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## News Release

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### **Government of Canada's New Innovative Program Expected to Create Tens of Thousands of Middle-Class Jobs**

*\$950 million investment positions Canada for an innovative boom in high-growth sectors*

15/02/2018 – Brampton, Ontario – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North believes that when small, medium-sized and large companies, academic institutions and not-for-profit organizations come together to generate bold ideas, Canadians benefit from more well-paying jobs, ground-breaking research and a world-leading innovation economy.

That's why the Government of Canada is investing up to \$950 million under the [Innovation Superclusters Initiative](#).

The investment, which will be matched dollar for dollar by the private sector, is expected to create more than 50,000 middle-class jobs and grow Canada's economy by \$50 billion over the next 10 years.

In 2017, the Government of Canada challenged Canadian businesses of all sizes to collaborate with other innovation actors, including post-secondary and research institutions, to propose bold and ambitious strategies that would transform regional economies and develop job-creating superclusters of innovation, like Silicon Valley.

Recently, the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, announced Canada's five superclusters:

- The [Ocean Supercluster](#) (based in Atlantic Canada) will use innovation to improve competitiveness in Canada's ocean-based industries, including fisheries, oil and gas, and clean energy;
- The [SCALE.AI Supercluster](#) (based in Quebec) will make Canada a world leading exporter by building intelligent supply chains through artificial intelligence and robotics;



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- The [Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster](#) (based in Ontario) will connect Canada's technology strengths to our manufacturing industry to make us a world manufacturing leader in the economy of tomorrow;
- The [Protein Industries Supercluster](#) (based in the Prairies) will make Canada a leading source for plant proteins and help feed the world;
- The [Digital Technology Supercluster](#) (based in British Columbia) will use big data and digital technologies to unlock new potential in important sectors like healthcare, forestry, and manufacturing.

The Innovation Superclusters Initiative is a centrepiece of the Government of Canada's [Innovation and Skills Plan](#), a multi-year strategy to prepare Canada for the innovative jobs of today and tomorrow.

## Quote

“Today we are investing in five superclusters so that tomorrow we will be more than 50,000 jobs richer and benefit from an even stronger economy—an innovation economy. With the Superclusters Initiative, we bet on Canadians. We looked at what we did well across our great nation, and we asked industry, academia and NGOs how we could do it better. The response was impressive and the ideas were remarkable.”

-The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

“I am excited that the Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster bid received funding under the Innovation Superclusters Initiative as this will have a real and long standing impact on Brampton and its future role within the Innovation Corridor. This is great news for our economy, for Canadian innovation and for our local community.”

- Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North

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