About Cognit.ca

Cognit.ca is a tool for businesses, non-profits, governments and others who want to access the experts, facilities and/or intellectual property that exists on campuses across Canada. Cognit.ca does this by analyzing over 200,000 research projects, hundreds of facilities and more than ten of thousand of pieces of IP to identify the most relevant institutions, researchers, facilities and licensing opportunities for a given search term.

COGNIT.CA was originally created by The U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities as part of a larger set of initiatives to increase the impact of Canadian university research. It is now developed in partnership with Universities Canada, collaboration with the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and with the support of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and Mitacs.

At this time, the platform connects to the awards databases of CIHR, NSERC and the SSHRC, as well as CFI's Research Facilities Navigator. In addition, COGNIT.CA provides a catalogue of current licensing opportunities from Canadian post-secondary institutions as well as a listing of patents filed for by Canadian post-secondary researchers and institutions.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the data from?

Cognit.ca uses data from a number of sources including the awards databases of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Facilities listings are provided by the Canada Foundation for Innovation's (CFI) Research Facilities Navigator. Licensing opportunities are provided by institutions and patent data is extracted from the European Patent Office's worldwide patent database.

How is the ordering of researchers and institutions determined?

Cognit.ca attempts to identify and order institutions and researchers based on the level of activity for a given search term. We infer activity level based on the relevance of the project's title, description and keywords to the search term, the size of the research project, and the role of the researcher. It is important to note that at present this analysis only considers research projects that are funded by one of Canada's three granting councils.

Is Cognit.ca fully bilingual?

Cognit.ca's interface is fully bilingual. The underlying data is provided in the user's preferred language if available, otherwise it is provided in the it's original language. As a result of some some source data being only available in one language or the other, it can be beneficial to search for both French and English terms using Cognit.ca's Boolean search functionality. For more information on this see the help section.

Canada's 15 research-intensive universities



Research Conducted	RESEARCH FUNDING	Patents
$8.5 B	**79%**	**81%**
U15 universities conduct about $8.5 B worth of research annually	79% of all competitively allocated research funding in Canada	U15 universities hold 81% of Canadian university patents