

The Yves Landry Foundation with a special gift from the former GFTC (Guelph Food Technology Center) has created a special program to support skills training in small and medium sized food producers or processors operating in Canada. We would like to thank the GFTC for their generous support of our Achieving Innovation & Manufacturing program. This special initiative is directed at food producers or processors that take harvested crops, livestock or ingredients and use these to produce attractive, marketable and often long shelf-life food products for sale domestically or for export.

Food producers or processors who have a North American Industry Code of 311/312 who are undertaking an innovation which will drive competitive advantage, improve efficiency, create new products or expand into new markets, may be eligible for AIME funds to support the training or re-training of workers to support the innovation.

Great things will continue for Ontario and Canada, as manufacturers across all sectors strive to be more competitive and innovative. Competitiveness is essential for maintaining Ontario's high quality of life, and that includes those companies that operate within the 311/312 NAIC sectors. A competitive economy attracts investments, advancements and jobs.

The Yves Landry Foundation is pleased to offer an AIME initiative for Food Producers and Processors operating in Canada.

The GFTC gift allows the Yves Landry Foundation to make available up to \$50,000 per company in the form of a grant to foster training that will lead to advancements in innovation within the Food manufacturing sector in Ontario. All projects for consideration must lead to growth in domestic or export opportunities or create new markets. If you have received Yves Landry funding in the past, you may not be eligible to participate in this new round of funding. Please check with YLF staff to confirm your eligibility.

Specific funding will be provided for two major objectives:

Objective 1 – Training that will support the adaptation of new technology, new processes or procedures or a change within the company to support innovation. This objective must clearly be linked to innovations leading to competitiveness including expanding into new domestic or international markets.

Objective 2 – Training that will support and develop Highly Skilled Personnel in any area that leads to innovation. This can include the development of new engineering skills, training in the use of new software, hardware or other tools necessary to support innovation; retraining to embrace new technologies, new manufacturing methods, or any other business area that will make an Ontario manufacturing company more competitive in the global marketplace. Ultimately it should lead to a situation where the applicant develops or enhances a culture that supports constant training and development to support ongoing innovation in all areas of the business cultivating opportunities for growth through innovation and education.

Being able to clearly link your project to growth and competitiveness will be essential.

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Between 10 – 1,000 employees;
- Continuously in business in Ontario for at least 3 years; (*depending on the availability of funding, food producers or processors may be considered outside of Ontario (Canada only)*)
- Must be able to demonstrate a solid financial footing over the three year period;
- Manufacturing facility or facilities located in Ontario; (*or Canada*)
- Manufacture a specific product for sale in Ontario or anywhere else.
- Manufacturing must be the organizations only, or primary line of business.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Download all documents

Step 1: Download the Preliminary Application. Be sure to fill in all requested areas.

Step 2: Download the Financial Spreadsheet. Be sure to fill in all requested areas for funding pertaining to your application.

Step 3: Review your application to confirm all required information is completed. If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact the Yves Landry Foundation for clarification prior to submitting your proposal. If you are unsure if your organization has already received AIME funding on past initiatives, please check with our office to ensure your eligibility.

Step 4: Email the Preliminary Application and Financial Spreadsheet to: (*new submissions address?*)

Step 5: Allow up to 10 working days for your preliminary application to be processed. You will be assigned a Program Coordinator at YLF who will review your application and provide feedback.

Upon receiving approval from your Program Coordinator:

Step 6: Complete the Full Application. Be sure to answer all of the questions and include the Executive Summary.

Step 7: Email your Full Application, Financial Spreadsheet, and Schedule B to your assigned Program Coordinator at YLF.

Step 8: Your final application will then be submitted to the Adjudication Panel. The Panel requires up to 20 working days for review and processing.

Step 9: Upon receiving approval from the Adjudication Panel, you will be sent a contract that must be signed and returned to YLF. At this point your training may commence.

Step 10: Upon completion of training, send us the appropriate documentation for your claims as outlined in our Mandatory Submission Document. Upon receipt of your documentation, we will review your information and contact you. Please review the mandatory submission document prior to submitting your claim in order to expedite your return.

If you encounter any issues or have any questions at any point during our application process please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.

*Program Eligibility Document*

*Mandatory Submission Claim Document*

*Training Certificate*

For further information on AIME for *Food Producers and Processors* please contact:

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