

# DRIVING THE POTENTIAL

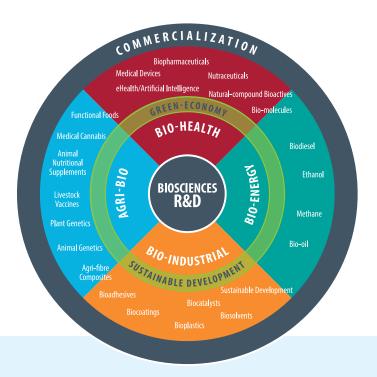
BioTalent Canada's biosciences and healthcare student work placement achievements

Igniting the bio-economy's brainpower

### **Economic driver**

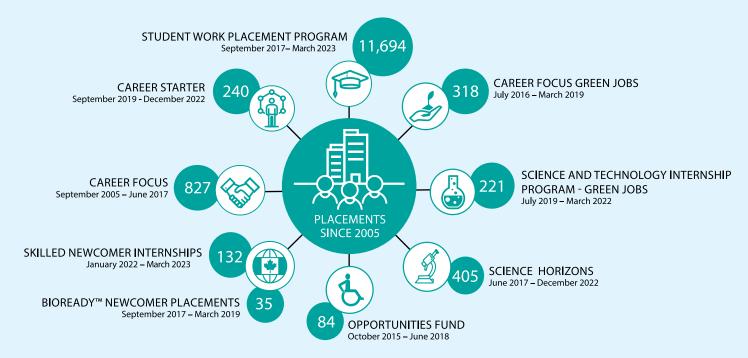
The bio-economy is defined as the economic activity associated with the invention, development, production and use of primarily bio-based products, bio-based production processes and/or biotechnology-based intellectual property. It includes the use of resources from agriculture, forestry, fisheries/aquaculture, organic waste and aquatic biomass.

BioTalent Canada supports the people behind lifechanging science. Trusted as the go-to source for labour market intelligence, BioTalent Canada guides bio-economy stakeholders with evidence-based data and industry-driven standards. BioTalent Canada is focused on igniting the industry's brainpower bridging the gap between job-ready talent and employers and ensuring the long-term agility, resiliency, and sustainability of one of Canada's most vital sectors.



## Wage subsidy track record

Growth in wage subsidy placements and programs reflect employer demand in addition to opportunities to develop and employ talent. The figure below captures the success of the full scope of BioTalent Canada programs that deliver results for Canadians, fueled by funding from the Government of Canada's Student Work Placement Program.



## **Student Work Placement Program (SWPP)** 2017-2023 at-a-glance\*



11,694 placements



#### Student and post-secondary institutions participation

University placements

10,546

College, polytechnic, and Cégep placements

1,148

Universities and departments

252

Colleges

89

Polytechnics

16

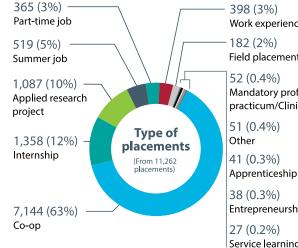
## Participant Engagement



Average Age 22 years



**Average Salary** \$35,378/year



Work experience 182 (2%) Field placement

52 (0.4%) Mandatory professional practicum/Clinical placeme

51 (0.4%) Other 41 (0.3%)

38 (0.3%) Entrepreneurship

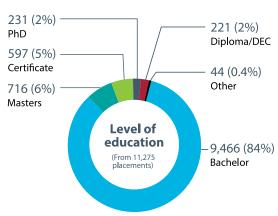
27 (0.2%)

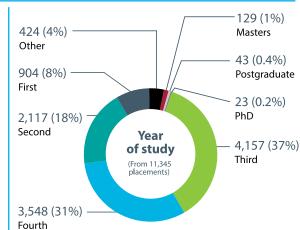
Service learning

97%

Were satisfied with the overall experience.

Felt they were better positioned to secure employment in their field.





- Student Work Placement Program participant applications as of March 31, 2023, BioTalent Canada
- Not all placements are reflected in the data, as some fields were not yet mandatory at the time of placement
- Charts may not add up to 100% due to rounding



### 77% of participants were from under-represented groups

#### Participants by gender

Females **6,344** 

Males

4,361

Declined to answer **59** 

Other

4

#### Participants by under-represented group

New immigrants

Self-identified disability

228

363

Self-identified Indigenous Group

Visible Minorities

132

4,894



## **Employer Engagement**

2,187

**Employers** 

**5 placements** 

Average per employer

**98**%

Would participate again

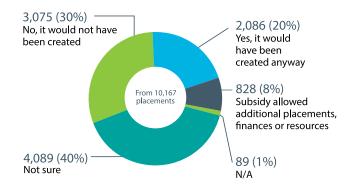
99%

Satisfaction

96%

Would continue the collaborative relationship with the post-secondary institution

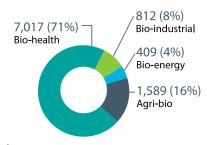
# Would the co-op position have been created without the SWPP subsidy?



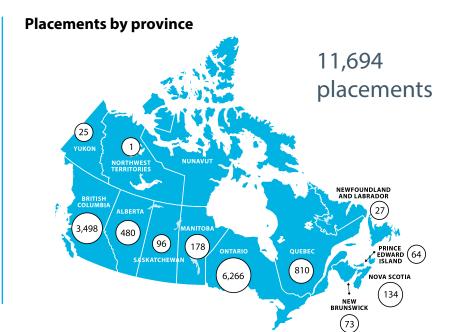
#### Placements by industry

Healthcare Bio-economy **7,332** 

## Placements by bio-economy sub-sector<sup>†</sup>



<sup>†</sup> Placements may fit within multiple bio-economy sub-sectors



## **Student Work Placement program impact**



"As a young medical startup, BioTalent Canada has been an essential resource when it comes to subsidizing the wages of great young talent. However, it is their

availability and patience when helping us navigate government funding that really sets them apart."

- Richard Pietro, Skinopathy

"BioTalent Canada has helped SQI over the years to build strong connections with Universities in acquiring new talent and be able to address short term workflow pressures."

- Aurela Mehmeti, SQI Diagnostics Inc.

"It allowed us the opportunity to mentor, train, and encourage students interested in this industry and provide them with real world experience and exposure. It also helped us in solving technical challenges we had and bought a fresh insight whilst also adding value."

-Samra Asem, Genecis Bioindustries Inc.

"It has allowed our organization to hire fresh young talent that has helped boost our research and development department and the students bring in lots of creativity and new insights."

- Robert Jaam, Pathronix Corp.

Hear from students and employers themselves in our Gaining a Competitive Edge video series at youtube.com/BioTalentCanada



### Featured academic partners



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA Science Co-op Programs















































Students from any Canadian post-secondary institution can participate

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