



Sault College News Release

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Applied Research Centre (ARC) Now Open at Sault College

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON September 20, 2010) Sault College, a member of the provincial network for innovation (CONII), is pleased to announce an opening to the public of its Applied Research Centre (ARC) on September 23, 2010 at 11:00 AM in Room B1220 on the main campus. The ARC will serve as a gateway for industry partners, providing them with access to the applied research services offered by the College and will coordinate the collaboration of students, faculty, staff and industry partners from our community. Funding for eligible projects provided by the Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) and other agencies could be available through the ARC.

With their capacity in applied research, the more than 150 colleges across Canada have been identified as a valuable resource capable of advancing Canada's nationwide agenda to develop and commercialize innovative technologies. The ARC will strengthen Sault College's commitment to support local and regional businesses by leveraging our resources to help them to develop or enhance products services or processes in innovative ways.

"We are very excited to see the progressive nature of this collaboration and look forward to sharing some of the positive results we are experiencing with great benefits to all participants," says John Coccimiglio, ARC Manager at Sault College.

The sectors that are a priority for the research centre include Alternative Energy, Environmental Technologies & Construction, Digital Media, Health and Life Sciences, Hospitality and Tourism, Information & Communication Technologies, and Manufacturing and Materials although all businesses are welcome and encouraged to contact Sault College for help with research innovation and commercialization.

“This is exciting news not only for Sault College but for the small to medium sized businesses in Sault Ste. Marie” says Colin Kirkwood, Dean of Technology and Skilled Trades at Sault College, about the progress of the research centre. “We have always maintained close contact with business and industry in order to provide highly-skilled, work-ready graduates, and with the help of CONII we can now expand that relationship to include applied research and development,” says Kirkwood.

“This network is about combining the knowledge and industry expertise of our faculty with the specialized skills of our students in order to solve real-world challenges,” says Leo Tiberi, Vice President Academic, Sault College. “Not only does these opportunities give our students valuable, practical experiences, but the collaboration benefits companies and brings an unparalleled level of energy and enthusiasm to college environment,” says Tiberi.

Learn about the new ARC, available funding and how local and regional small to medium sized enterprises can benefit from this valuable local resource.

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About Sault College

Sault College reaches students through post secondary, continuing education, apprenticeship training and third party contract training. Sault College offers a full range of programs: Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Post Graduate Certificates, Degrees, and Apprenticeship programs. Key Performance Indicator (KPI) surveys demonstrate that almost 90% of Sault College students are employed within six months of graduation and student satisfaction is among the highest in the province. Sault College, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca for more information.

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