

Selected Resources for SIH Members

Social Impact Founders

Organization/ Initiative/ Program	Description
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Funding Opportunities

Alberta Innovates	Alberta Innovates has been helping researchers, entrepreneurs and industries fuel, feed, and build our province for more than a century. Today, we are looking beyond the horizon to drive innovations that will prepare Alberta for a digital, net-zero future.
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Mitacs	Bringing innovation to life requires time, talent, and resources. Mitacs connects businesses with top research talent through collaborative fellowships and internships, providing funding and access to resource networks to help drive success.
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Purppl	Through personalized coaching and consulting, we help you operationalize and communicate your intended impact, grow your courage as a leader, and collaboratively build solutions for your community.
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Spring Activator	We connect and educate founders and investors to create a sustainable, healthy & equitable world.
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The 51	Unlocking the economic power of women.
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UCeed Social Impact	A unique partnership in social finance that supports a growing ecosystem of social purpose organizations focused on making positive changes in our communities.
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Programming & Capacity Building Supports

Alberta Enterprise Corporation	Supports for entrepreneurs.
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Business Link Alberta	Small business services.
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CDL - Rockies	As the epicenter of the Prairies, CDL-Rockies is home to a Prime stream as well as two specialized streams: Energy and AgriFood. CDL-Rockies brings together many of the region's most experienced entrepreneurs, investors, and scientists from diverse fields including energy evolution, healthcare, software and hardware, and AgTech. CDL startups work with these mentors to sharpen objectives, prioritize time and resources, raise capital, and engage with experts working on the frontiers of research.
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City of Calgary Living Labs	We offer a simple process to make public spaces, transportation corridors and land more accessible for the research and testing of innovative solutions. For product development or research.
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ElevateIP	ElevateIP Alberta gives you access to the education, support, and resources you need to protect your startup's IP and grow your business.
Founders Lunch (monthly)	The Founders Lunch Series' monthly events aim to empower and support entrepreneurs. Organized by Innovate Calgary and supported by Alberta Innovates, this dynamic platform connects entrepreneurs, fosters knowledge sharing, and inspires collaboration.
Growth Catalyst Scale Up Program	Team-based accelerator program for established businesses in western Canada.
Momentum	Momentum is a change-making organization that combines social and economic strategies to reduce poverty. Programming covers building a business, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, career exploration, and more.
Platform Calgary	If you're looking to start a career in tech, build your own business, or invest in a local startup, Platform Calgary will connect you with the people and resources you need.
TAP (Trade Accelerator Program)	The Trade Accelerator Program (TAP) is an innovative 4-session initiative, designed to accelerate the strategic development of your business and to better prepare you for an expansion into international markets.
Networking/Ecosystem Contacts	
Calgary Economic Development	
Calgary Innovation Week	A week-long celebration of the people, startups, scaleups, and technologies that are defining Calgary's future.
Calgary Justice Film Festival	CJFF is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing justice-focused films from around the world to Calgary. Every screening we host is free to attend, made possible by our dedicated supporters and funders.
Founders Coffee (every thursday)	Peer support meet-up.
Namada Database	Resource database that supports social impact driven people who use business to drive positive change.

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Enterprising Non-Profits

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Alberta Community Development Unit	Support and services that assist organizations to do their work in Alberta communities.
Alberta Business Grants	Alberta Business Grants has helped hundreds of businesses just like yours find grants, prepare a stellar application, and win thousands of dollars — the first time they apply.
IAP2 Canada Core Values Awards	The IAP2 Canada Core Values Awards recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals, organizations, and projects that embody the core values of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) in Canada
Trico Charitable Foundation	Seeks to close gaps in society by provoking innovation and building capacity in social entrepreneurship.

Networking/Ecosystem Contacts

Social Enterprise World Forum	Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF) is the leading global organisation dedicated to strengthening the social enterprise movement and to transition to the new economy. Through events, initiatives and partnerships, we connect and empower social enterprises, policymakers and purpose-driven organisations to build an inclusive, sustainable economy that puts people and planet first.
The Nonprofit Chamber	We ensure nonprofits remain at the heart of Alberta's vibrant social fabric.

Resources

BDC- Entrepreneur's Toolkit	Business tools to help you successfully manage, grow and promote your business.
BDC- Entrepreneur's Learning Centre	In this learning space you will find courses designed to increase your knowledge and skills as a business leader so you can manage your company with success.
IntegralOrg: Social Enterprises Legal Structures Toolkit	The Social Enterprise Legal Structures Toolkit guides Alberta organizations and entrepreneurs interested in developing a social enterprise through the decision-making process of selecting a legal structure through an assessment, case studies, definitions, and resources.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES DATABASE	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tHsyEZ2pewdV_Z0BNs6fsuzH3hTBB4kGWRp62j52j9M/edit?gid=0#gid=0
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Researcher Innovators (campus resources; or connected to PSIs)

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Canada Foundation For Innovation	Funding opportunities for research.
Catalyst and Connector Grants	For U Calgary researchers working across disciplines and with community members
Mitacs	Innovation Deployment programs facilitate mutually beneficial partnerships between industry and academia, providing exciting opportunities for the tangible results of these collaborations to be deployed into the market.
Parex Resources Innovation Fellowship	For researchers deeply engaged in academic exploration and community collaborations leading to impactful startups or advancements, spanning both technological and social innovation.
Programming & Capacity Building Supports	
Evolve to Innovate	Evolve to Innovate (e2i) is an experiential training program designed to support UCalgary postdoctoral scholars, research associates, faculty, and graduate students from any discipline as they develop and improve the skills needed to translate their research into impact outside of academia.
Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking	A dynamic community center dedicated to fostering student entrepreneurship, empowering faculty innovation, and building a network of entrepreneurial minds.
Propel Business Project (pro bono student support)	50 hrs of support from MBA and Master of Management students. Intake in October.
Social Innovation Initiative	Social Innovation support, including coaching, entry-level programs and conferences.
Transformative Talent Internships (to hire students)	320 hours of graduate student support across all disciplines. Rolling deadline.
Networking/Ecosystem Contacts	
Institutes for Transdisciplinary Scholarship	Sign up for their General Bulletin

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Students

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Programs and Entrepreneurial Supports

Futurpreneur	Provide loan financing, mentorship and resources for young entrepreneurs 18-39.
Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking	A dynamic community center dedicated to fostering student entrepreneurship, empowering faculty innovation, and building a network of entrepreneurial minds.
Hult Prize	The world's largest student startup competition. Through our annual competition, students build, scale, and pitch innovative startups, with the winning team receiving \$1M USD in funding to take their business to the next level.
Next Canada	NEXT 36 selects 36 of the most entrepreneurial undergrads and recent grads from coast-to-coast who we believe have what it takes to build Canada's next unicorn.
Work Experience	
776 Foundation Fellowship	A two-year program for young people who want to build a better future.
Calgary Institute for the Humanities Fellowship Program	The Calgary Institute for the Humanities (CIH) fosters advanced study and research in a broad range of subject areas. We are multi-disciplinary and multi-faculty orientated. We support research in traditional Humanities disciplines such as languages and literature, history, religious studies, philosophy, as well as in philosophical and historical aspects of the social sciences, arts, sciences, and professional studies.
Mitacs	With over 20 years of experience in the innovation ecosystem, Mitacs helps college, undergraduate and graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows access funding, source research placements in their chosen discipline, and gain invaluable hands-on experience by applying their expertise to real-world projects with leaders in industry and not-for-profit organizations.
Propel Impact Internships	Gain real-world experience with a mission-driven organization, all while building your network in the impact sector.
Transformative Talent Internships (graduate student placements)	For U Calgary Graduate Students