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Canada creates world-class brain health innovations, but those innovations only become breakthroughs when they reach the people who need them to improve their lives. With Canada's aging population and dementia rapidly rising, we don't have time to leave promising Canadian solutions stranded on the path to scale.

—Dr. Allison Sekuler, President and Chief Scientist, CABHI and Baycrest Academy for Research and Education

The Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation is at the forefront of developing and testing innovations that improve quality of life for older adults and families. Their work will help make important advancements in dementia detection, prevention, treatment, and care. The Government of Canada is proud to support their work in transforming brain health care for the benefit of all Canadians through the Strategic Science Fund.

— Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions

Canadian innovators are harnessing emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, to improve brain health and quality of life for older Canadians. The Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation is helping turn promising research into real-world solutions, supporting Canadian businesses, driving innovation and creating new opportunities for economic growth.

—The Honourable Evan Solomon, Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation

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MISSION

To drive the development and adoption of transformative aging and brain health innovations.

VISION

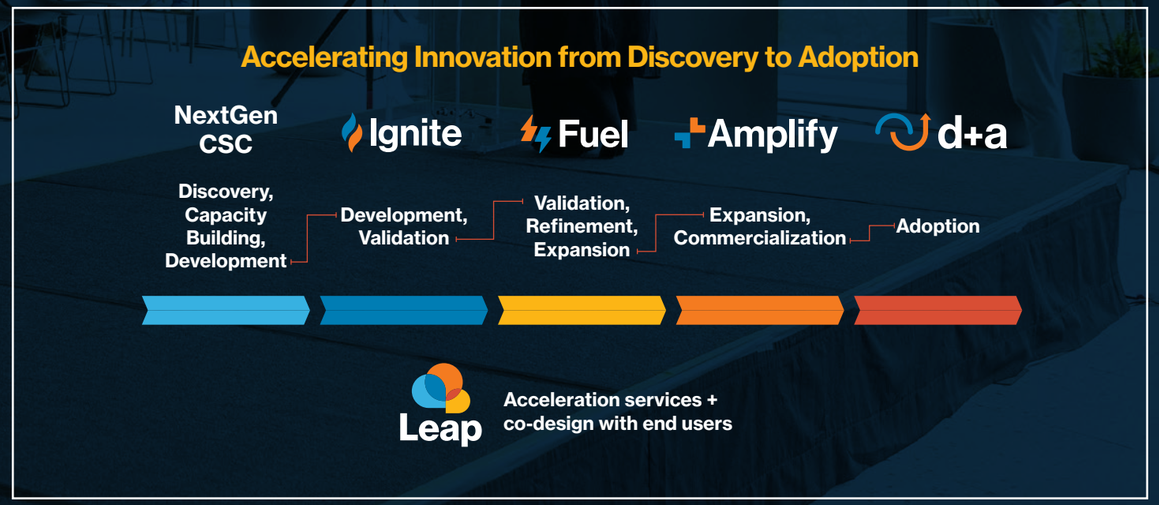
A world where every older person lives with purpose, fulfilment, and dignity.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Build innovation capacities through purposeful collaboration to co-create impactful solutions.

2. Accelerate innovation from idea to impact, supporting the development, validation, and adoption of aging and brain health solutions.

3. Transform the aging and brain health innovation ecosystem by forging dynamic partnerships and mobilizing knowledge to influence practices and policies.



Leadership Message



+ Joe Freedman
Board Chair



+ Dr. Allison Sekuler
President and Chief Scientist

The 2025-2026 period marked a pivotal moment in Canada's history as our population officially reached super-aged status: one in five Canadians are now over the age of 65[1]. This societal shift reflects remarkable gains in longevity while presenting a compelling opportunity to redefine how we support healthy aging, brain health, and caregiving to build a better future.

At the same time, there is a globally recognized urgency to respond to rising rates of dementia and a widening gap between people's lifespan and healthspan – the number of years we are able to live active, connected lives. Dementia cases are projected to hit 1.7[2] million nationally by 2050 at a cost of $110 billion annually[3], while the average healthspan lags nearly a decade behind average life expectancy.

Canada continues to make great strides toward addressing the evolving challenges and opportunities of our new super-aged reality. Targeted investments in homegrown life sciences and critical technologies, supported by a new national artificial intelligence (AI) strategy focused on trust and adoption, are laying the groundwork for more innovative solutions to support aging and brain health, including dementia detection, prevention, treatment, and care. Canada has emerged as a key player on the international tech stage, garnering considerable recognition and foreign investment in support of trade and sovereignty. Canadian researchers and innovators are fully embracing the power of biotech, healthtech, agetech, and AI to lengthen healthspan, bolster our workforce, maximize healthcare resources, and strengthen the economy.

But innovation is never easy. Canada's sharpest minds and most passionate problem solvers face persistent challenges in translating promising ideas into societal and economic impact. CABHI's programs and initiatives are keeping pace, evolving in response to emerging innovation barriers, market opportunities, and industry trends.

In the current national and global context, we are doubling down on our mission to drive the development, validation, commercialization, and adoption of transformative aging and brain health innovation in several key areas:

+ Fostering highly qualified talent through the CABHI Science Collaborative and NextGen Support Package.
+ Accelerating Canadian intellectual property (IP) and critical technologies such as artificial intelligence from early stage to commercialization through our core innovation programs: Ignite, Fuel, and now Amplify (launching its first cohort alongside this report).
+ Increasing healthcare and community care capacity through Discover + Adopt.
+ Facilitating co-design and purposeful collaboration with diverse end users through Leap.
+ Generating and mobilizing market intelligence to inform evidence-based responses to societal challenges and innovation through AgeTech Insights, convening diverse ecosystem thought leaders and stakeholders, and building regional innovation capacity through a growing network of regional Brain Bases.

Over the last year, CABHI translated our mission into measurable impact by:

+ Flowing over $24.9M in direct and match funding to Canadian innovators developing, validating, and scaling aging and brain health innovations.
+ Attracting over $11M to drive Canadian innovation in addition to government funding.
+ Creating over $4.34M in Canadian jobs.
+ Supporting over 120 interns, students, recent graduates, and early-career researchers in developing innovation skills and translating research into commercialization, economic growth, and societal impact.
+ Supporting over 30 Canadian project teams in researching and developing novel Canadian IP.
+ Facilitating the adoption of innovation into over 25 healthcare and community-based organizations.
+ Engaging over 1,200 end users in innovation co-design to ensure the development of meaningful solutions.
+ Creating 17 knowledge mobilization products through the AgeTech Insights Initiative, including 3 comprehensive reports.

Reflecting on the past year and looking forward to building upon our momentum, one truth plainly emerges: brain health is at once the most urgent societal challenge and economic opportunity of our time – valued at an estimated $6.2 trillion by 2050[4]. New ideas and approaches will be increasingly necessary to augment people's healthspan, attract foreign investments to Canada, create good jobs, and directly address the entire dementia continuum from prevention to care. CABHI will continue working on the front lines of innovation to realize our vision of a world where every older person can live with purpose, fulfilment, and dignity – with brain health at the core.

Thank you to our Board of Directors, staff, Community of Innovation, and Baycrest community, without whom these accomplishments would not be possible.

Sources: 1. Press, 2026; 2. Alzheimer Society of Canada; 3. Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis; 4. McKinsey Health Institute

Impact to Date

209,000+

Canadian older persons and caregivers engaged in CABHI projects

6,700+

highly qualified personnel (HQP) involved in CABHI projects

$1M+

people reached through CABHI-supported education, knowledge mobilization, and communication activities

$243M+

in direct and match funding toward advancing innovative projects

$1B+

in follow-on investment secured by CABHI-affiliated innovators

$107M+

levered (cash and in-kind) in addition to government funding

$97M+

in jobs created and sustained by CABHI projects

676

projects launched

980+

products, practices, or services developed

369

solutions validated and evaluated in real world settings

295+

distinct solutions introduced into market or adopted into practice

330

solutions procured after completing CABHI programs

Innovation Themes

Our innovation themes ensure CABHI-supported projects and partnerships advance our mission of driving the development and adoption of transformative aging and brain health innovations, and help realize our vision of a world where every older person lives with purpose, fulfilment, and dignity. When assessing opportunities, we ensure alignment with our core and cross-cutting innovation themes.

+ Core Themes

Aging at Home

Enabling older persons to remain independent, safe, and connected within their homes and communities.

Caregiver Support

Improving the well-being, efficiency, and capacity of caregivers.

Care Coordination and Navigation

Enhancing care transitions, coordination, communication, and access.

Cognitive and Mental Health

Supporting brain health, dementia, mental health, and cognitive well-being.

Financial Health and Wellness

Bettering financial security, literacy, planning, and resilience.

Women's Brain Health and FemTech

Addressing women's overall health, women's brain health, and aging-related challenges unique to women.

+ Cross-Cutting Themes

Diversity, Accessibility, and Health Equity

Improving access, outcomes, and inclusion for underserved, marginalized, and diverse populations.

Promoting Social Inclusion and Preventing Stigma and Elder Abuse

Strengthening social connection, reducing isolation, and protecting older persons from stigma, discrimination, and abuse.

The Power of Co-Design



Beverley Shukyn, CABHI Lived Experience Council Member, at the 2025 Global Dementia Research + Innovation Showcase.

Leap

The most impactful innovations are informed by diverse real-life experiences, but most of the time, innovations happen without important consultation with the end users: the people who will actually use the final product. Our second AgeTech Insights Report, Designing Inclusive Innovation for the 50+ Market, revealed that 51% of older persons want to participate in co-design, yet only 11% feel they have been consulted.

At CABHI, co-design is not a single step in the innovation process; it is a guiding principle that shapes how the innovative solutions we support are developed, tested, and refined. By bringing people with diverse lived experiences – older persons and care partners – into the conversation early and often, and connecting them with researchers and innovators, CABHI helps ensure that new products and practices are grounded in the real-world needs of the people they are intended to support.

Co-design is a necessary ingredient in the innovation journey – evident in the case studies presented in this report – and is reinforced by survey response data collected from innovators and researchers supported by CABHI over the past year.

In addition to embedding co-design within our core innovation programs, our AgeTech Insights Initiative uses robust data collected from end users across Canada to present evidence-based opportunities for investment and innovation. Innovators, researchers, investors, and policymakers use the resulting reports to develop solutions built on a foundation of co-design.



Renee Leventhal, CABHI Lived Experience Council Member, at the 2025 Global Dementia Research + Innovation Showcase.

Leap, CABHI's end-user engagement service for innovators, is where co-design happens. Often cited by innovators as one of the most formative components of our proprietary supports, it connects innovators directly with engaged end users who share insights on their wants and needs through focus groups, surveys, interviews, and usability testing. In the 2025/26 year, Leap collected feedback from over 1,200 end users to inform over 40 innovations across the entire project lifecycle. By learning firsthand about the challenges and opportunities of aging and brain health, innovators are empowered to design solutions that are more relevant, accessible, and meaningful to their target audience.

While Leap helps inform innovation at a product level, the **Lived Experience Council** promotes co-design at CABHI from a broader lens. As a national group of older persons and care partners, the Council brings their wide-ranging expertise and experiences to inform CABHI's operations, programs, and activities.

The 2025/26 Council included 10 dedicated members with deep knowledge across business development, aging and brain health, human resources, and leadership activities, in addition to their personal experiences caring for aging loved ones and/or navigating the aging experience themselves.

By attending strategic planning meetings, project selection committees, and innovation judging panels across the globe, the Council lends their expertise and provides ongoing guidance across the organization to ensure voices of end users remain at the centre of decision-making.

Together, Leap and CABHI's Lived Experience Council bridge the gap between innovation and real-world experience. These initiatives create opportunities for older persons and care partners to shape the future of aging, ensuring that new solutions are developed with, not just for, the people they are designed to support.

1,200

end users surveyed to inform innovation

96%

of innovators said CABHI's end-user validation services strengthened their solutions[5]

> *"Engaging with end users is a turning point of my research and CABHI made it possible.*
>
> – Saiful Hoque, University of Toronto

Source: 5. 2026 CABHI Stakeholder Survey

Developing Highly Qualified Talent

for Canada's Future



L-R: Joe Freedman (Board Chair), Aidan Steeves (Hippocamera), James Mayer (Chief Operating Officer), Dr. Allison Sekuler (President & Chief Scientist), MPP Mohamed Firin (York South—Weston), The Hon. Nolan Quinn (Ontario Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security), Linda Mayhue (Xandar Kardian), Yuvraj Walia (Cogni), Dr. Rosanne Aleong (Director, Research, Innovation, and Translation), and Millie Lawrence (Hippocamera).

The future of aging and brain health in Canada will be shaped by the next wave of researchers and innovators. Students, recent graduates, and trainees are tackling some of the most complex challenges facing older Canadians and care partners today, but they need the right supports at the right time to translate their research into critical technology-enabled products and practices that make it into people's hands where and when they need them most. However, many of these brilliant and burgeoning young professionals lack the specific skills, professional networks, and resources to bring their ideas out of the lab or classroom and into the real world. Without tailored supports, ideas stall, and opportunities for economic and health impact are lost through the cracks.

Investing in up-and-coming innovators, researchers, and scientists is key to creating a resilient economy, thriving workforce, and better health outcomes for older Canadians. The **NextGen Support Package (NextGen)** and the **CABHI Science Collaborative (CSC)** are responding to this need through funding, acceleration services, and robust support services—all designed to foster tomorrow's big breakthrough from the minds of today's academic achievers.

NextGen Support Package

Learn more

A Launchpad for the Next Generation of Agetech Innovators



Kino Song, CABHI NextGen Innovator and runner-up of the NextGen Pitch Competition, presenting about TalkToMedi.

NextGen funds and accelerates the development of aging and brain health solutions from post-secondary students and recent graduates.

Innovators gain access to funding, mentorship, a custom curriculum, end-user feedback sessions, and networking opportunities, setting the stage for them to bring their solutions to life.

Many participants enter NextGen with a fresh idea and a lot of passion to solve a specific problem faced by older persons and care partners. These range from early detection and prevention of dementia to menopause symptom management and AI-enabled companionship.

By the end of their time with CABHI, the young innovators emerge with fully formed and validated solutions that, in many cases, go on to the next phase of the development pipeline in our Ignite program.

"People who start in the NextGen program can graduate into one of our next programs, and then continue moving through the pipeline," says Dr. Allison Sekuler, President & Chief Scientist of CABHI and the Baycrest Academy for Research and Education. "We support innovators from early-stage design and development—when they're learning what it takes to be an entrepreneur, what it means to be an innovator, and what questions they need to ask to succeed—through to the point where they have a minimum viable product and are ready to validate it at a larger scale. From there, they can move into validation and refinement, and then into our spread, scale, and adoption programs."

100%

of trainees said CABHI's training and career development opportunities strengthened their ability to engage meaningfully in innovation.[5]

100%

of trainees said their experience with CABHI strengthened their professional development and opened opportunities for networking, innovation, research translation, and employment.[5]

Sources: 5. 2026 CABHI Stakeholder Survey

Cogni: Early Dementia Detection Meets "Phoning It In"

Turning a promising idea born out of a university hackathon into a viable early-stage solution with serious potential for dementia prevention and detection is no easy feat – but two young Ontario-based innovators did just that.

What started as an early concept at Velocity's AgeTech Innovation Challenge, a CABHI-sponsored event out of University of Waterloo, has since developed into a novel agetech solution gaining national traction and international attention. Calista by Cogni is a conversational AI companion that engages older persons with calls and games to monitor cognitive health through speech and task analysis.

See the video

After winning the hackathon, the Cogni team sought out CABHI for additional support through NextGen – gaining access to the tools, guidance, and connections to strengthen both the solution and the vision behind it – and went on to win the People's Choice Award at the NextGen Pitch Competition.

"CABHI gave us something we couldn't get anywhere else: direct access to the older adults we're building for," says the Cogni team. "Between the curated education, resources, and the legitimacy that comes with being part of CABHI's ecosystem, NextGen rounded us out in ways we wouldn't have found on our own. We came in as engineers with a product and left with real direction."

Since completing NextGen, Cogni has graduated to Ignite – the next step in CABHI's innovation journey – to further test, validate, and scale Calista. The Cogni team and its novel AI solution exemplify how early support can dramatically advance an early-stage solution toward real-world impact.

cogni.inc



Lucas Monter, Founder of NeuroSpritz and CABHI NextGen Innovator, pitching at the 2026 NextGen Pitch Competition.

NeuroSpritz: Taking the Wait out of Brain Signal Testing

Electroencephalograms (EEGs), tests used to track brain signals in patients with cognitive decline, are an effective tool in dementia detection and prevention. Unfortunately, the complex setup takes up to an hour, and wait times are long, putting unnecessary stress on older persons and care partners. Lucas Monter, NextGen innovator and creator of NeuroSpritz, is working to streamline the entire EEG process, freeing up appointment availability and improving patient experience.

See the video

NeuroSpritz is a novel system blending spray-on wireless, disposable electrodes and artificial intelligence to reduce EEG setup times by up to 80%. The groundbreaking innovation has the potential to increase both clinic efficiency and client comfort.

"CABHI had a profound impact on advancing my technology – both the applicator and the wireless electrodes," says Lucas Monter, Founder of NeuroSpritz. "The 1:1 mentorship, bespoke agetech curriculum, brokered connections, virtual and in-person pitch feedback enabled me to move closer to safe, effective and impactful deployment of NeuroSpritz."

NeuroSpritz advanced its prototype from a pen-and-paper mock-up to a tangible, in-hand prototype while completing NextGen. In addition to solution refinement, the CABHI program provided key networking opportunities, including the Final Pitch Event in February, which Lucas won, paving the way for additional funding opportunities. Since participating in NextGen, NeuroSpritz was also accepted into an Intellectual Property Ontario (IPON) program designed to help startups commercialize their IP and keep it in Ontario.

By achieving these critical milestones throughout NextGen, NeuroSpritz is closer to achieving its goal of streamlining EEG setup times in clinical settings and, ultimately, real-world impact.

CABHI Science Collaborative

Learn more

Helping Early-Career Scientists Turn Research into Practical Solutions

Since spring 2025, the CSC has grown to more than 300 active members across Canada. Members receive access to valuable opportunities including CABHI-sponsored professional development courses, interactive rounds, workshops, showcases, internships, job-shadowing experiences, and networking events.

The real-world impact of research is unlocked when it moves out of the lab. Scientists, researchers, and trainees often need support to build innovation skills and confidence to transform their work into practical applications that make it into the hands of end users, clinicians, and policymakers.

A major draw to joining the CSC is the ability to apply for the CSC Fellowship: an exclusive funding opportunity for trainees (graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) valued at $15,000 (salary offset and project fees) to complete a knowledge mobilization project based on their independent research. In addition to funding, they gain access to a monthly learning series and CABHI's Acceleration Services, including Leap, CABHI's end-user engagement service.

Among the nine selected fellows in the inaugural cohort was Dr. Saiful Hoque, a postdoctoral research fellow with over 10 years of experience in textile materials engineering, product development, and testing. Currently at the University of Toronto's Institute of Biomedical Engineering and the UHN KITE Research Institute, he leads smart textile research initiatives in his lab, with a focus on developing wearable solutions for healthcare applications.



Attendees at the 2025 Global Dementia Research + Innovation Showcase.

> *"[CABHI] was instrumental in moving this work beyond the laboratory and directly into the community. It provided the crucial resources to conduct hands-on co-design sessions and educational workshops, giving me the opportunity to connect directly with the older adults who need this technology the most.*
>
> – Dr. Saiful Hoque, CSC Fellow

Dr. Hoque's CSC Fellowship project, *Staying Warm, Staying Safe,* combines the development of thermoregulating smart textiles with an educational video series designed to raise awareness of the important relationship between temperature regulation (also known as thermoregulation) and healthy aging.

Through the CSC Fellowship, Dr. Hoque was able to move his research beyond his lab and into the community by engaging older persons, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and individuals with lived experience through co-design sessions and educational workshops. The valuable insights into the challenges older persons face in managing temperature-related health risks through the co-design process helped shape both the technology and the supporting educational resources.

While Dr. Hoque's Fellowship term has concluded, his work continues thanks to the insights he collected while working with CABHI. His goal is to create a comfortable, non-invasive wearable solution that enhances safety, supports independence, and empowers older persons to age safely in place.

Accelerating Canadian Innovation

from Research to Commercialization for Public Benefit

In the current Canadian and global context, economic resilience and growth are paramount. Intrinsic to this is the need for decisive action to address the global dementia problem, estimated to cost Canadians over $110 billion annually by 2050. Paired with the increasingly complex needs of a now "super-aged" national population, the need for Canadian IP that supports aging, brain health, and longer healthspan has never been greater.



Tony Aubé, Co-founder of Amical, at the 2025 Global Dementia Research + Innovation Showcase.

Canada is well-positioned as a global leader in agetech innovation – but persistent challenges can stall promising innovation at every stage of the innovation pipeline, from early ideas through to commercialization and global scale.

Companies and researchers often get stuck in development and refinement, early validation, evidence of effectiveness, and clinical or therapeutic considerations. As companies and solutions mature, new barriers emerge, including real-world and clinical validation, further refinement, market access, and scale.

CABHI's core innovation programs are designed to address these barriers across the entire innovation pipeline, providing funding and a suite of proprietary acceleration services to help innovators achieve critical milestones in the development, validation, commercialization, and scale of aging and brain health solutions. Innovators are also connected with end users who actively participate in co-design, ensuring solutions are grounded in and validated by diverse lived experiences.

Researchers and point-of-care professionals affiliated with health research organizations can advance their solutions through **Ignite,** alongside early-stage companies from across Canada, with a focus on prototype development and early validation. As innovations mature, they can progress into **Fuel,** moving their innovation toward market readiness, commercialization, and scale. Starting this fall, **Amplify** will extend this pathway further, supporting later-stage innovations as they enter new markets and accelerate commercialization.

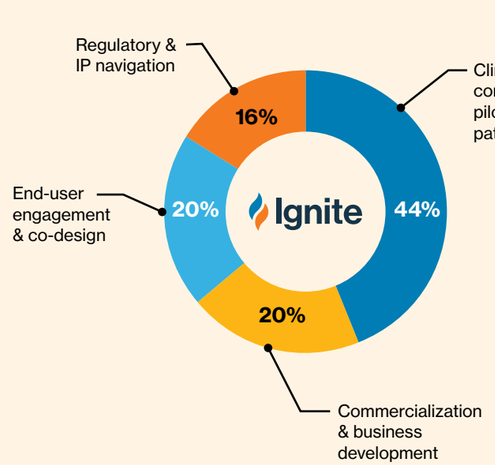
Together, these programs create a pathway for innovators to progress through the entire innovation lifecycle – while accessing the funding, expertise, networks, and tailored support needed at each stage – strengthening the economy and Canada's competitiveness on the global trade stage.

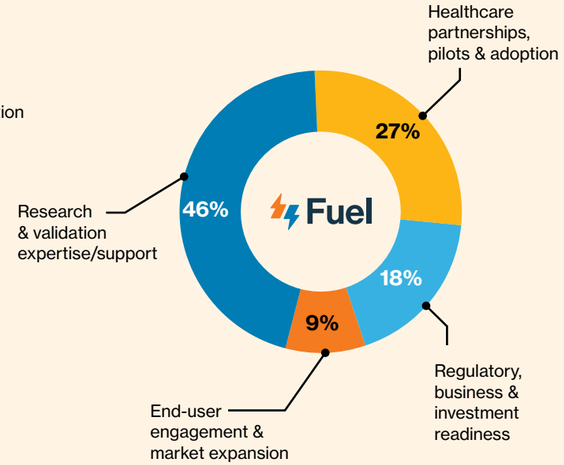
As Dr. Allison Sekuler explains, CABHI's value lies not only in supporting innovation at different stages, but in helping innovators move through those stages faster:

"We're really focused just on the aging and brain health space, but we cut across the entire innovation pipeline – all of the technology readiness levels, three through nine. We've already seen innovators in CABHI programs go from one end of the innovation spectrum all the way to the other, and they can do it so much faster in the CABHI ecosystem. We're not just giving money; we're actually giving all kinds of other support, and it's really bespoke for what that innovator needs."

Removing innovation roadblocks

Innovators come to CABHI with a range of common challenges that stall their progress. Here are the most often reported roadblocks we help them get past, enabling them to achieve critical milestones.





90%+

of program participants viewed CABHI's funding and support as "one-of-a-kind," with the majority of supported innovators either securing additional funding or actively pursuing new sources.[5]

96%

of innovators enhanced their innovation and networking skills and gained key knowledge about aging + brain health through CABHI programs.[5]

Sources: 5. 2026 CABHI Stakeholder Survey

Ignite

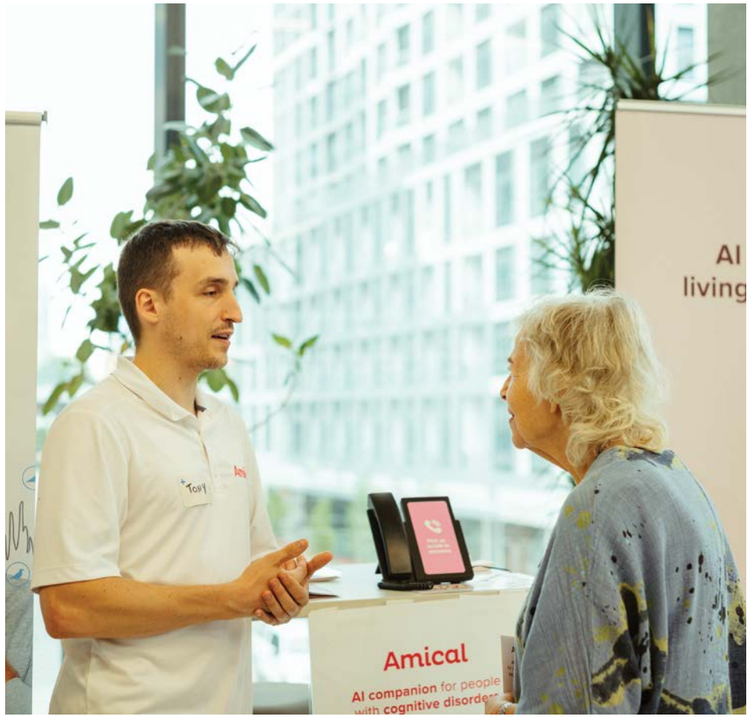
Moving Ideas To Viable Innovation

Bringing Companionship to Older Persons Experiencing Cognitive Decline

Social isolation is one of the 14 modifiable risk factors of dementia, having the potential to increase the likelihood of disease development by up to 60%. And, for those already living with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia, the often-resulting social isolation can be as challenging as the disease itself. Memory loss due to cognitive decline can make social visits, no matter how frequent, feel few and far between.

Tony Aubé, Amical's co-founder, knew this experience all too well, having a grandmother with Alzheimer's disease. Regardless of being one of the most frequently visited residents in her long-term care home, she would forget visits and interactions almost immediately. This ongoing experience sparked the idea for Amical – a 24-hour AI companion that could be there any day, any time, with a response at any moment.

Rather than asking users to learn new technology, Amical hosts its AI inside a commonly used, "low-tech" device: a telephone. All residents need to do is pick up the handset and begin talking. The AI companion is available 24 hours a day to engage in conversation, share reminders, and offer well-being checks. The system can also alert family members and care teams when conversations may require urgent attention, helping identify potential signs of cognitive or emotional decline earlier. A key component of Amical is that the technology is designed to complement – not replace – the care provided by families and healthcare professionals.



Tony Aubé, Co-founder of Amical, speaking with Beverley Shukyn of CABHI's Lived Experience Council, at the 2025 Global Dementia Research + Innovation Showcase.

Today, the Quebec-based company has deployed its solution in 80+ long-term care, seniors' residences, and public health organizations in Quebec, and six more across Europe and the United States, with plans for further expansion.

CABHI's contribution to that journey has extended well beyond funding, through which Amical recruited key technical leadership, including its Chief Technology Officer, accelerating product development. Participation in CABHI's monthly learning series also provided mentorship and commercialization expertise that helped refine the company's product and growth strategy.

To learn more, visit amical-ai.com

> *"CABHI has genuinely been one of the best programs we've been part of. The funding allowed us to move quickly and strengthen our team, but what really stands out is everything that came with it: the mentorship, the resources, the support from the CABHI team, and access to the aging and senior care ecosystem in Toronto.*
>
> – Tony Aubé, Co-founder of Amical

Enabling Effective Disease Detection

According to the World Health Organization, every day there are nearly 27,400 new dementia cases globally, translating to about one diagnosis every three seconds. With these staggering rates, early detection is key to delaying symptom progression and enabling more effective treatment plans. Unfortunately, many diagnoses occur only after significant cognitive decline has taken place. Dr. Ravi Prakash of Carleton University is working to change that.

Dr. Prakash has developed a device capable of detecting Alzheimer's disease biomarkers through blood and saliva samples – a more accessible, non-invasive, and cost-effective approach to disease detection. At a pivotal stage in the innovation journey, Dr. Prakash needed support to further evaluate and trial the solution; CABHI's Ignite program helped bridge the gap between research and real-world impact.

To date, Dr. Prakash has published early evidence of the solution's effectiveness and launched multiple clinical pilot studies to validate his new approach.

Dr. Prakash has also co-founded H2OM Technologies to commercialize his technology, attracted over $300,000 in early investment, completed a licensing agreement for his IP, filed patents in global markets, and developed an initial product prototype – all while expanding the team and refining the company's business strategy. These achievements are critical when transitioning a promising innovation from lab to market.



Dr. Ravi Prakash's device that can detect Alzheimer's disease biomarkers through blood and saliva samples.

> ***"CABHI's support for the biosensor technology development and validation goes far and beyond the direct funding contributions. CABHI team offered peer mentorship through direct meetings with advisors and monthly webinars from experts through the Ignite Learning Series; they offered community engagement through their Leap end-user engagement service, which is invaluable for creating market-disrupting new technologies; and they offered timely guidance on the commercial pathway and future product implementations."***
>
> – Dr. Ravi Prakash, an electrical and biomedical engineer and lead researcher in Carleton University's Organic Sensors and Devices Lab

With support from CABHI and Bruyere Health Memory Clinic, Dr. Prakash and his team continue the clinical validation of the pre-commercial device prototype, while expanding the technology deployment opportunities further towards monitoring brain health and cognitive wellness. As validation continues and commercialization efforts advance, Dr. Prakash's technology has the potential to make early Alzheimer's disease detection more accessible, helping individuals and families access care and support sooner.

www.h2om.bio

Empowering Older Persons to Age at Home Safely

Aging at home, or in a setting of choice, is deeply personal. It supports independence, dignity, and quality of life. But without the right supports and safeguards, aging at home can create risks for older persons, care partners, and families. Incluzia – a company dedicated to assessing home safety and offering personalized recommendations – was developed to meet this important need.

Incluzia recognizes the importance of maintaining independence while also prioritizing personal safety, so it created two mobile applications to help older persons age at home: one application for older persons and care partners to assess home safety and another for healthcare professionals to identify risks and provide trusted recommendations.

Stakeholder engagement across Canada helped refine the product strategy and validate market needs, with the Centre for Technology Adoption for Aging in the North (CTAAN) and the University of Manitoba providing end-user feedback to ensure the platforms reflected real-world needs and experiences.

In addition to engaging key partners, Incluzia completed an independent review, which informed solution refinement to better meet the needs of its target user group.

"Ignite accelerated the development and internal testing of 2 digital platforms, and without this support we would not be in a position to bring IncluzIT HOME to market in May 2026," says Marnie Courage, Founder and CEO of Incluzia. "I can honestly say this program is why IncluzIT HOME will be commercialized with the success we anticipate it to have."

Today, Incluzia is preparing for real-world validation testing as it advances toward broader adoption and scale. The support from Ignite – through both funding and proprietary acceleration services – catalyzed this exceptional progress.

incluzia.com

Once innovators have made sufficient progress in early- to mid-stage development and validation, they're ready to move on to Fuel, where they'll further refine their solutions and prepare for expansion.

Fuel

Taking Agetech Innovations to the Next Level



Advancing a New Approach to Treating Cognitive Decline

More than 55 million people worldwide are living with dementia, and that number continues to grow as more populations become super-aged. Current treatments can help manage symptoms, such as memory loss and confusion, but there is still no cure; most therapies can't stop disease progression or repair the damage caused in the brain.

TheraVac Biologics is developing therapeutic vaccines designed to help the body's immune system recognize and respond to the brain changes that contribute to Alzheimer's disease and frontotemporal dementia. By targeting the buildup of harmful proteins and chronic inflammation in the brain, TheraVac's vaccines have the potential to address important drivers of neuronal damage and cognitive decline while offering a more accessible and longer-lasting treatment approach.

The company is now at a pivotal point in its innovation journey: advancing its lead therapeutic vaccine for Alzheimer's disease from preclinical development toward clinical testing.

"We thank CABHI for its confidence in our science and team," says Ali Riazi, CEO, TheraVac Biologics. "This funding speaks to Canada's commitment to advancing science and will accelerate our GMP manufacturing efforts and bring us closer to clinical evaluation of our novel immunotherapy for Alzheimer's disease."

CABHI Fuel funding and acceleration services are helping TheraVac complete the critical manufacturing and preclinical development milestones needed to seek FDA authorization, with clinical testing planned to begin in 2027. For TheraVac, the partnership is about more than financial support; it provides the expertise and resources to accelerate solution development and reduce the risks associated with bringing a new therapeutic vaccine to market.

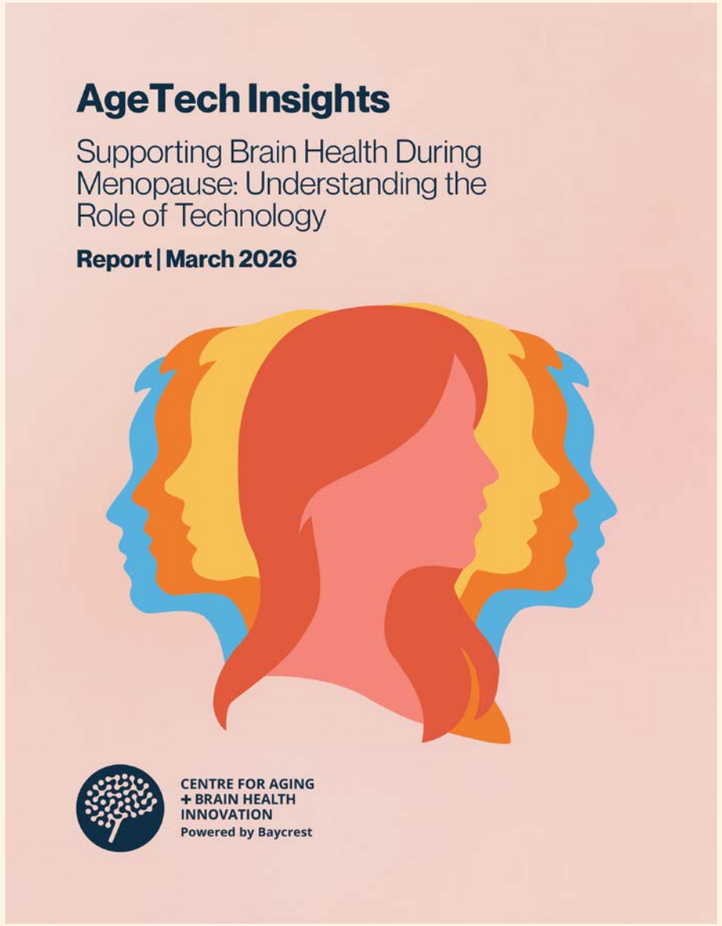
Although the therapy is still in the preclinical stage, CABHI's support is helping advance a potential new treatment that could one day improve the lives of older persons and families affected by Alzheimer's disease.

theravacbio.com

Supporting Women's Brain Health During the Menopause Transition

For many women, the menopause transition can bring significant health challenges, including anxiety, mood changes, emotional distress, and other impacts on cognitive health. CABHI's AgeTech Insights Report, *Supporting Brain Health During Menopause: Understanding the Role of Technology* (March 2026), revealed that 77% of women agreed that symptoms such as memory difficulties, trouble concentrating, mood changes, and sleep disturbances can occur during any type or stage of menopause.

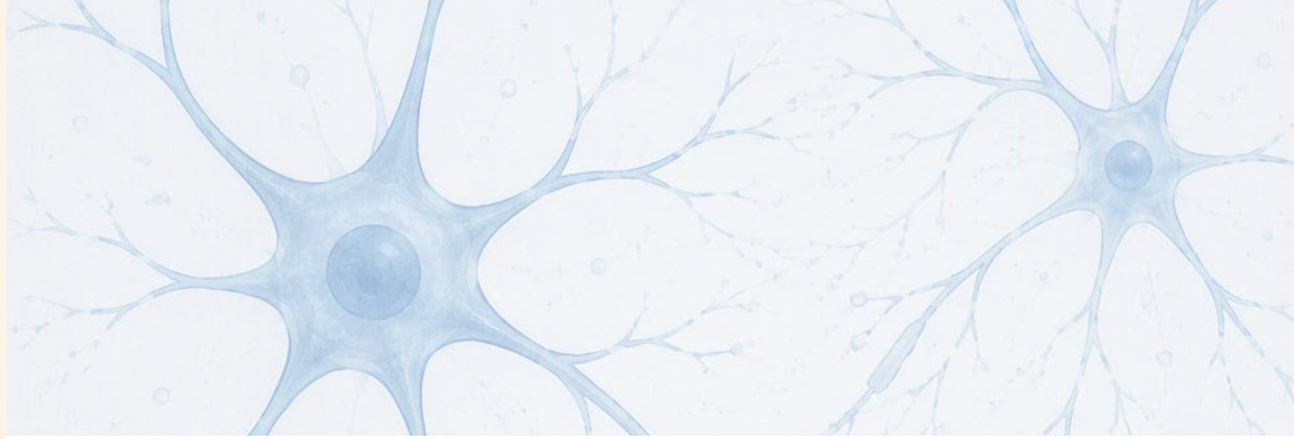
Diamond Therapeutics is studying a novel treatment derived from psilocybin – a compound found in select types of mushrooms – designed to support mental health without causing hallucinations. The company has now expanded the study to include women experiencing anxiety during the menopausal transition. This new research stream will generate critical evidence for a historically underserved population and help advance understanding of women's brain health during midlife.



For Diamond, CABHI's support provides the resources and expertise needed to expand this important clinical research while exploring new approaches to improving women's brain health. Together, Diamond and CABHI are accelerating the development of an evidence-based therapeutic solution with the potential to improve mental health outcomes and quality of life for aging women. This next phase of research marks an important step toward improving support for women during menopause while advancing innovation in women's brain health.

diamondthera.com

> ***"With CABHI's support we were able to include an arm in our phase 2 clinical trial to include menopausal women. This group is underserved and new treatments are needed."***
>
> – Judith Blumstock, Founder & CEO of Diamond Therapeutics Inc.



A New Path Toward Treating Neurodegenerative Diseases

Over 50 million people live with a form of neurodegenerative disease worldwide, with this number expected to triple by 2050. These diseases can lead to progressive cognitive decline, yet treatment options remain limited. Scientists and researchers have been working to understand what exactly causes this type of cognitive decline so they can develop new treatments, but it has proven to be a challenge – one which Neuropeutics is tackling.

Neuropeutics is developing novel therapies targeting a specific protein linked to several neurodegenerative diseases (TDP-43). The accumulation of this protein has been linked to the progression of cognitive and motor decline, which is what makes this type of treatment especially promising.

The company has created multiple disease models to recapitulate and measure harmful changes in protein levels associated with neurodegenerative diseases (like TDP-43). This tool could help researchers better understand disease progression and evaluate the effectiveness of future treatments.

As the Neuropeutics team understands the protein changes linked to neurodegeneration, it continues to develop and evaluate more than 200 potential drug compounds to target them. Then, the team plans to further test the most promising compound to reduce the risks associated with traditional drug development.

This work represents an important step toward developing new treatments in an area where options are severely limited. CABHI's Fuel funding and acceleration services are powering the development of novel therapies today, helping transform research into commercialization, economic growth, and societal impact, while positioning health innovation as a driver of economic resilience and exports.

neuropeutics.ca

> ***"CABHI's support is helping us accelerate the development of a first-in-class therapy that targets one of the root causes of neurodegeneration. Beyond the funding, their network and commitment to translating innovation into real-world impact are helping us move promising science closer to patients living with ALS and other TDP-43 proteinopathies.***
>
> – Marc Shenouda, PhD, CEO & Co-founder of Neuropeutics

Once innovators have refined their solution and begin looking toward spread and scale, organizations participating in our Discover + Adopt program can select these solutions for implementation and adoption.

SPOTLIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

CABHI COMPANIES ATTRACT GLOBAL INVESTMENT INTO CANADA'S ECONOMY

As Canada works to strengthen its economy, boost productivity and global competitiveness, and increase capacity for the adoption of new technologies—all part of the country's new *AI for All* Strategy—attracting foreign investment is a key priority. Many of the companies CABHI has supported over the years have gone on to secure significant investments from other countries, positioning Canada as a top player in the global critical technologies race.



FLUIDAI MEDICAL, a company previously supported through the legacy Mentorship, Capital and Continuation program in partnership with National Bank (now Fuel), demonstrates how innovation in aging and brain health can create impact well beyond Canada. The company develops AI-powered technologies that enable earlier detection of post-surgical complications and continuous patient monitoring, helping older persons recover more safely, reducing clinical risks, and supporting better outcomes across the continuum of care. Today, FluidAI's international growth illustrates the potential for Canadian innovation to improve health outcomes for aging populations around the world.

In July 2026, as part of Prime Minister Mark Carney's visit to Saudi Arabia, FluidAI signed two memoranda of understanding with Gulf Medical Company Limited and Al Muhaidib Group, alongside the Ministry of Investment, to support expansion into the Saudi market through trade and investment partnerships.

Many CABHI-supported companies – including **Xandar Kardian,** creator of a contactless health monitoring platform that tracks movement, sleep, breathing, and vital signs that may indicate a health issue, and Google-acquired **Adhawk Microsystems,** the creator of Advanced eye-tracking technology designed to measure cognitive load, neurological health, and mental fatigue – have secured international investment, creating jobs here at home and firmly positioning Canada as a global leader in emerging technology competitiveness.

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Discover and
Adopt Program

Advancing the Adoption of Innovation

for Better Healthspan and System Sustainability

> ***As the Canadian population is aging, it is central that the health care system seeks innovative solutions to adapt to increasing complex care needs and improve health outcomes for everyone. Our partnership with the Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation helps bring meaningful solutions directly into care settings that can make a real difference in the lives of older people and those who support them.***
>
> ***— The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health (D+A program funding announcement)***

After development, validation, and commercialization—the areas of focus for our core innovation programs—companies seek real-world adoption opportunities for their solutions. And innovative solutions are exactly what Canadian healthcare and community-based organizations need, now more than ever.

According to the Canadian Institute for Health Information, staffing levels across healthcare settings are under significant strain and are unlikely to be able to keep pace with the need for specialized care for older persons, including those living with cognitive decline. With healthcare and community-based organizations across the country under growing pressure to respond to rising rates of dementia and complex care needs, innovation is augmenting care capacity by solving operational challenges in real-time.

CABHI's Discover + Adopt (D+A) program helps build innovation capacity in these settings by providing end-to-end support – from matching organizations with innovative solutions that directly address their most pressing challenges, to helping them adopt and sustain those solutions, making it easier to deliver the best possible care to older persons while supporting caregivers along the way.

The program sources a catalogue of evidence-supported innovations, then matches participating organizations with solutions that address their unique pain points, from cognitive and mental health to healthcare delivery, quality of life, training, and mobility.

90%+

of healthcare organizations agree that D+A helped them build key knowledge and capacity to implement and adopt innovation[5]

By connecting organizations with solutions that address their unique pain points and helping them navigate the implementation process, program participants not only address their challenges with innovation – often reducing burden, increasing productivity, and improving client quality of life – but are also able to build their capacity to adopt and sustain new innovations moving forward.

Healthcare and community-based organizations that have worked with CABHI have reported immense benefits throughout the experience, namely:

+ 100% had an improved understanding of the innovation implementation and adoption process
+ 88% found CABHI-supported innovations had an impact on quality of life for clients and care partners
+ 40% planned to procure their CABHI-supported solution in the future

During the 2025/26 year, CABHI supported 26 healthcare and community-based organizations with $2.3M in funding to build innovation adoption capacity. Through funding, training, coaching, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities, the participating organizations will be supported throughout the adoption journey, from identifying challenges and evaluating solutions to implementation and long-term integration.

Sources: 5. 2026 CABHI Stakeholder Survey

Reducing Falls through Wearable Technology

Dykeland Lodge wants to reduce falls – the most common cause of injury in older persons, often leading to hospitalization and loss of independence – in its long-term care home. XO Technology, an incoming CABHI Ignite participant, and its novel smart ring might be the right answer. Our D+A program is helping them find out.

The wearable smart rings integrate directly with pre-existing staff devices and track key health and activity data, helping identify factors that may contribute to falls. During the trial, residents were empowered to choose their ring colours and had them professionally fitted to ensure comfort, bringing them in as active participants in the adoption journey.

“It is great to have the opportunity to try new technology that can be used to enhance the quality of life of the residents we support,” says Victoria Gagne, BRec, CTRS, Director of Recreation at Dykeland Lodge. “Without CABHI’s support, we would not have been able to have the opportunity to purchase the technology or hire staff who were able to support the project. The residents who are participating in the study truly feel the ring is keeping them safe.”

While the project is still underway, if it proves successful, it will help care teams identify and address fall risks earlier, supporting resident safety while helping older persons maintain their independence.



xotechnology.ai



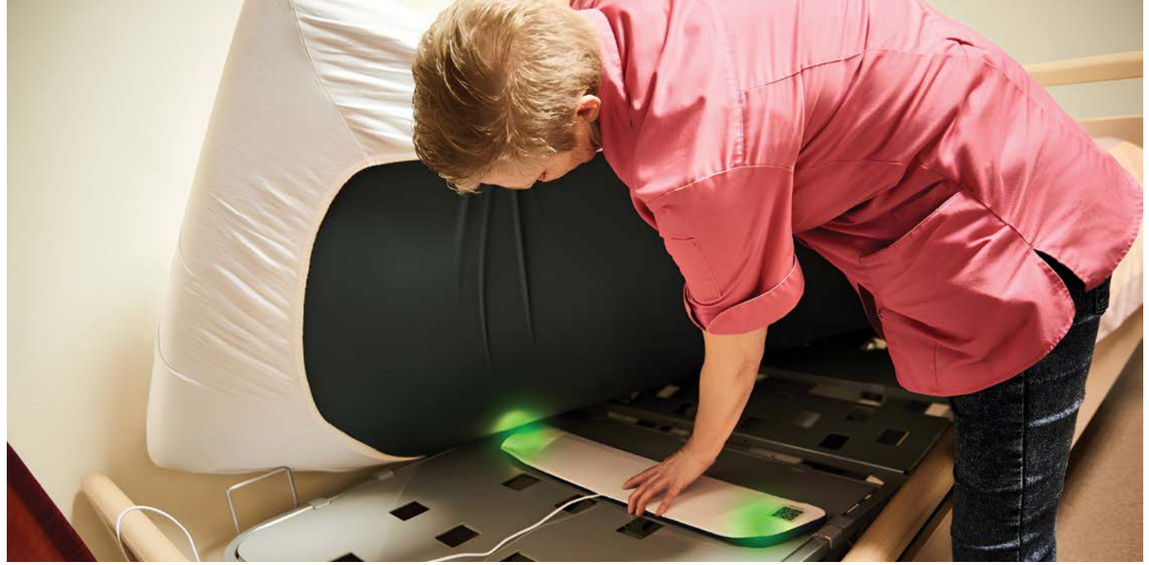
Sensory One’s OMI projection system in use.

Increasing Connectivity for Residents with Advanced Dementia

For long-term care residents living with advanced dementia, maintaining social connections and reducing isolation can be a significant challenge. Group recreational activities often require verbal communication or extended attention spans, making it more difficult for residents with complex care needs to engage meaningfully in group activities – if at all. CABHI connected Luther Court Society with Sensory One’s OMI system to determine if this exciting new technology could be the perfect fit.

“CABHI has helped Luther Court bring innovation directly into the everyday lives of residents living with advanced dementia,” says Carolyn Hoekstra, Director of Care and Community, Luther Court Society. “Their support has allowed us to trial technology that creates new possibilities for participation, connection, and enjoyment for residents who may otherwise have limited opportunities to engage in traditional group programming. Ultimately, it’s about finding new ways to enhance quality of life – and CABHI has helped make that possible.”

The interactive projection system creates immersive experiences, allowing multiple residents to participate together through simple movement and visual interaction – no complex communication required. By creating new opportunities for engagement among residents living with advanced dementia, the project has the potential to reduce isolation, strengthen social connections, and enhance quality of life.





Momo Medical’s BedSense in use at Baycrest Terraces.



Making Transitions to and from Bed Safer for Long-Term Care Residents

Falls are the leading cause of injury among older persons, making prevention a top priority. At Baycrest Terraces, care teams were hoping to gain insights into when residents were sleeping, waking, and preparing to leave their beds independently – a prime moment for falls.

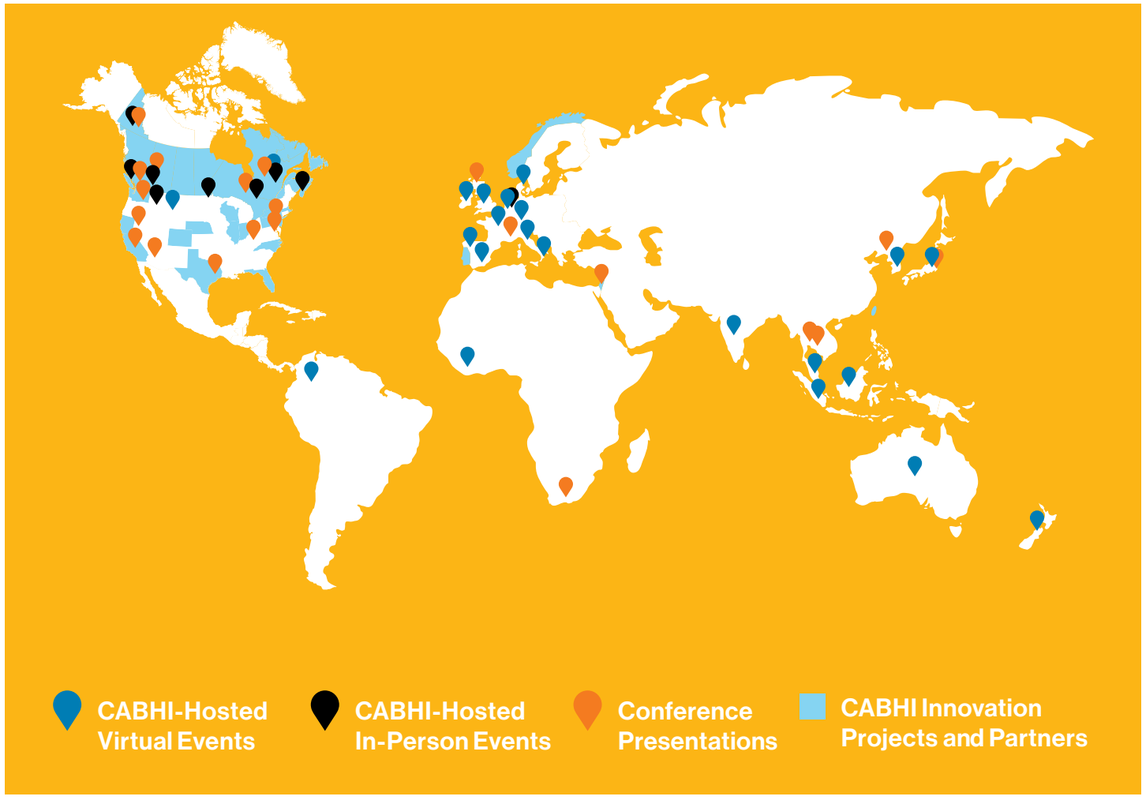
As one of the 26 2025/26 CABHI-supported D+A organizations, Baycrest Terraces is implementing Momo Medical’s BedSense (a CABHI-funded innovation): an under-mattress monitoring system designed to provide real-time insights into resident movement, heart rate, and breathing patterns. The technology alerts staff when a resident may be preparing to get out of bed, enabling early intervention when needed, but also promoting independence.

“The pain point we’re trying to solve is to be able to have some insight into when people are sleeping, when they are in the bed, when they are out of the bed, but also we are trying to look for a noticeable reduction in falls,” says Debra Conway-Chung, Director, Residential and Community Programs at Baycrest. “This will be a game-changer for people who are looking for that little bit of an extra touch of care while still allowing autonomy.”

BedSense stood out to Baycrest Terraces because of its non-intrusive design, ease of installation, and app-based reporting, which directly supports the organization’s strategic priorities related to both digital transformation and fall reduction.

The team at Baycrest Terraces expects to see a reduction in falls and an increase in valuable data collection around residents’ sleep and awake patterns. Not only will residents receive better, more customized care by using BedSense, but Baycrest Terraces will be able to schedule staff accordingly.

momomedical.com



Collaborating to Strengthen Canada's Innovation Ecosystem

and Artificial Intelligence Leadership

Transforming the aging and brain health innovation ecosystem cannot happen in isolation. As Canada responds to a rapidly aging population, rising rates of dementia, and increasing pressure on healthcare systems, the need for stronger connections across the innovation ecosystem has never been greater. Researchers, innovators, care partners, investors, and agencies all play critical roles in advancing solutions, but meaningful impact happens with collaborative effort.

CABHI is creating these necessary connections by developing strategic partnerships that strengthen Canada's aging and brain health innovation ecosystem. By convening diverse groups, mobilizing knowledge, and creating pathways to joint funding opportunities, CABHI is accelerating innovation beyond what any one organization could achieve alone.

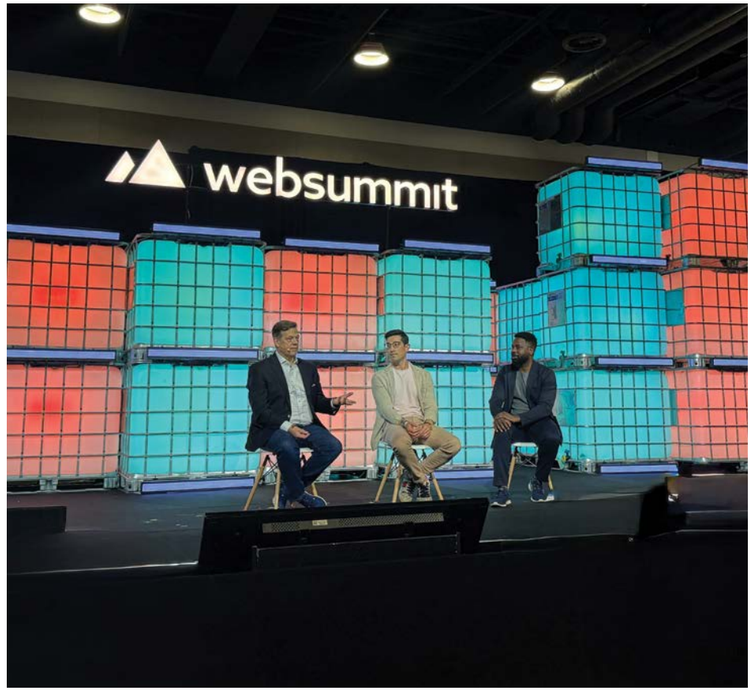
Through initiatives such as Brain Bases, events like the Global Dementia Research + Innovation Showcase, and collaborations with leading organizations across Canada and around the world, CABHI is helping create a more connected innovation ecosystem where ideas flourish, partnerships strengthen, and transformative solutions reach the people who need them most.

92%

of innovation ecosystem partners agree CABHI helps them fulfill their mandates and expand their programs and services[5]

The value of this approach is reflected in feedback from our partners: **100%** of ecosystem partners agreed that CABHI advances Canadian technology and innovation and supports collaboration within the aging and brain health ecosystem.

These strategic partnerships with leading organizations across the country ensure a robust research and innovation ecosystem, accelerate the adoption of emerging technologies, and position Canada as a global leader in aging, brain health, and AI-powered innovation.



James Mayer, Chief Operating Officer, participating at a Web Summit Vancouver panel.

100%

of innovation ecosystem partners agree CABHI expanded their access to aging and brain health knowledge[5]

92%

of innovation ecosystem partners agree CABHI helped them expand their reach to new and diverse audiences[5]

Sources: 5. 2026 CABHI Stakeholder Survey

New and Emerging Partnerships

Building a Connected National Innovation Ecosystem: Brain Bases

The potential for innovative breakthroughs dramatically increases when innovators and researchers have access to local support systems and national innovation entry points. Recognizing the value of regional expertise and stronger coordination across the nation, CABHI **Brain Bases** – a growing network of innovation hubs – are connecting Canada's aging and brain health ecosystem while increasing access to regional funding and acceleration services.

The inaugural Canadian Brain Bases were established in partnership with **CTS** in Montreal and **Dal Innovates at Dalhousie University** in Halifax, helping create new pathways for innovators to access innovation programs, mentorship, and market intelligence, regardless of where they are located. In addition to supporting Canadian innovators, the Brain Bases help build a more competitive innovation ecosystem – one well positioned to attract national and international investment.

As the Brain Base network continues to grow, researchers and innovators in key markets across Canada will have more access to knowledge, market intelligence, networks, funding, and acceleration services to move their AI, life sciences, healthtech, and agetech solutions toward commercialization.

Learn more about Brain Bases

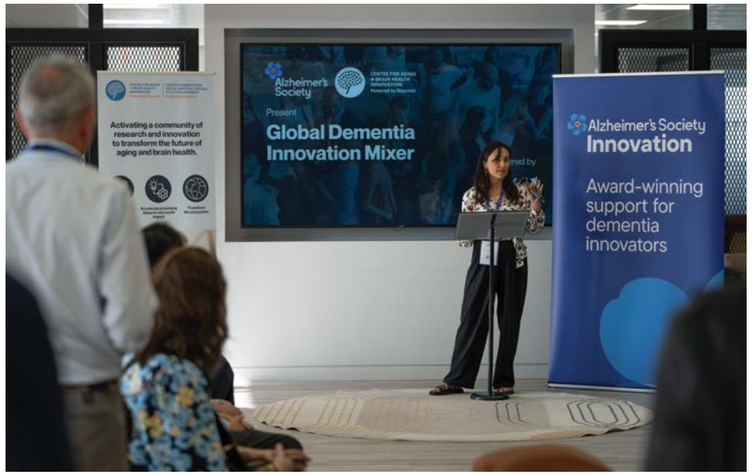
Convening the Global Dementia Innovation Community

Innovation thrives when diverse perspectives come together. In July 2025, CABHI partnered with several leading aging-, brain health-, and healthcare-focused organizations to bring the sector's leading voices into one room.

In partnership with Alzheimer's Society UK, Johnson & Johnson, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Brain Canada, The Brainwell Institute, the International Federation on Ageing, Alzheimer Society of Canada, Business Finland, Lab2Market, and the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging, CABHI hosted the **Global Dementia Research + Innovation Showcase**. This event, fueled by cross-sector collaboration, brought together over 350 scientists, researchers, innovators, end users, policymakers, and investors from around the world, creating unique opportunities to share knowledge, build relationships, and explore new avenues for growth.

The event demonstrated the power of partnership in action. Innovators from around the world presented emerging AI-powered solutions, researchers shared their latest dementia-focused discoveries, and companies from across the aging and brain health sector showcased critical technologies designed to improve quality of life and support care delivery.

Events like this are where Canada's innovation ecosystem gets stronger – not through any single breakthrough, but through the relationships, ideas, and global collaborations that emerge when the sector is brought together with intention.





ABOVE:
Adi Rittenberg, Senior Manager of Knowledge Mobilization and Strategic Relations, presenting at the Global Dementia Innovation Mixer during the Alzheimer's Association International Conference.

LEFT & BELOW:
The 2025 Global Dementia Research + Innovation Showcase.



Partnering to Power AI Innovation in Ontario

Commercialization expertise and sector connections are critical for healthtech and agetech innovators working to scale their solutions. To amplify support for homegrown companies with strong potential, CABHI continues to align with leading accelerators across the country. Through its longstanding partnership with OBIO, CABHI is helping create more accessible pathways for Ontario innovators who are leveraging critical technologies and AI-enabled tools that improve the lives of older persons and care partners.

In February 2026, CABHI and OBIO formalized the next phase of this collaboration through a new Memorandum of Understanding. This agreement strengthens coordinated support for portfolio companies by expanding access to resources, commercialization expertise, and growth opportunities across the healthtech and agetech innovation ecosystem.

To date, CABHI and OBIO have match-funded 20 aging and brain health companies, many with a strong focus on AI and critical technologies. These include FluidAI, creator of data-driven surgical solutions that integrate medical devices, software, and artificial intelligence to support post-operative care, and VoxCell, creator of vascularized human tissue models that are transforming drug development and advancing precision medicine.

By pooling resources and expertise, this timely partnership helps reduce barriers that can slow promising technologies from reaching the market. Together, CABHI and OBIO are helping build a more connected and sustainable innovation ecosystem where Canadian companies have the support, expertise, and opportunities they need to bring impactful aging and brain health solutions to the people who need them most.

obio.ca



The 2025 Canadian Science Policy Centre Annual Conference.

Building Collaborative Momentum

Advancing Canada's National Dementia Strategy

CABHI continues to strengthen Canada's collective response to dementia as a founding member of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research–Institute of Aging Dementia Research and Innovation Funders Alliance. Through this network of over 30 research and innovation organizations, partners work together to identify emerging priorities, coordinate investments, advance innovation, and support equitable access to resources and services across the country.

cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53676.html

Informing Science Policy for a Healthier Future

CABHI is helping ensure Canada's science policy is informed by research, innovation, and lived experience through our ongoing partnership with the Canadian Science Policy Centre (CSPC).

During the 2025/26 year, CABHI published an editorial about the value of investing in brain health innovation from a national economic and productivity lens. Following the publication, the team brought its expertise to the national stage by interviewing with the CSPC team and sharing insights on how Canadian science policies can support the innovation ecosystem.

By working together and leveraging expertise, CABHI and the CSPC are helping shape a more sustainable future for older persons, care partners, and the systems that support them.

sciencepolicy.ca

AgeTech Insights

Mobilizing Knowledge and Market Intelligence

to Inform Policy, Investment, and Innovation

As Canada's population ages, innovators, care partners, investors, and policymakers face a critical challenge: how can they best support older persons in a rapidly changing world? Without reliable market intelligence and real-world insight from older persons, promising innovations risk missing the mark.

CABHI's AgeTech Insights, a national and global knowledge hub designed to mobilize evidence – research, market intelligence, and lived experience – in the aging and brain health sector, is closing the gap between real-world insights and emerging innovations. AgeTech Insights translates this evidence into actionable recommendations that help innovators design more impactful solutions; investors identify emerging opportunities; and policymakers make more informed decisions. The goal: ensure that agetech solutions are grounded in evidence, informed by older persons, and built around real-world needs.

Since 2025, AgeTech Insights has engaged over 5,000 older persons across all 10 Canadian provinces and two territories; partnered with seven leading organizations; and produced 17 knowledge products, including three comprehensive reports. However, evidence alone does not create change. The sector needs opportunities to bring diverse expertise together, interpret emerging trends, challenge assumptions, and identify how insights can be translated into action.

AgeTech Insights Fellows extend this work by bringing together leading experts across the sector to build upon the research findings and turn evidence into practical opportunities for innovators, investors, and policymakers to act with confidence.

The inaugural Fellows include internationally recognized experts such as Keren Etkin, gerontologist, entrepreneur, and author of The AgeTech Revolution; Dr. Samir Sinha, geriatrician and Director of Health Policy Research at the National Institute on Ageing; Dr. Saskia Sivananthan, neuroscientist and CEO of the Brainwell Institute; Jon Warner, healthcare entrepreneur and industry expert; and Laura Tamblyn Watts, CEO of CanAge and one of Canada's leading seniors' advocates.

Together, the Fellows bring deep credibility and sector expertise to AgeTech Insights, extending its reach and influence across Canada and around the world.

By amplifying the voices of older persons and pairing their experiences with market intelligence and guidance from sector leaders, AgeTech Insights is helping build a future of aging innovation that is evidence-informed, grounded in lived experience, and designed for real-world impact.

AgeTech Insights

Our first three reports generated actionable findings across a range of relevant topics and emerging opportunities.



The Canadian 50+ Tech Market: Trends & Opportunities

Technology is a part of everyday life for older Canadians

- Daily use of smartphones, tablets, and computers is nearly universal
- 60% say technology has made life easier
- Growing adoption of wearables (41%) and smart home tools (39%)
- Main driver of use is social connection (88%), ahead of convenience or entertainment

More than ever, older persons want digital tools that support:

Memory + brain health	Dementia prevention	Financial wellness
44%	33%	28%



Designing Inclusive Innovation for the 50+ Market

Technology use is high—but co-design is low

Canadians 50+ are active digital users, but many do not feel reflected in the products they use.

- Over 75% use technology daily for banking, connection, entertainment, or information
- Fewer than 1 in 3 feel technology is designed with them in mind
- Only 11% believe older persons are meaningfully included in design

Despite this gap, interest in involvement is strong:

1 in 2 older persons want to participate in testing + co-design of new technologies



Supporting Brain Health During Menopause

Digital tools for symptom management are severely lacking

Many women experience cognitive and emotional changes during menopause, but few are using digital tools designed for their needs.

- 77% report symptoms such as memory, focus, mood, and sleep changes
- Sleep is the most commonly reported challenge
- 49% are not using any digital tools for symptom management
- 58% are comfortable using digital technologies

Existing tools are often not designed for menopause, leading to limited effectiveness

Future State

The need for innovative aging and brain health solutions will only continue to grow. Building on its existing suite of innovation programs, CABHI is launching Amplify, a new program designed to support AI, life science, healthtech, and agetech companies in the later stages of their commercialization journey. Slated to welcome its first cohort in late 2026, Amplify will provide targeted funding, investment support, and commercialization expertise to help companies overcome adoption barriers and achieve sustainable growth.

At the same time, CABHI is launching a comprehensive Canadian agetech IP database to promote the discovery and exploitation of homegrown IP. As an established hub for trusted agetech information, resources, and market intelligence, this new database will strengthen CABHI's – and Canada's – position as a global leader in agetech and AI-enabled innovation.

Learn more

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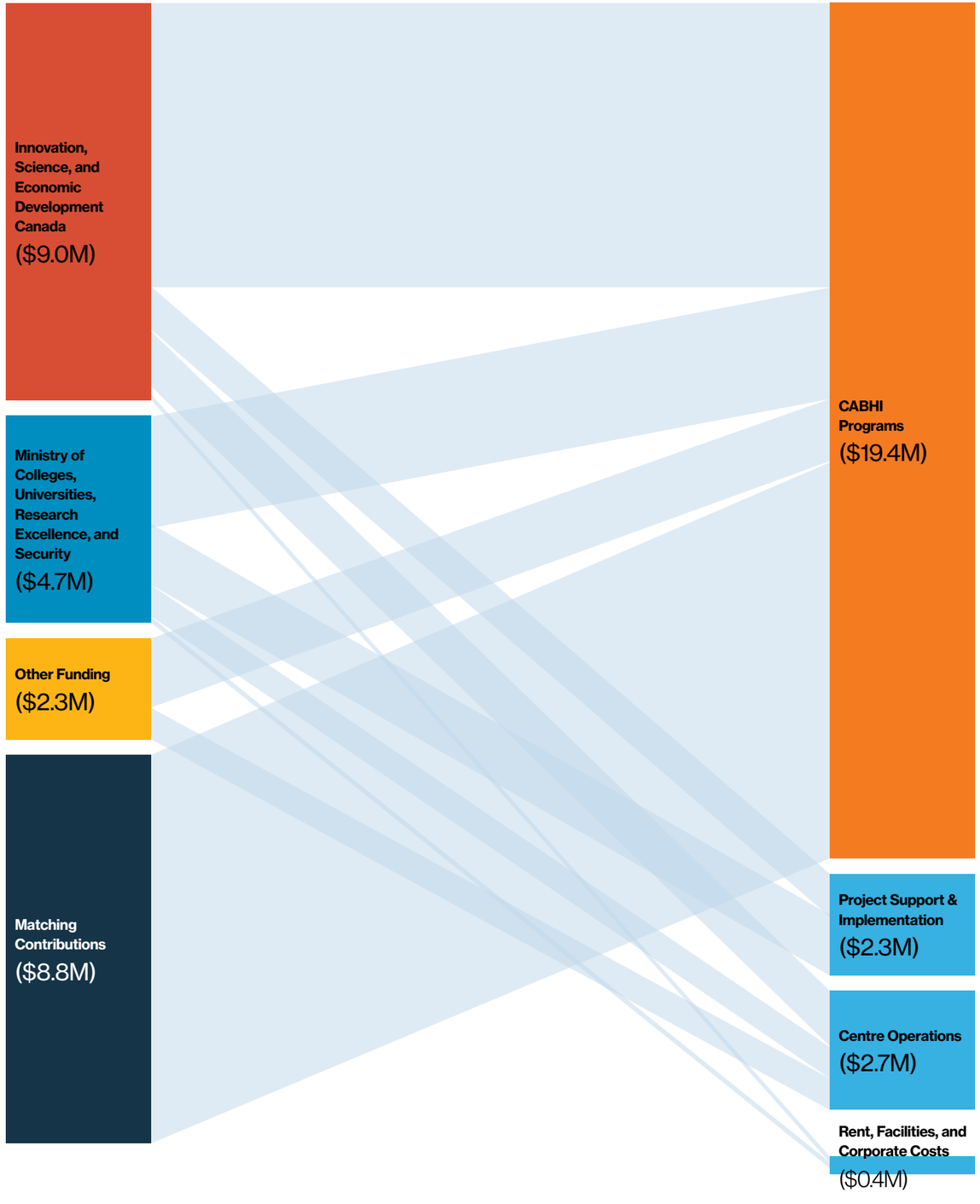
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