Queen’s commitment to student innovation and entrepreneurship received a $900,000 boost in 2014 from a Government of Ontario program to help youth commercialize their ideas. The grant from the Campus-Linked Accelerator program, which is managed by Ontario Centres of Excellence, is supporting a partnership between the Queen’s Innovation Connector and Launch Lab, Kingston’s regional innovation centre. Working together as part of the Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs (ONE), QIC and Launch Lab are helping to increase campus entrepreneurship activity and programs, and establish best practises in the Queen’s-Eastern Ontario entrepreneurship ecosystem.

OUR IMPACT:
• Improved accessibility to the QIC Summer Initiative with student stipend support
• Added new equipment and technical support staff to train and mentor students in Queen’s makerspace, SparQ Labs
• Purchased pilot production-scale manufacturing equipment for QICAcceleration, an incubator at Kingston’s Innovation Park to help grow student ventures
• Launched QyourVenture to give Queen’s student business founders access to QIC Summer Initiative workshops and QICAcceleration

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OUR VALUE PROPOSITION:
• Encourage, enable and support the innovation activities of Queen’s students and professors, entrepreneurs and businesses
• Attract partnerships between government, business and academia
• Offer joint courses, workshops, internship opportunities, seminar series, conferences and business plan competitions
• Strengthen Eastern Ontario’s innovation network

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:
• Propose a business opportunity or social innovation
• Mentor Queen’s students
• Contribute ideas, space or tools for entrepreneurship and innovation
• Make a gift to QIC

FACT: Almost a third of youth-owned businesses in Canada are located in Ontario.

“This programs will help harness their ideas, their vision and their enthusiasm and turn them into jobs for today and for tomorrow.”
— The Honourable Reza Moridi, Ontario Minister of Research and Innovation

FACT: Small businesses contribute more than 30% of Canada’s GDP.

“This investment acknowledges the strides we have already made, not to mention that great things can be achieved when government, business and academia come together around a common goal.”
— Daniel Woolf, Queen’s University President and Vice-Chancellor

“The CLA funding we’ve received will further strengthen our innovation and entrepreneurship programming, setting Queen’s apart from other universities in Ontario.”
— QIC Executive Director Greg Bavington, Eng’85