

Statistical standards: A national research and development standard



The Canadian Research and Development Classification (CRDC)

is a set of three interrelated classifications of R&D by:

- ✓ **Type of activity**
- ✓ **Field of research**
- ✓ **Socioeconomic objective**

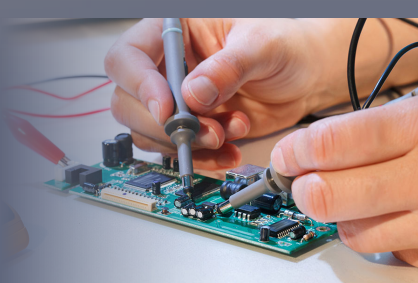
Benefits of the CRDC

- Provides a common language for discussing research, enabling better evidence-based decision making within the research ecosystem
- Makes it possible to identify expertise and research areas in a truly multidisciplinary classification
- Improves the identification of emerging research fields
- Provides researchers with harmonized and integrated R&D classification
- Improves reporting on the agencies' combined contributions to R&D in Canada
- Improves data processing and quality in R&D investments at the national level for Statistics Canada



Collaboration and engagement on a new national standard jointly developed by:

- The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
- The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- Statistics Canada



Availability

The CRDC will be used by funding agencies and Statistics Canada to collect and disseminate data related to R&D in Canada. It is also available for any organization or individual in Canada who wants to use it, including academia.