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Introduction



AccelerateIP is an ElevateIP Recipient, a national program funded by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. The program is being delivered by New Ventures BC, in collaboration with Innovate BC and a network of program [Partners and Collaborators](#).

AccelerateIP's primary goal is to break the cycle of IP scarcity by investing in the talent and capital necessary to strengthen the innovation ecosystem of British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The program is designed to increase access to education, mentorship and professional support for startups to protect, implement and leverage their intellectual property.

Over our first three years, AccelerateIP has delivered significant cumulative impact across all program streams, rapidly scaling our support for the region's innovation ecosystem.



\$6M+
Support
Disbursed



+2,000+
Startups
Supported



96
IP Mentors
Trained



41
Business Accelerators
and Incubators
(BAIs) Supported

AccelerateIP Partners and Collaborators



AccelerateIP is offered in collaboration with a diverse group of partners who contribute mentorship, events, and additional support. The partners, which are based across the regions of BC, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, include:

- [Accelerate Okanagan](#)
- [BC Tech Association](#)
- [Central Interior Business Accelerator](#)
- [Foresight Canada](#)
- [Innovation Island](#)
- [Innovation UBC](#)
- [KAST](#) – Kootenay Association for Science & Technology
- [Life Sciences BC](#)
- [Northern Innovation Network](#) (formerly Hubspace)
- [SFU VentureLabs](#)
- [Spring](#)
- [Tech Yukon](#)
- [VIATEC](#) – Victoria Innovation, Advanced Technology and Entrepreneurship Council

We are also working with the following collaborator organizations:

- [Innovate BC](#) (Prime Collaborator)
- [Council of Canadian Innovators](#)
- [Creative Destruction Lab, Vancouver](#)
- [DIGITAL](#)
- [Genome BC](#)
- [InBC Investment Corp.](#)
- [Innovation Asset Collective](#)
- [Langara Applied Research Centre](#)
- [Northwest Territories Business Development Investment Corp.](#)
- [NorthX](#) – BC Centre for Innovation and Clean Energy
- [Province of British Columbia](#) – Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation
- [SDECB](#) – Société de développement économique de la Colombie-Britannique
- [South Island Prosperity Partnership](#)
- [UVic Innovation Centre](#)
- [Volition](#)

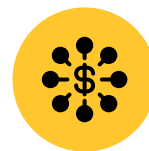
2025 – 2026 Impact at a Glance



825
startups
served



24
BAIs
served



\$1.44 M+
disbursed across
Streams 2-2 & 3

STREAM 1: IP Education



**12 IP Certification
Program cohorts**
120 startups &
5 BAIs served



**25 IP Seminars and
workshops across
program partner
and collaborators**

530+ startups and **17**
BAIs trained in-person
or in hybrid formats



1-1 office hour sessions
145 startups received
direct support and
application guidance



**Online self-guided IP
Education Program**
107 startups &
2 BAIs served

STREAM 2: IP Strategy



1:1 IP Mentorship
79 startups received up to 8-hours of
IP mentorship



IP Strategy Supports
43 startups received a total of **\$597,939.33**
support to work on their IP Strategy projects
with registered service providers

88% of startups developed a
new formal IP strategy
through the program

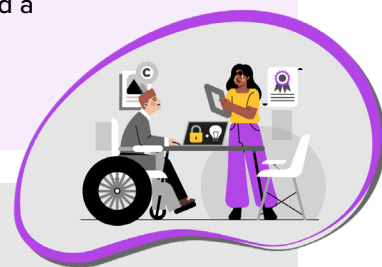


STREAM 3: IP Implementation



IP Implementation Supports
32 startups received **\$837,328.81** in funding
supports to implement their IP Strategy with
registered service providers

91% of Stream 3 participants filed for IP
protection as a result of the program



Overall industry percentages:

Life Sciences & Health	19%
Clean Tech	18%
Digital Media & Telecommunications	12%
Advanced Materials & Manufacturing	8%
Consumer Retail	5%
Education	4%
Agriculture	3%
Financial Services	2%
Food & Beverage	2%
Mining, Oil & Gas	2%
Transportation	2%
Tourism & Culture	1%
Forestry	1%
Other (Includes SaaS)	22%

Regions	Total Participants	Ecosystem Share (%)
Metro Vancouver	587	69%
Greater Victoria	70	8%
Okanagan Valley	57	7%
Kootenays	23	3%
Central/North Island, Sunshine Coast, Gulf Islands	23	3%
Sea-to-Sky Corridor	22	3%
Northern BC	21	3%
Yukon	20	3%
Fraser Valley	11	1%
Central Interior BC	9	1%
Northwest Territories	3	0.35%



97%

of startups reported being “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the program (rated 7–10)



98%

of startups reported increased knowledge and understanding of Canada's IP system



Service providers rated the program

9.2/10

for its effectiveness in supporting startups' IP-related objectives



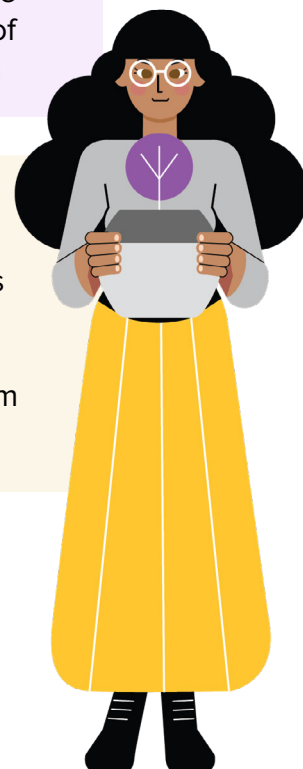
100%

of service providers surveyed would recommend the AccelerateIP Program to startups



47%

of startups self-identified as being majority-owned by an underrepresented group



Stream 1: IP Education and Awareness

The AccelerateIP education stream offers in-person, online, intensive, and asynchronous programming to meet the needs of a diverse group of startups and business mentors throughout BC and the North.

This past year, we **served over 730 startups and 24 BAIs** with our educational offerings.

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It's not about just one workshop or one funding opportunity, but about how they all work together, alongside the support of the ecosystem that allows companies to gain traction.

– **Thuy Carter**, Director of Programs, Accelerate Okanagan

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We are beginning to see companies actively integrate IP into their business strategies, which is having a tangible impact on their funding and fundraising progress. Founders are not only gaining a stronger understanding of IP concepts, from early-stage protection to strategic implementation, but are also learning how to leverage this knowledge to strengthen their investment narratives. In pitch competitions and investor interactions, IP is emerging as a key differentiator. Founders who can clearly articulate their IP strategy and demonstrate how it protects and scales their business are more confident and persuasive, and investors are better able to see the potential value of their ventures. This focus on IP is helping founders align their fundraising goals with long-term growth and competitive positioning, turning what was previously a knowledge gap into a concrete advantage in the capital-raising process.

– **Natalie Youssef**, Investment Project Manager, Spring

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Education has been a major part of the value that our startups have gained as a result of the program. Understanding the role and importance of IP as part of corporate strategy, and understanding when and how to protect IP as well as managing IP professionals has proven to be an extremely useful and effective tool for our local tech companies.

– **Rob Benett**, Program Director, VIATEC

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AccelerateIP provides us with the capabilities to support startups within the broader ecosystem beyond "just" IP.

– **Ryan Cross**, Operations and Program Support, SFU VentureLabs

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IP Seminars and Workshops

AIP delivered **25 specialized in-person, hybrid or online IP seminars and workshops** in collaboration with our program partners and collaborators.

The **530 startups** that attended these events also had an opportunity to engage with the tech community and network with other founders.

Seminars addressed a wide range of IP topics, including:

Foundations of IP

- Understanding Intellectual Property Workshop in Prince Rupert
- Scale Ready Mixer
- BC Tech IP Session
- Tech Yukon Bootcamp
- Startup C-Council
- Tech Yukon IP Webinar

IP Strategy

- Preparing your IP to License and for M&A
- IP Strategy Workshop for Startups
- Public Disclosures and IP Rights
- How to License Your Content
- Accelerating IP Strategy
- IP Budgeting Workshop

IP & Investment

- Investment IP Ready

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We ran another successful full-day IP Bootcamp. This one was oriented towards helping artist and content creators understand how to leverage and license their IP. Yukon has a vibrant art community and reception was positive. Attendees expressed that IP knowledge isn't commonly understood by artists and many lack the awareness to know its importance or even seek the right help.

– Chin Hing Chang, Program Manager, Tech Yukon

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IP Masterclass w/ Dr. Houston Brown and Erica Murry



Houston Brown

In-House IP

IP Executive &
Registered Patent Agent



Erika J Murray

Lawyer

Athena Innovation
& Legal

Free half-day and online IP Strategy workshops to strengthen startups' IP portfolios.

IP Masterclass: Entering IP Agreements (April)

60 participants attended. In this workshop, participants gained knowledge on:

- Non-Disclosure Agreements
- Material Transfer Agreements
- Licensing Agreements
- Co-Developments
- General Agreements that include IP clauses

IP Masterclass: Patent Preparation and Filing (June)

35 participants attended. In this workshop, participants gained knowledge on how to:

- Build a comprehensive Invention Disclosure
- Craft a Plain-Language Patent Claim that defines their Invention
- Search the Patent Literature and the Non-Patent Literature for points of comparison to your Invention
- Evaluate their Invention using an Invention Scorecard
- Prepare a Patent Drafting Work Package for their IP Service Provider

IP Masterclass: Partnership and Manufacturing Agreements

56 participants attended. In this workshop, participants gained knowledge on:

- Partnership Agreements
- Manufacturing Agreements

IP Masterclass: Patent Preparation and Filing (August)

47 participants attended.

IP Masterclass: Entering IP Agreements (October)

46 participants attended.

IP Masterclass: Advanced IP Agreements

40 participants attended. In this workshop, participants gained knowledge on:

- Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs)
- Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs)
- Licensing Agreements



Part of the essential toolbox for any business serious about their IP strategy.

– **Greg Foweraker**, Biozyme Solutions Inc.



IP Certification Program

AccelerateIP delivered four intensive education cohorts, led by IP experts Karima Bawa and Myra Tawfik, authors of *The Intellectual Property Guide*. This intensive program includes lectures, case studies, panel presentations and assignments. Participants also worked in groups to collaborate on exercises and participate in discussions.

This past year, **66 startups** completed a certification program.

- **32 startups** completed Level 1
- **34 startups** completed Level 2

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*We are deeply committed to providing Canadian companies with the IP skills they need to succeed in the global economy and we are grateful to be associated with New Ventures BC whose leadership in IP education has been exemplary. **Together, we have provided IP programs for over one hundred start-ups including delivering specific programs for founders from underrepresented groups.** It is very gratifying for us to see our cohorts develop solid IP literacy skills and the confidence to apply this knowledge to advance their strategic business goals.*



Karima Bawa



Myra Tawfik

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Topics for Level 1

- Introduction to IP and IP Strategy
- Introduction to Data Basics
- IP Ownership and IP Layering
- Licensing and Enforcement

Topics Level 2

- Introduction to IP and Data
- Collaboration and Licensing Opportunities
- Fundraising
- Managing IP and Data Risks
- Data as an Asset
- Customized Implementation Discussion



For Level 1:



AccelerateIP is an incredibly valuable and insightful program. It equips decision-makers with the knowledge and clarity needed to confidently shape an informed and effective IP strategy.

– **Carlos Leal**, Leafy.AI, Vancouver



I was very impressed with how many great resources were available in terms of the teachers, and guests that were brought into the course. They did a great job of bringing in teachers with real world experience.

– **Levi Howard**, Extreme Canteen Corp., Delta



An excellent blend of IP perspectives, presented with high academic standards, great team interaction and course pace, and rooted in exceptional real-life experience of both our instructors, two prominent professionals in the grandeur IP ecosystem; participants were properly guided in their effort to comprehend the depths of IP awareness, strategy and management, and supported to further engage in the IP dimension of their endeavors; all-in-all, a valuable resource offered to the participants — thank you!

– **Mirel Domsa**, MiDiaSen Innovations Corp., Peachland



The program was extremely timely. The Biozyme Solutions team are granularly engaged on a range of IP issues in international and domestic markets; the breadth and detail on the elements of an IP strategy as it would link to our business goals has been invaluable. For example, it was most helpful to learn that having separate NDA and Confidentiality agreements with an additional IP Assignment agreement was best practices.

– **Gregory Foweraker**, Biozyme Solutions Inc., West Vancouver



I really loved our group and the back & forth with our instructors and guests. Good content but also great moderation by our instructors to allow for some 'going down the rabbit hole' in our discussions without letting things get off track.

– **Amanda Barney**, Teem Fish Monitoring Inc., Prince Rupert



I didn't originally plan to protect my brand and products with IP. But after attending three trade shows, I realized it is very important not just for protection, but for marketing, credibility, and signaling strength in the industry. This program helped me understand that my instinct was right. It gave me the knowledge to shape and adjust my IP strategy in a way that supports the direction I want to take my business.

– **Clara Song**, Complete Elixir Skincare Inc., Surrey



For Level 2:

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The IP Certification Level 2 Program gave me practical tools I use daily. Jeff North's case studies showed me exactly what NOT to do, while Jordan from LG showed me what excellence looks like. The simulated negotiations and interactive discussions made complex IP concepts immediately applicable. The program's emphasis on aligning IP strategy with business strategy was transformative. Worth every minute invested.

– **Aishwarya Sridhar**, Travel Care Plans, Vancouver

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These IP education sessions have been incredibly clear and practical. They took complex concepts like patents, trademarks, and copyrights and made them easy to understand and apply. I now feel fully prepared when speaking with patent lawyers — I know what to ask, what to expect, and how to position my IP strategically. This training has saved time, reduced confusion, and made the entire IP process far more efficient and empowering.

– **Leili Abkar**, Zalvatech Recovery, Vancouver

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The IP Certification Level 2 Program has been an incredible learning experience, building on the strong foundation I gained from Level 1, which was also an excellent program. It equipped me with in-depth knowledge to implement a robust IP strategy tailored to our Agritech, data-driven focus. I learned how to unlock commercial value from IP and data to better position our innovation efforts for growth, partnerships, and investment opportunities. The instructors and guest speakers shared valuable real-world insights, and the case study discussions made complex topics easy to apply. I now feel much more confident managing IP, mitigating risks, and leveraging our assets to support our company's growth, competitiveness, and long-term success.

– **Nedaa Alhussien**, Naya Innovations Inc., Victoria

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An invaluable investment of time that will pay dividends in our company's future with a strong roadmap to grow and protect our IP, building a culture of innovation.

– **Juliette Green**, IGV Housing Inc., Port Alberni

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AccelerateIP's Level 2 program shifted our mindset from simply protecting IP to monetizing it. The emphasis on database IP, valuation, and leveraging proprietary data as a financial and strategic asset was especially valuable. It gave us a playbook for using IP not only as protection, but as a measurable source of enterprise value.

– **Amir Hayeri**, Endobits, Vancouver

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This is a great program that is centred on IP, but is much more than that. It is really about strategic planning for your business using IP to obtain a competitive advantage.

– **Marco Carlone**, Linax Technologies Ltd., Kelowna

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The IP Certification Level 2 Program was an excellent experience. The content was practical and engaging, and the instructor did a great job connecting theory to real-world examples. I especially appreciated how the guest speakers were integrated into the sessions with thoughtful questions that added depth to the discussions. The program helped me better understand how to apply IP concepts in my work, and I would definitely recommend it to anyone looking to strengthen their knowledge in this area.

– **Jonathan Yap**, Thermo Solutions Ltd., Richmond

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IP Pathways – IP Certification Program

The Province of BC, through the BC IP Strategy Program, has increased IP educational capacity in BC with [IP Pathways](#). The curriculum is based upon AccelerateIP's IP Certification Program.

Delivered by:



Susan Tees

IP Director

New Ventures BC

Susan is a Class 1 patent agent with over 30 years of experience in patent law and practice.



The program has supported **502 participants** to date, with **373 trained** during the 2025/26 fiscal year.

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I am seeing improvements in the IP literacy and IP strategy in companies coming through our program compared to what I saw two years ago. I attribute this to the supports in IP education offered by New Ventures BC under the Accelerate IP program as well as Innovate BC's BC IP Strategy

– **Susan Tees**, Patent Agent, IP Director, and Educator with AccelerateIP

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The program was exceptionally detailed and well-organized. The Q&A sessions and live courses were incredibly helpful in clarifying the IP challenges I faced. I gained valuable knowledge on various intellectual property topics, and the course structure made complex concepts easy to understand. I appreciate the effort put into creating such an informative and engaging experience.

– **Somayyeh Tavakoli**, Bays Technology

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Taking this course was an incredible experience, and Susan was phenomenal. Her expertise and teaching style made a significant impact, and I came away having learned so much. I particularly enjoyed learning about IP strategy and how it aligns with the business's overall goals, and I have already begun implementing these newfound skills within my own organization. Overall, this course was an excellent learning opportunity, and I'm grateful for the knowledge and skills I've gained. I look forward to attending more learning opportunities with New Ventures BC in the future!

– **Jacqueline Barnett**, Melius Microbiomics

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This program helped me get my head around a huge amount of complex information quickly — I learned more than I expected and walked away feeling confident and informed.

– **Carly Schmidt**, Kamloops Art Party and Alyssa Moon Ceramics

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The most valuable takeaway from this IP course was the shift in my thinking towards strategic IP management. It taught me when to bring in professionals, gave me a toolbox of IP resources, and explained how to use IP both offensively and defensively. But above all, it instilled the importance of developing a comprehensive IP strategy from the outset. This course is a must for anyone looking to safeguard their intellectual assets.

– **Royce Sin**, Solopilot

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I think this program 'turbo-charged' a critical portion of my brain — the portion that wants more than just a profitable business. In the AI-powered insanity that we're swimming in now, an IP strategy should be a universal rudiment. Committing time and resources to education and execution is now necessary for those of us who could otherwise find our businesses drowned in the innovation wave that is rising over the world of knowledge and creative work.

– **Dave Brown**,
QiiQ Healthcare

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If you are hesitating about registering for this course, press ahead with confidence. It is absolutely packed end-to-end with high-value information in a format that any level of business person can engage with. I am a career construction worker who has incorporated a startup business to advance a technology I have developed. I was very nervous that I wouldn't be able to absorb the information or participate in the discussions in a meaningful way, but in the end there was nothing to fear. The presenters and administrators of this program are very knowledgeable and patient. There is literally no risk in participating in this course, but to go forward with a patent or other IP protection without this information could be catastrophic. Jump with both feet. You'll be so glad you did.

– Justin Chapman, Oberhett Lifting Standards Ltd.



The IP Pathways course was extremely helpful in introducing all major forms of intellectual property. It provided a solid foundation for understanding the value of a well-defined IP strategy and how to determine which types of IP protection to pursue. The course was well-structured and paced, with clear modules and presentations that were easy to follow. The case studies and discussion activities were especially valuable, as they encouraged looking at IP challenges from different perspectives and leveraging insights from others.

– Vahid Moradi, Envirocatalyst Innovative Solutions Corp.



The seminar was expertly organized and presented beautifully. I particularly valued the visuals, the practical tips shared, and the gentle pace of the delivery. The atmosphere was genuinely relaxing, a welcome contrast to the usual fast-paced events. Thanks to Bradley and Susan who created a truly valuable experience, I left the session feeling refreshed and equipped with useful techniques. Thank you once again for sharing your expertise and for such a professional and calming presentation.

– Daniel Choi, Addalong Healthcare Inc.



As an inventor with a utility patent already filed, this online IP pathways course was incredibly valuable. I had a solid foundation in patents, but the course significantly broadened my understanding of intellectual property as a whole. I learned how to effectively plan for patent enforcement, develop robust trademark strategies, and leverage the power of trade secrets to protect my invention. The interactive format and knowledgeable instructor made the learning experience engaging and insightful. I highly recommend this course to any inventor or entrepreneur seeking to build a strong IP foundation for their business.

– Armin Ghauforian, The Door Face Panels



Online Resources

Online Self-Guided IP Education Program

This self-guided online course provides an introductory overview of how to manage IP, safeguard innovations, and foster a culture of IP with employees, investors and business partners.

Overall, **AIP served 107 startups** with our Foundational Module 1 and Module 2, delivered asynchronously.

IP Resource Library

The [Resource Library](#), developed by Innovation Island for AccelerateIP Program, is an interactive, custom GPT-driven tool to help users answer IP-related questions and access a curated library of IP resources.

 Ask me anything about Intellectual Property.

How novel or non-obvious does an invention need to be?

If I am first to market do I have freedom to operate?

What's the difference between a Trademark and Copyright?

Explain the benefits of Patents vs Trade Secrets?



Our organization gained significant IP capacity due to the development and use of the Resource Library.

– Graham Truax, Executive Director,
Innovation Island Technology Association



Office Hours

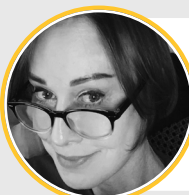
Office hours assist startups with navigating the program, assessing their IP readiness and/or reviewing existing applications.



145 startups have been provided with complimentary office hours with an IP expert



Chang Han
IP Executive in Residence
AccelerateIP and former IP Lawyer

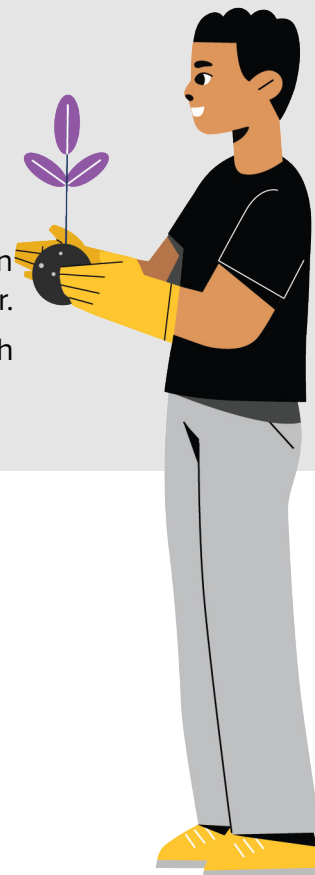


Susan Tees
IP Director
New Ventures BC

Stream 2-1: IP Mentorship

To bridge the gap between business strategy and IP commercialization strategy, **79 startups** have met with trained mentors across AccelerateIP's partner network. Startups received up to **8 complimentary sessions** to work on their business' IP strategy and prepare for working with a legal service provider.

Participating startups reported high satisfaction with mentorship quality, with an **average rating of 9.4/10**.



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The mentorship has helped us clarify and identify how our IP strategy is better tied to our overall business strategy, and plan/execute the next steps of customer and market validation. It's been invaluable to get top-notch quality of support that meets exactly where we are.

– Amy Yang, Seafoam Materials, Vancouver

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Mentorship in this program has been helpful, especially on the intellectual-property side. My mentor guided us through the early stages of patent searching and helped me understand how to evaluate Freedom to Operate in our space. That support gave me clarity on where our technology is truly novel and where we needed to adjust our approach.

– Amin Elsafi, SorpWave Technologies Inc., Surrey

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Distilling our IP strategy has helped us identify new product opportunities and ways to protect our venture from competition. Our multi-year IP roadmap gives us clear goals to work towards.

– Christina Morrow, Wicked Rose, Vancouver

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The mentorship in this program was extremely valuable in helping us develop a focused and realistic IP strategy. With my mentor's guidance, we were able to step back and evaluate which intellectual property assets truly matter most for our long-term business goals. He helped us align our IP priorities with our overall business strategy and narrow our focus to a few critical IPs that protect our core technology, while remaining realistic about budget constraints as a startup. In addition, my mentor reviewed our investor pitch deck and provided very valuable, practical feedback on how to strengthen it — both in terms of structure and messaging. His input helped us improve how we communicate our value proposition and tailor our pitch more effectively for different audiences, whether presenting to potential clients or to investors.

– Nataliia Vladyka, BlueForce Energy, Burnaby

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It really helped me focus on what mattered and getting educated. My mentor was great and gave me so many business tips as well.

– **Andreas Bogner**, Axis Base Systems Inc., North Vancouver

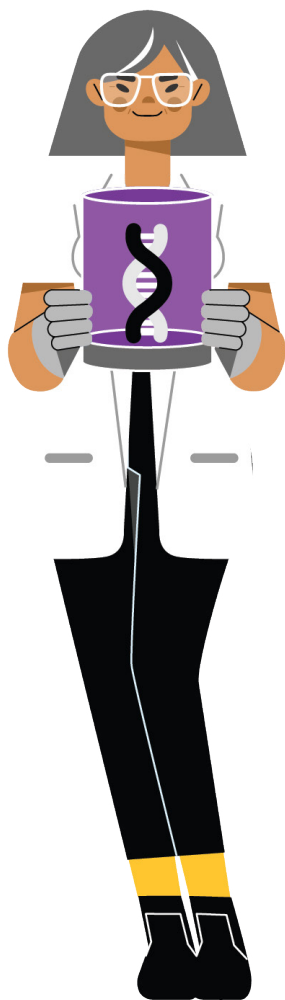
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Knowledge and awareness of the IP landscape has helped me to decide on strategic directions.

– **John Campbell**, Ground Reflections Electromagnetic Systems and Engineering Inc., Whitehorse

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Attending the mentorship program with AccelerateIP helped me to learn the fundamentals of IP laws. As a result, I could have an educated conversation with IP lawyers as well as develop and refine ZalvaTech's IP strategies.

– **Leili Abkar**, ZalvaTech, Vancouver

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Our mentor saved us from meandering down the path of a patent which would have cost us massively in terms of time and resources. It was unquestionably the right choice. She also helped give us ideas for how else we can protect our IP, and was a generally great resource for someone new to the startup world.

– **Sam Scott**, Frainwork Ltd., Wasa

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The mentorship provided through the IP Accelerate program has been extremely valuable for Volta Home. My mentor's guidance helped us clarify our overall IP strategy, understand the appropriate protections for both our hardware and software roadmap, and prioritize the trademarks and filings most critical for our early-stage growth. The program also helped us structure our approach for future U.S. expansion and how our IP strategy will evolve as we scale into new markets. A key success outcome from the mentorship is that Volta Home now has a well-defined IP plan that aligns with our product roadmap, regulatory pathway, and investment strategy. This gives us a strong foundation as we move into our first pilot deployments and prepare for broader commercialization. Overall, the support from the program and my mentor has been instrumental in building confidence around our IP direction and ensuring we are set up for long-term protection and success.

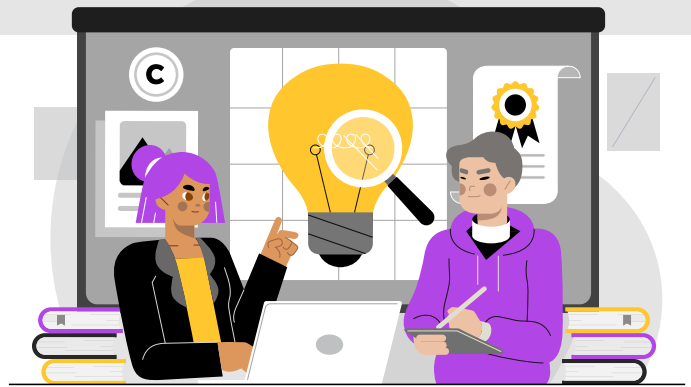
– **Chris Cashen**, Volta Home, Vancouver

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Stream 2-2: IP Strategy

In Stream 2-2, startups worked with legal service providers to develop their written IP strategies, complete Freedom to Operate searches, conduct patentability searches, trademark searches, and more.

Overall, AccelerateIP received **129 applications** and provided funding support to **43 startups**, disbursing \$597,940 for IP Strategy projects.



- **88% of awardees** developed a new formal IP strategy for their startup as a result of participating in the program.
- The quality of Legal IP Services was rated 9.4/10.

Services received:

- **82% of awardees** worked on forming and/or strengthening their IP strategy, including activities such as competitive analysis, IP Audits, and IP landscape analysis.
- **70% of awardees** received patent-related strategy services including patentability analysis, prior art searches, freedom-to-operate or infringement services.
- **32% of awardees** received trademark related services including trademark clearance searches and branding strategies.
- **43% of awardees** worked on contracts and agreements, such as common contract and document templates and legal contractual analysis.

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The program played a pivotal role in advancing Cortico Health’s intellectual property strategy during a critical period of our U.S. expansion. With the funding support, we were able to conduct trademark clearance searches, Freedom to Operate (FTO) and infringement assessments, and prior art searches. These activities gave us the clarity and confidence to move forward with securing our brand and evaluating the patentability of our technology. A major success outcome was the ability to strategically file for a trademark on our brand name “----” in Canada, with the intention to rely on Section 44(e) for U.S. registration. This trademark protects our core brand in connection with our Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) platform for healthcare communication and appointment management, helping us build long-term brand equity and recognition in both Canada and the United States. Thanks to the program, we are now better positioned to scale into new markets with a solid foundation of IP protections that align with our commercialization strategy.

– **Alfred Wong**, Cortico Health Technologies Inc., Richmond

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There are a lot of things to consider. The cost of the legal engagement is actually quite a significant turn towards activating this early on for our organization. However, it is obviously essential and sooner is better than later from an intellectual property standpoint. So it made a significant financial contribution, which allowed us to get our IP in order as the businesses grow.

– **Brandon Farr**, Level Up Strategies, Kelowna

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The program has allowed me to file two provisional patents, and expand my understanding of Freedom to Operate. It provided an expansion to what we learned in the IP Certification course.

– **Sukhneet Dhillon**, TruMotion Technologies Ltd., Langley

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(The program) created clarity on next steps and relieved some stress on what we needed to know and do.

– **Amanda Barney**, Teem Fish Monitoring Inc., Prince Rupert

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The program gave us clarity on our IP strategy and connected us with experts who helped us file our first patent. It was a key milestone in protecting our core technology.

– **Winnie Liang**, Ma Robot Responsible AI Inc., Vancouver

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The program has been instrumental in helping us build a strong foundation for our IP strategy. It clarified key concepts, connected us with expert advisors, and gave us the confidence to move forward with our patent application.

– **Charlie Vu**, Focal Lines Technologies, Vancouver

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Accelerate IP has helped Bayes Studio move from “IP as an idea” to a clear, actionable plan. The program gave us structured guidance to identify our core innovations, prioritize what to protect first, and align patents/trade secrets with our product roadmap and fundraising timelines. A key success has been building an IP roadmap we can execute against, clarifying ownership, documenting inventions more rigorously, and focusing our resources on the highest-value filings. It’s also improved how we talk about defensibility with partners and investors, with much more confidence and clarity.

– **Maryam Parizi**, Bayes Studio, Vancouver

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The Accelerate IP program has been instrumental in helping Omni Biotech develop a formal IP strategy for our lead product. Through Stream 2-2, we were able to support legal costs to formalize in-licensing of key IP fragments from our partners — an essential step for building and protecting our product. Our lead asset’s value proposition depends heavily on having strong licensing agreements in place; hence, this support has been critical to our business strategy. We’re now in the final phases of executing these licensing agreements, which is a major milestone in our IP journey.

– **Arun Pasumathy**, Omni Biotech Innovations Ltd., Richmond

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Clarius is a BC company founded on the development of innovative ultrasound technology and our founders have appreciated the value of patents since day one. What the Accelerate IP Program has done is enabled us to drive and elevate valuable IP projects that we simply did not have the bandwidth to complete ourselves, in a timely manner. Time is critical. We are a relatively small company compared to our US competitors, which are filing patent applications and covering ground quickly. We need to be nimble and responsive in how we treat our key innovations so any and all assistance in this IP area is both welcomed and appreciated.

– **Susan Ben-Oliel**, Clarius Mobile Health, Vancouver

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The program significantly improved our IP strategy and clarity. Through expert guidance, we identified gaps, structured our patents more effectively, and strengthened our overall protection plan. It also connected us with experienced IP professionals who helped us make important decisions with confidence. Overall, it was a valuable step in advancing our IP journey.

– **Nasim Gholamshahbazi**, NTP R&D Services, Penticton

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AccelerateIP definitely provided us with the financial support necessary to implement and produce an IP Strategy that sets a foundation for future IP implementations, IP-related commercialization opportunities, and subsequent patent filings to protect our technical novelty. We could not be more thankful for the support provided by the program and the entire AccelerateIP team.

– **Mo Fella**, Tutred, Whitehorse

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Thanks to the IP Accelerator program, we were able to move forward confidently on our intellectual property journey. The program supported us in conducting FTO and patent landscape searches, developing a robust IP strategy, and ensuring our trademarks and innovations are protected. This guidance allowed us to focus on our core technology, while the IP groundwork was professionally managed — accelerating our commercialization path and giving us peace of mind.

– **Somayyeh Tavakoli**, Bays Technology Inc., Burnaby

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I am better equipped now to proceed with my commercialization process with knowledge, resources, documents, and a strategy that will help me protect my IP while leveraging it to generate revenue in my tech sector.

– **John Campbell**, Ground Reflections Electromagnetic Systems and Engineering Inc., Whitehorse

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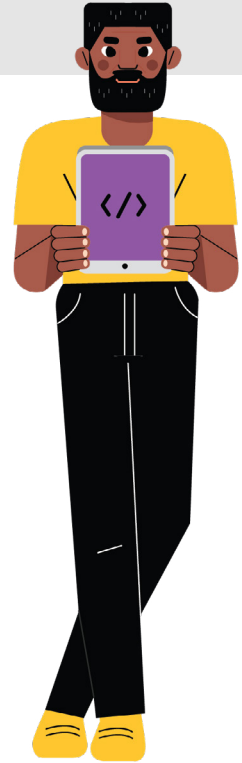
The AccelerateIP Program has been extremely valuable for Zeuron Inc. The patentability analysis and landscaping review gave us clear insight into how to position our hardware innovations within the competitive neurotech space.

– **Hamidreza Maymandi**, Zeuron Inc., Coquitlam

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Stream 3: IP Implementation



In Stream 3, startups worked with legal service providers to implement their IP strategies through activities such as patent and trademark filings and legal contractual drafting.

Overall, AccelerateIP received **224 applications** and provided funding support to **32 startups**, disbursing \$837,329 for IP Implementation projects.

- **91% of awardees** filed for IP protection through Stream 3.



Patent
94%



Trademark
33%



Industrial Design
3%



Copyright
3%

- **18% of awardees** worked on legal contractual drafting to commercialize their IP opportunities
- Average rating by startups for quality of legal IP services: **9.8 out of 10**

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The AccelerateIP Program played a critical role in helping us protect and formalize our core technology through the development and filing of our Smart Motor Control System and Embedded Operation Platform for Power Tools patent. This IP forms the foundation of our xDrill product and serves as the underlying platform for all future Robbox motorized tools. Through AccelerateIP, we were able to refine our IP strategy, work with specialized patent counsel, and ensure our technology was structured in a way that supports long-term scalability, licensing opportunities, and global market expansion. Establishing this patent application has strengthened our competitive position, increased credibility with partners and investors, and provided Robbox with a defensible technological moat as we continue to innovate in the power tools space.

– **Andrei Matei**, Robbox, Burnaby

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(The Accelerate IP program) educated us on the process and helped us understand the importance of making trademark applications.

– **Allisha Clemetson**, DesignTime Solutions Inc., Prince George

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We received a complete understanding of all the different types of IP and the requirements needed to protect them all including copywriter, trade secrets, patents.

– **Spencer Frame**, Lux Sit Systems Inc, Kelowna

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The filing of the multiple provisional patent applications and trademark applications have greatly strengthened our technology position in our two main development areas of bacterial assay development and novel/efficient mass spectrometry data analysis technologies. We are now using these various IPs to open partnership and licensing discussions with partners (largely on the assay side). We have also begun to investigate other funding opportunities for our data analysis tools, to further develop these in house, for either in-house services, and/or licensing and partnering opportunities.

– **David Schibli**, Mirean Scientific Inc., Victoria

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AccelerateIP has helped us formalize and execute a strong IP protection strategy at a key stage of growth, including direct support for patent drafting and application filing. The program strengthened how we position our proprietary technology in investor and partner discussions, improved our commercialization readiness, and gave us greater confidence that our core innovations at EyeCareX are being protected in a way that supports long-term scale.

– **Justin Asgarpour**, EyecareX, Vancouver

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Funding support has been instrumental in helping us secure approval for two of our patents. It allowed us to cover the costs of research, prototype development, and the patent application process — ensuring we could move quickly and meet all technical and legal requirements.

– **Kayla Duval**, Vitalis Extraction Technology Inc., Kelowna

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Participation in the AccelerateIP Program has been critical in helping Dream Photonics build a strong, commercialization-focused IP strategy as we scale from a university spin-off into a global photonics company. The program enabled early engagement with experienced patent counsel, allowing us to identify and protect core innovations in advanced photonic packaging and hybrid integration. AccelerateIP support helped us rapidly convert invention disclosures arising from R&D into patent filings, clearly define background versus foreground IP, and reduce risk when engaging customers, partners, and investors. Overall, the program strengthened our IP discipline and increased confidence during commercial and technical due diligence.

– **Matthew Mitchell**, Dream Photonics, Vancouver

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Being part of the AccelerateIP Program helped us take a much more structured and practical approach to IP. We moved beyond seeing IP as a legal formality and started treating it as a real business asset. One clear outcome is that investors are noticeably more confident and reassured when they see how solid and well thought-out our IP strategy is around the technology.

– KM Tanvir Ahsan, Block 9 Consultancy Inc., Surrey



AccelerateIP has helped FMRK understand the various forms of IP how they can overlap and strengthen one another but also just as importantly the weaknesses and drawbacks of each form of IP. The AccelerateIP Program has also helped us file a provisional patent in the USPTO as well as a PCT filing to allow us to secure our IP in multiple jurisdictions.

– Faisal Khan, FMRK Diagnostic Technologies, Delta



The AccelerateIP program helped us in two ways: 1. Filing a new provisional patent aligns with our IP strategy for our new technology. 2. Helping secure the required funds for the prosecution of our previous Canadian patent application to move one step closer to patent granting.

– Amir Seyfoori, Apricell Biotechnology Inc., Victoria



Accelerate IP has been extremely helpful in building and maintaining our IP portfolio. Our technology is complex and spans multiple regions, so the support has been instrumental in helping us manage filings and protect our innovations strategically.

– Ahmad Erfan, Viridis Research Inc., Vancouver



Being in the AccelerateIP Program has been fantastic. Besides reviewing all about IP with Stream 1, Solaires was able to effectively protect its technology by filing patent applications and trademarks in the US and Canada. This step — filing of applications — is very important for Solaires business.

– Larissa Santos Ferreira, Solaires, Langford



Funding under the program allowed Forefront Energy to pursue patent protections for our proprietary clean oilfield technology before rolling it out to market. The financial support made the business decision of where to allocate scarce capital easier at a critical time for our company.

– Jen Simmons, Forefront Energy Ltd., Pouce Coupe



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Accelerate IP has enabled Seacork to learn a great deal about the importance of IP, and then enabled us to actually protect our IP in Canada and abroad — something that we simply would not have been able to afford otherwise.

– Annie Dahan, Seacork, Vancouver

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The filing of a US provisional patent will contribute to the growth, scalability and long-term success of Lab 915 Technologies Inc. by: 1) Enabling expanded human factors field testing and technology evaluation with strategic partners, which mitigates product development risks and hazard testing. 2) Fostering increased alignment between engineering teams, prescribing clinicians, patients/users and insurance payors. 3) Protecting inventions while optimizing commercialization opportunities. 3) Creating strategic advantages of expanded market validation. 4) Protecting IP while progressing through the technology readiness levels of TRL 6 to TRL 7 of MVP research and product development. Ultimately IP activities provide competitive advantage.

– Jolanda Peters, Lab 915 Technologies Inc., Vancouver

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We have been able to expand our protection coverage into new countries and ensure a solid IP portfolio as we plan for our customer and investor discussions.

– Hani Eskandari, Sonus Microsystems, Vancouver

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