

These services are not meant to supplant private sector initiatives, but to provide assistance based on an intimate knowledge of the country or countries involved. While the service is available to any organization, it is primarily intended for small and medium-sized enterprises whose resources and international networks and contacts are limited.

2. TIP Fund

What activities are supported?

The TIP Fund may provide financial support for such activities as:

- exploratory visits to acquire in-depth knowledge of foreign innovations and/or initiate and implement the transfer of technology to Canada;
- working visits to foreign organizations by Canadian scientists and engineers to obtain hands-on experience in the development and application of a technology required in Canada;
- working visits to Canada by foreign experts where the Canadian organization will obtain significant benefit from the visitors' expertise;
- international co-operative research and development projects designed to produce new technologies of interest to Canada.

What funding is provided?

A basic principle considered in evaluating proposals is the degree of commitment to the project. Thus, expenses should normally be shared between TIP and the participating organizations. For short-term visits and missions, TIP usually reimburses travel costs, and the participating organizations pay for living expenses. For longer-term working visits, the program may also help defray a portion of the living expenses.

For co-operative research and development (R & D) projects, TIP may provide support for a portion of the incremental costs of the international aspects of the project. Such costs as travel of the Canadian participants and the costs of obtaining foreign expertise, (e.g. consulting fees, travel, and in the case of foreign experts working in Canada, salaries). Salaries and benefits of Canadian participants will continue to be paid by their employers.