



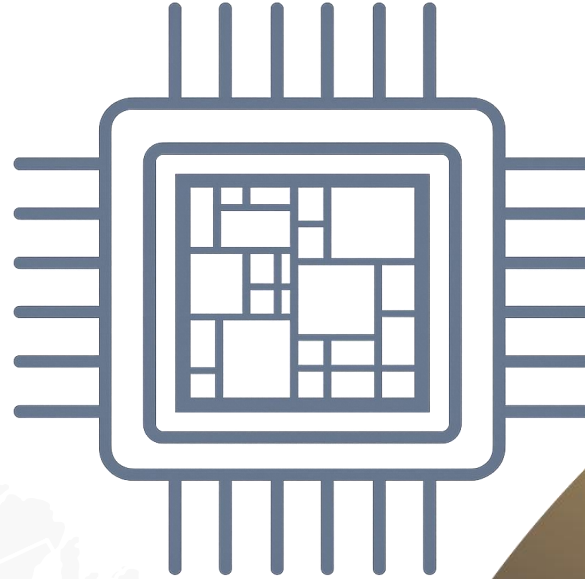
SCIP Call for Applications

Overview of the AI Sovereign Compute Infrastructure Program (SCIP) and Application
Process

May 2026

About SCIP

- The AI Sovereign Compute Infrastructure Program (SCIP) is a key initiative under the Canadian Sovereign AI Compute Strategy that advances Canada's leadership in AI by delivering on historic investments from Budget 2024 and Budget 2025.
- Up to approximately \$890M over seven years to build a Canadian-located, Canadian-governed system.
- Build a state-of-the-art, AI-optimized national public supercomputer.
- Provide high-performance AI compute to support Canadian researchers and innovative Canadian businesses.



Program Objectives



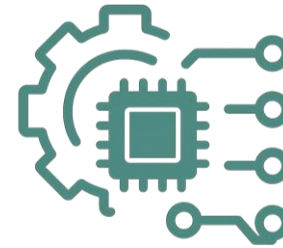
Meet the compute needs of Canadian researchers



Support access for innovative Canadian businesses



Enhance Canadian sovereignty and resilience



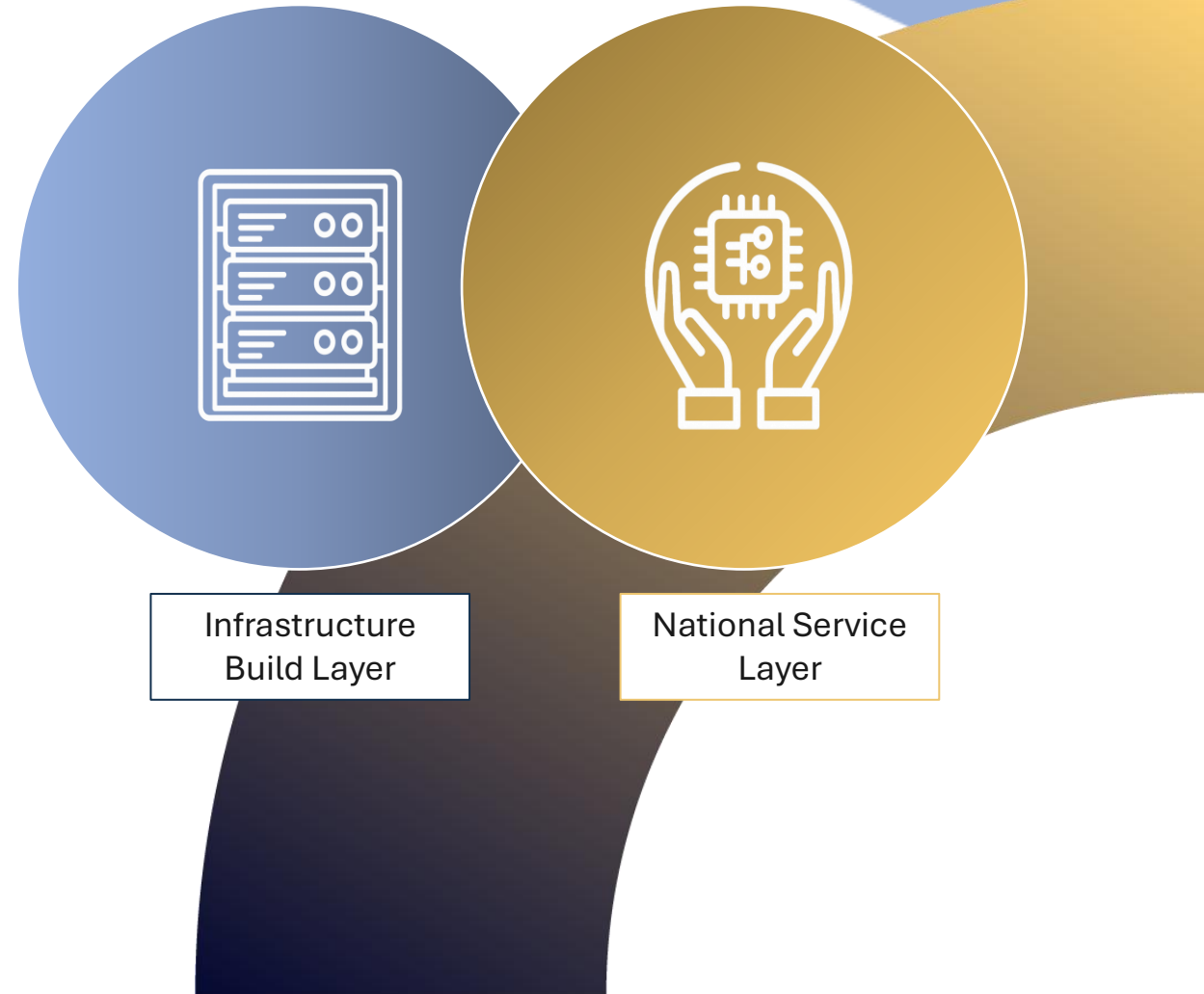
Allow for the integration of Canadian technologies



Accelerate national public AI compute to remain competitive and retain talent

Program Structure

- SCIP is built on two complementary layers:
 - **Infrastructure Build Layer**
 - National Service Layer
- This call for applications is only for the **Infrastructure Build Layer**



Program Structure: Roles & Responsibilities

SCIP is structured around two layers, with individual roles, that overlap in specific areas to work together to deliver advanced computing capacity across Canada. Responsibilities will be allocated across these layers as follows:



Eligibility

Applicants must meet the program's sovereignty requirements:

- Sustained, sovereign control across the full lifecycle of the facility (design, build, operation)
- Governance structures ensuring decision-making authority rests with Canadian institutions
- Safeguards that prevent:
 - Foreign interference
 - Extraterritorial restrictions
 - Supply-chain dependency risks



Not-For-Profit Organizations

Are eligible if they are incorporated in Canada



Post-Secondary Institutions

Are eligible if they are incorporated in Canada



Consortia

Must be led by an eligible organization, but can include industry, research organizations etc.

Technical Requirements

Hardware & Architecture:

- GPU-optimized, with a modular, scalable design
- Due to fluctuating costs, no precise requirement for the number of GPUs has been given
- Significant service delivery within approximately 18 months

Site & Build Readiness:

- Option for new build or expansion of existing site
- Special justification required for land purchases

Energy & Cooling:

- Committed power and cooling capacity within approximately 18-months for service delivery
- Sufficient energy capacity or potential for upgrades to accommodate future expansion

Assessment Process

Initial Screening

Review applications for eligibility, alignment with sovereignty requirements

Technical Execution Assessment

Assesses full delivery of the proposed infrastructure; weighted 60%

Priority Assessment

Assesses alignment with a set of priority areas essential for achieving SCIP's overall objectives; weighted 40%

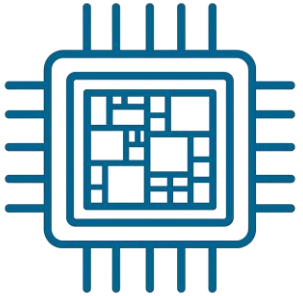
Technical Execution Assessment

The Technical Execution Assessment is assessed across 21 categories, including but not limited to:

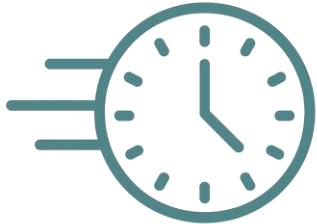
- Facility readiness
- Architecture performance
- System governance and security controls
- Software and tools

A complete list with a detailed description for each category is available in the [Program Guide](#).

Priority Assessment Areas



**Increasing
Compute
Capacity**



Speed to Delivery



**Future
Scalability**



**Sovereignty &
Governance**



Economic Impact

Timelines & Application Process

Application Window

Applications are open for **45 days** from the date of launch.
Submissions will be accepted until:

1:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday June 1st, 2026

How to Apply

Before applying, applicants should review the Website and Program Guide to ensure they understand all requirements and context

To submit an application:

1. Email aiscip-picsia@ised-isde.gc.ca to receive an application form
2. Complete the form and prepare all required attachments
3. Submit the full application package to:
aiscip-picsia@ised-isde.gc.ca by the deadline stated above

Questions?

Q. Will there be multiple successful recipients selected?

A. The intent of the SCIP is to support the delivery of a national public supercomputing system for Canada. The call for applications for the Infrastructure Build Layer is envisioned as being led by one recipient, which could be a single organization or a consortium, with responsibility for the design, build, and operation of the system.

Q. When will applicants be notified that they are the successful recipient?

A. The successful recipient is expected to be notified in the Fall of 2026.

Q. Will the SCIP do any matchmaking or introductions to pair interested parties such as for-profit companies with eligible lead applicants?

A. No, the SCIP does not facilitate or broker partnerships; proponents are responsible for establishing their own consortium arrangements.

We may be unable to answer all submitted questions within the allotted time for this session. If your question is not answered or should you have more questions, please email us at aiscip-picsia@ised-isde.gc.ca and we would be happy to connect with you.

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