

# Kinetica Innovation Centre at SAIT

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Clean energy technology innovators will benefit from a new partnership between the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), Innovate Calgary and the University of Calgary with the creation of an impressive prototype facility and supporting programs. The Kinetica Innovation Centre at SAIT (KICS) is designed to accelerate the most promising clean energy technologies using a cost-effective and collaborative approach.

“KICS allows innovators in southern Alberta to take the next step by providing economical bench space, a project planning framework, and access to SAIT’s world-class facilities and talent as well as Innovate Calgary’s entrepreneurial programs,” explains Peter Zyla, KICS program manager.

The 2,200-square-foot KICS facility is located on the SAIT campus and offers coworking space, including a combination of wet and mechanical labs, where researchers can design, prototype and test their clean energy technologies.

KICS participants physically move in to the coworking space and take advantage of the state-of-the-art testing and fabrication facilities on site. The space can accommodate up to eight research teams of two to three people each, and participants must go through an application process to be considered for the program and issued a lease in the facility.

“We are seeking innovators from both post-secondary institutions and the community who have demonstrated market potential and are ready to build a prototype,” says Zyla.

The KICS program follows robust methods to help develop a prototype and clients are further supported by monthly meetings, allowing for issue resolution and updates to project plans.

For more information about KICS or to apply for space, contact Peter Zyla, KICS program manager, at [pzyla@innovatecalgary.com](mailto:pzyla@innovatecalgary.com) or 587-582-3713.



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