

**National Research Council (NRC) –**

**Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)**

**Institute for Information Technology (IIT)**



**Organisation Overview:**

The National Research Council (NRC) is composed of 20 different institutes and national programs, spanning a wide variety of disciplines and offering a broad array of services. It is located in every province in Canada and play a major role in stimulating community-based innovation. ([www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca))

The Industrial Research Assistance Program is a service of NRC. IRAP helps small and medium-sized Canadian firms create and adopt innovative technologies that yield new or improved products, and create high quality jobs. Approximately 260 Industrial Technology Advisors (ITAs) work with some 12,000 firms a year, in all regions of Canada and in all industrial sectors, offering them expertise and resources as well as cost-shared financing of innovative technical projects. IRAP also helps firms access expertise in the business end of innovation, such as marketing, financing, and production through the Canadian Technology Network (<http://ctn-rct.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/index.html>).

The National research Council Institute for Information Technology (NRC-IIT) creates and commercializes new software and systems technology, strengthens software engineering practices in the private sector, and communicates, educates and consults to help Canada prosper in the information age and knowledge economy. With information technology permeating all sectors of the economy, NRC-IIT is playing an increasing role in sectors other than technology, including manufacturing, biotechnology and electronic business.

**Technology Overview:**

NRC offers Research and Development Teams specializing in Technological Development, Adaptation and Transfer

**Organisation Partners:**

All innovation system members throughout Canada including Federal & Provincial Research organisations, academic institutions, private sector firms.

**Partnering Needs/Opportunities:**

International organizations interested in collaborative links with Canada's academic or private sector can benefit from IRAP's extensive ITA network and links to National or regional technology innovation organisations.

NRC is looking for partnerships with national or regional organisations who are tasked with establishing collaborative links with foreign sources and who are interested in exploring links with Canada. If you represent an organization outside of Canada that is interested in exploring collaborations with Canadian R&D organisations, please contact Mr. Michel Mirota (613) 993-7963 or Dr. Denys Cooper (613) 993-7620 at the NRC/IRAP office in Ottawa to discuss your specific interests.

**Established:** 1947

**Number of Staff/Employees:**  
300 employees

**Industry Sector:**  
IRAP addresses all Industrial Sectors. To qualify for support, Projects must involve significant technical uncertainty and have a reasonable prognosis for commercial exploitation.

**Products/Services:**  
Project Development Assistance, R&D Linkages and Funding

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