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Registration now Open - September 28



Registration is now open for the ODC Annual Golf Tournament to be held on September 28, 2022 at Glen Abbey Golf Club again this year. Gather your foursomes and register to join the dairy industry in a fun filled day of golf, networking and prizes. Once again we will be raising funds for SickKids with a 50/50 draw. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. The early bird deadline is August 26... don't miss out. Please see [attached](#) brochure or reach out to [Mary Beth Holmes](#).

FPSC - SAW Training

Food Processing Skills Canada (FPSC) offers the Succeeding at Work Language Stream program that helps to improve English language literacy and proficiency skills for new Canadians and the immigrant workforce in Ontario's food and beverage manufacturing industry. Employers can receive complementary training for employees and Chromebooks, a total value of \$23,650. More information is available at www.language-fpsc.com or reach out to [Cristina Osuna](#), the SAW Program Manager.

OMAFRA Agri-Food Disease Prevention Webinar

On August 16, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs will be hosting a webinar for the Ministry of Health to provide resources to help keep agri-food workplaces safe and share strategies for managing disease prevention, including:

- Infection, prevention and control measures
- Registry of Employers of International Agri-Food Workers
- HEPA (high efficiency particulate air filter units) Program
- Provincial Antigen Screening Program

Register using this [link](#). Zoom details will be sent to registrants. More information is available by contacting: [OMAFRA Labour](#).

ODC Welcomes New Associate



ODC is pleased to welcome its newest Associate - Robinson Dairy Trading Inc. Robinson Dairy Trading assists with global imports and exports, domestic trading, trade agreements and navigating Canada's supply management system.

New Sustainability Tool - The Leap Academy

[The Leap Academy](#) is a new online service that helps food and beverage companies on sustainability through access to training, topic experts and specialized networking. ODC Members have been offered the opportunity to participate for free. For more please contact [Jessica Luther](#).

Canadian Food Innovation Network

The Canadian Food Innovation Network is a national organization that offers funding programs, resources and services to help its members grow their food business and increase their innovation capacity. Membership is free. More information is available [here](#).

Funding

[Ontario Agri-Careers Support Initiative](#)

A second round of this funding initiative is now open. This program is aimed at growing the labour market for food processing businesses by providing support for innovative pilot projects that address specific needs of employees at a community-based level so food processors can attract and retain workers. Ontario-based food processors that have over 50 employees are eligible. The deadline to apply is September 8, 2022. Specific details can be found in the [Program Guide](#).

[thriveFORWARD Initiative for start-ups and Small and Medium Sized Enterprises](#)

This new program was launched to support industrial innovation investment that future proof businesses, create and maintain jobs, or adopt digital technology. Food production businesses can receive up to \$100,000 in funding. Applications are now being accepted until the program is fully subscribed.

[FoodShift](#)

The FoodShift program provides non-repayable funding for net-zero technology adoption to food and beverage processors. Successful program participants can receive \$50,000 in matched funding.

Canadian Food & Wine Institute Innovation Centre

[The Canadian Food & Wine Institute Innovation Centre](#) located at Niagara College, has \$300,000 in annual funding to match 2-1 with industry for applied research projects to help organization bring new food and beverage products to market.

The Food Innovation & Research Studio

The [Food Innovation & Research Studio](#) (FIRSt) George Brown College offers research and development support for food and beverage companies in their lab located in downtown Toronto. Companies can have access to food scientists, project managers, researchers and chefs to help develop new products. Services also include nutritional analysis, regulatory compliance and collecting consumer feedback.

Upcoming Events

November 2-3, 2022, How to Export to the USA, (OMAFRA in-person workshop, Toronto) details to come

November 3-4 2022 Agri-Food Innovation Council Conference – [The Globalization of Agri-Food Research and Innovation](#) , Ottawa

January 22-23, 2023, [IDFA - Dairy Forum 2023](#), Orlando, Florida

April 10-12, 2023, RC Show (details to come)

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