



Background on THECIS

THECIS (The Centre for Innovation Studies) is a province-wide not for profit organization devoted to study and promotion of innovation. Based in Calgary, Alberta, and Incorporated in 2001, its primary geographic scope is western Canada.

THECIS has three **core functions** – research, networking and education.

- **Research.** Creating new knowledge and building insights into how the innovation systems functions and policies that can improve it.
- **Networking.** Providing opportunities for exchange of ideas through breakfast meetings, workshops and conferences.
- **Education.** Dissemination of information through Newsletters, events and other informal education activities, particularly for graduate students.

Funding. THECIS is funded on a project basis by a variety of organizations. Since 2001, nearly 60 organisations have supported THECIS on a variety of projects.

THECIS is governed by an eleven person **Board of Directors** from across Alberta, with extensive experience and knowledge relating to innovation.

Executive leadership is provided by an **Executive Director**, and projects are carried out for clients by a network of experienced individuals called **THECIS Fellows**. The THECIS Fellows represent a major asset and a major source of competitive advantage for THECIS.

The **Core Values** of THECIS are integrity, independence and quality.