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New program will support early-stage commercialization of cancer research

TORONTO, July 5, 2007 – A new funding program launched by the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) will help transform laboratory discoveries by Ontario scientists into novel treatments and devices for patients.

The Intellectual Property and Commercialization Program will facilitate the development and commercialization of cancer-related discoveries. It is aimed at supporting activities that take place early in the commercialization process, including: proof of concept studies; validation experiments; development of standard operating procedures; market analyses; intellectual property protection and acquisition; and expert guidance and management of commercialization activities.

“The Intellectual Property and Commercialization Program will help the best and brightest minds in Ontario develop their ideas to a point where they are ready to connect with industry partners,” says Dr. Bob Sutherland, OICR’s Vice-President, Commercialization.

“It is crucial that we support research commercialization in these early stages when projects have moved beyond the scope of their original funding but are not yet ready for an industry partnership. We see great potential for the Intellectual Property and Commercialization Program to make an impact in this area,” Sutherland says.

Approved projects are eligible for up to \$500,000 in funding over two years. OICR will disburse \$250,000 at the outset of the project and an additional \$250,000 after one year upon the completion of a satisfactory mid-term review.

In the second year, applicants will be strongly encouraged to leverage third-party co-funding, but projects with strong justification for pursuing a second year of work may receive the second allocation in the absence of co-funding if they receive an excellent mid-term review.

The Intellectual Property and Commercialization Program is accepting proposals until the end of July 2007. Interested researchers may obtain more information on the website www.oicr.on.ca.

The Ontario Institute for Cancer Research is a centre of excellence, moving Ontario to the forefront of discovery and innovation. It is dedicated to research in prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and control of cancer. The Institute is a not-for-profit corporation funded by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Research and Innovation.

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