Looking to locate, relocate or expand?

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

Waterloo is home to one of the world’s most dynamic technology ecosystems

WATERLOO: WHERE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE MEET

Waterloo’s collaborative and robust ecosystem and unrivaled tech-focused talent pool have made the region a global leader in hardware, software, and bespoke technological applications to a wide variety of industries, from embedded security to advanced manufacturing. From the smallest start-up to the largest technology companies in the world, Waterloo has what it takes to make ICT businesses thrive.

AT A GLANCE – WATERLOO’S ICT ECOSYSTEM

ICT Community:
- Communittech – a public/private innovation hub supporting a community of 1,400 tech companies
- Catalyst137 – the world’s largest “Internet of Things” manufacturing space
- Accelerator Centre – one of the world’s top-5 university-linked accelerators
- Grand Innovations – an applied innovation centre emphasizing technology-enabled advanced manufacturing and cybersecurity
- Quantum Valley Investments – provides funding, expertise, and support to develop quantum technologies

Institutions That Produce World-Class Talent:

University of Waterloo (UWaterloo)
One of the world’s top computer science and math educational institutions, UWaterloo is also Canada’s top engineering and co-op school, and rated as Canada’s most innovative university for over 28 years.

Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU)
Home to the Lazaridis School of Business & Economics, WLU offers Canada’s largest co-op business program and specialized programming for training the next generation of technology business experts.

Conestoga College
With a full range of co-op engineering and information technology programs, Conestoga College is a leader in polytechnic education and produces graduates with hands-on experience in network infrastructure, system administration, cybersecurity, computer engineering, and more.

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT COMPANIES

INTERNATIONAL
- Google
- EA
- SAP
- ORACLE
- NETSUITE

LOCAL
- BlackBerry
- CHRISTIE
- D2L
- kik
- opentext
- NORTH
- vidyard

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WATERLOO PROVIDES A CLEARPATH TO SUCCESS

A manufacturer of autonomous mobile robotics solutions, Clearpath Robotics is dedicated to automating the world’s dullest, dirtiest, and deadliest jobs. As a company that requires a wide range of talent and expertise – from software development and computer simulation to robotics design and manufacturing – Clearpath appreciates the unique talent and technology ecosystem in Waterloo.

“The ecosystem in Waterloo was perfect for creating the company here. Our first investors and customers were all in the Waterloo Region; and our first employees were graduates of the University of Waterloo. In fact, UW alone is an extremely strong reason why we’re here, because so much talent and innovation related to what we do comes out of there.”

-Cam Davies, Director of Marketing for OTTO Motors (a division of Clearpath Robotics)

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIZATIONS

- SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
- SAAS
- HARDWARE DEVELOPMENT
- SECURITY
- AUTOTECH
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- QUANTUM AND NANOTECHNOLOGY

WATERLOO. COLLABORATIVE. INVENTIVE. ENTREPRENEURIAL.

- Futureproof talent pool of 77,000+ students from three internationally recognized post-secondary institutions – University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University, Conestoga College – which produce graduates with 2+ years relevant, real-world work experience
- Waterloo is centrally and strategically located within the Toronto-Waterloo Corridor and provides access to more than 150+ million people within a one-day drive
- Thriving start-up community – second highest density of start-ups per capita in North America
- One of Canada’s most innovative regions, with an average of 15 patents granted per 10,000 people (11 times the national average)
- Supportive and collaborative ecosystem with 150+ research centres working together to make an impact and support a risk-taking approach to solving real world challenges
- The University of Waterloo’s unique IP ownership policies make it easier to transition ideas from experts and students into new products with few barriers

These are guidelines only, we strongly advise that you contact the appropriate specialist in these areas. Exchange rates displayed are based on $1.32 USD to CAD.

Waterloo EDC is the operating name of Waterloo Region Economic Development Corporation. When referenced, Waterloo refers to Waterloo Region.

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