

**Medical Research Council Awards
for Salary Support
1993-94**

	Number of Awards	Amount (\$ millions)
Scientists	407	22.7
Research Training*	1,598	24.8
TOTAL	2,005	47.5

**Includes Fellowships (Post-doctoral) and Studentships (M.A., Ph.D)*

Source: The Medical Research Council

Partnerships

The MRC has developed many partnerships with industry and private, governments and non-profit organizations. These partnerships provide a means for the partners to invest in research and training programs through the peer review process. Therefore, the MRC can be a valuable partner for foreign companies seeking to establish or increase their R&D activities in Canada by adding value through incremental funding and other forms of synergy such as:

- ☐ assuming the role of an objective third party to identify appropriate research teams;
- ☐ acting as an intermediary between the research community and industry;
- ☐ assessing and evaluating technologies and their development through its peer review process; and
- ☐ providing financial leverage to augment industrial investment.

As an example, the Health Program is jointly administered by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada (PMAC) and the MRC. This Program, established in 1993, is a five-year, **\$200 million initiative** to promote biomedical research. It is designed to foster collaboration between researchers working in universities, affiliated hospitals, research institutes and the pharmaceutical sector. The Program provides support for a wide range of collaborative activities, including research and development grants; chairs in specialized disciplines at universities; clinical networks; and studentships, fellowships and scholarships in research and training.