

## **Financial Institutions**

The organizations below provide integral support, investment, and funding for a variety of different business development efforts across the Bioscience sector.

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### **First Angel Network**

<http://www.firstangelnetwork.ca/>

A not-for profit organization created to bridge the gap between entrepreneurs and capital in Atlantic Canada through communication, education and networking. FAN also provides qualified entrepreneurs the opportunity to approach a community of active investors.

### **Venture Capital Organizations**

The venture capital community finances the vast majority of new, private placement, fast-growth enterprises and plays an invaluable role in the entrepreneurial process. Traditional financing is not always available to start-ups and other emerging enterprises and VC investors are willing to tackle the challenges associated with these new growth projects.

### **Business Development Bank of Canada**

<http://www.bdc.ca/en/home.htm>

A major venture capital investor in Canada, active at every stage of a company's development cycle, from seed through expansion, with a focus on technology-based businesses that have high growth potential and are positioned to become dominant players in their markets.

### **Farm Credit Canada**

<http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/products/ventures/index.asp?pf=y>

FCC is Canada's largest provider of business and financial services to farms and agri-business. Operating out of 100 offices located primarily in rural Canada, FCC boasts a portfolio of more than \$18 billion. The organization offers venture capital financing, either directly or in partnership with others, to help develop and grow agricultural and agri-business operations.

**Big 6 banks**

[www.rbc.com](http://www.rbc.com)

[www.tdcanadatrust.com](http://www.tdcanadatrust.com)

[www.scotiabank.com](http://www.scotiabank.com)

[www.bmo.com](http://www.bmo.com)

[www.nbc.ca](http://www.nbc.ca)

[www.cibc.com](http://www.cibc.com)

Through a variety of investment programs and financial management the Big 6 Canadian Banks – RBC, CIBC, TD Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal and the National Bank – serve a vital role in assisting the development of a fruitful industry from early days to prominence.