

EQUIP VentureConnect Grant Application Form

Application Guidelines

Eligibility Requirements:

- You are eligible to apply if you are a STEM graduate student, postdoctoral fellow or research associate (RA) who is a founder or holds a leadership role in an early-stage venture.
- Venture must focus on biomanufacturing/life sciences & demonstrate human health impact.

Please review the following before completing your application:

- Each company may submit up to **three (3)** VentureConnect applications.
- Each application may support attendance at **one (1)** conference, investor event, customer engagement activity, entrepreneurship workshop or pitch competition.
- The maximum cumulative VentureConnect funding per company is **\$5,000 CAD**.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Institution/Affiliation: _____

Department/Program: _____

Institution Email: _____

Current Role:

- ☐ Master's Student
- ☐ PhD Student
- ☐ Postdoctoral Fellow
- ☐ Research Associate

Company Information

Company Name: _____

Website: _____

Intellectual Property (IP) Status:

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| ☐ Invention Disclosure to Home Institution | Date: _____ |
| ☐ Provisional Patent Application Filed | Date: _____ |
| ☐ Full Patent Application Filed | Date: _____ |
| ☐ Licensed Technology | Date: _____ |

Briefly describe your venture or innovation.

Provide an overview of your technology, product, or service and its current development stage.
Please attach a business pitch deck to support your application.

Funding Request Justification

Describe how this funding will accelerate your commercialization efforts.

Please address the following:

Why is attendance at this event important for your company at this stage?

- Who do you intend to meet? Please identify specific investors, customers, or stakeholders.
- What are key outcomes you aim to achieve (e.g., building strategic relationships, secure partnerships, increasing company visibility, or advancing future fundraising efforts)
- If requesting support for entrepreneurship workshops or training programs, provide a clear justification demonstrating that equivalent training is not available locally.
- Customer demonstrations are eligible only when the customer is **non-academic**.

Event Information (Please Submit One Event Only)

Event Name _____

Location _____

Dates _____

Type of Activity:

- ☐ Industry/Investor Conference
- ☐ Pitch Competition
- ☐ Customer Demo
- ☐ Entrepreneurship Training/Workshop

Budget & Supporting Documentation

Eligible expenses include:

- Transportation (airfare, train, local ground transportation)
- Accommodation
- Conference, workshop or pitch competition registration fees

Total Amount Requested (up to \$5,000): \$ _____

Category	Amount (\$CAD)
Transportation	
Airfare	
Train Fare	
Rideshare or Taxi - to/from Airport	
Accommodation	
Conference/Workshop/Pitch Registration Fees	

Supporting Documentation

Please attach all applicable supporting documentation.

- ☐ Event registration information
- ☐ Travel & Accommodation cost estimates
- ☐ Investor meeting invitations or confirmations
- ☐ Customer meeting confirmations
- ☐ Pitch competition acceptance
- ☐ Training/workshop agenda
- ☐ Business pitch deck
- ☐ Other supporting documentation _____

Signature

I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is accurate and that the requested funds will be used for the purposes outlined in this application.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit the completed application to equip@biohubnet.ca

Disclaimer: Applicants are strongly advised against using AI writing tools to complete the application sections. Applications found to contain AI-generated content will be disqualified.