Launched in July 2014, the MVP Lab provides rentable hot desk space and no-cost prototyping services. The MVP Lab received \$157,000 in funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Available services:

- Design services 10hrs with a designer to build MVP
- Desk rental \$125/month for a desk

# Small Business Enterprise Centre

- Provide support to entrepreneurs across all industries (tech and non-tech)
- Funding for unemployed individuals to start companies (through EI program)
- Summer Company / Starter Company (\$5K)
- Provide workshops and events in the community
- Venture London Business Plan Competition
- Networking and connections



# **Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE)**

- Foster industry-academic collaboration and commercialization
- Entrepreneurial programs for tech startups (training, funding, internships, hiring, infrastructure)
- Funding for University / College spinoff's (work closely with technology transfer offices)
- Administer CLA's (OCEA's) across the province



Ontario Centres of Excellence

## **Our Focus Industries**





Advanced Manufacturing

#### Energy and Environment

ICT and Digital Media

Advanced Health

## OCE SmartStart Seed Fund

- Matching grant (\$30K / \$30K) + \$5K for training or services
- Early stage youth entrepreneurs (18-29)
- Partnership with FedDev to deliver funding
- Open to startups actively working with RIC's / CLA's who provide endorsement
- Generally awarded to focus on the validation stage of the business

# Questions

#### GET INVOLVED!

- Similar organizations exist in every major city in Canada
- Visit onebusiness.ca to find locations near you

