

**KEY SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

These include:

- Grants for Industry R&D (GIRD)
  - support to small firms
  - support for joint R&D
- Tax concessions for industrial R&D (150%)
- Management and Investment Companies (MIC)
  - subsidized venture capital companies to provide management and financial support
- Australian Industry Development Council
  - the Governments own venture capital firm
- Partnership for Development Program
  - program to attract foreign high tech firms by removing offset requirements for R&D and trade promises
- International Licensing Network Link

**CONDITIONS OF ACCESS**

No specific conditions, very similar to Canada.

**TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS**

Australia's strengths lie in technologies for agriculture, food processing, mining and metallurgy, and represent real opportunities. The I.T. sector is also very strong in certain niche areas e.g. banking software, data communications, optoelectronics, space communications and ISDN.

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