



Funding + Program Guide

Software Development Diploma

How to pay for it, what you will need to apply, and which schedule fits around your life.

32 weeks

Or 7 months

640 hours

Total program hours

20 hours

Per week of classes

Inside this guide

- How Alberta Student Aid works, and the difference between a grant and a loan
- What you will need to apply, and when to start
- Tuition by campus, and the seven InnoTech awards
- Weekly schedule options and how the program is delivered
- Admissions requirements, including the mature student route
- A funding worksheet to bring to your 15 minute funding check

How Alberta Student Aid works

Most students do not pay the full tuition amount out of their own pocket. Both InnoTech diploma programs are designated for Alberta Student Aid, which means you can apply for provincial and federal student funding. Here is what that actually means.

Grants

You do not pay these back.

- Assessed on your income, family size and dependants
- Applied toward tuition and study costs
- This is the funding that genuinely reduces what the program costs you

Loans

You do pay these back.

- Repayment begins after you finish, following a grace period
- Loans move the cost later, they do not remove it
- Many students receive a combination of both

Interest, stated plainly

- **Canada Student Loans** are interest free, permanently.
- **Alberta Student Loans** are interest free while you are studying and through the grace period after you finish. After that, interest applies at a floating rate.
- You may see websites claiming student loans are permanently interest free or cost nothing. That is not accurate for the Alberta portion, and a loan is never free. We would rather you hear that from us than find out later.

What designation does and does not mean

Designation means you are **able to apply** for provincial and federal student funding for this program. It does not mean you will qualify, and it does not set the amount.

Eligibility and amounts are assessed by **Alberta Student Aid**, not by InnoTech. We cannot approve funding, promise an amount, or speed up an assessment. What we can do is make sure your enrolment paperwork is correct and help you understand the process.

What you will need to apply

You apply to Alberta Student Aid yourself, online. Gathering these before you start makes the application considerably faster.

Before you begin

- An Alberta.ca Account
- Your Social Insurance Number
- Income information for the required tax year
- Your marital status and details of any dependants
- Your immigration or residency status documents

Program details you will be asked for

- Institution: InnoTech College
- Program: Software Development Diploma
- Program length: 32 weeks
- Your campus: Calgary or Edmonton
- Your intake start date

An advisor will confirm the exact values for your intake so the details on your application match your enrolment contract.

Start earlier than you think you need to

Applications are assessed, not approved automatically, and assessment takes time. Applying close to your start date is the most common reason funding arrives late or a student defers to a later intake.

The next intake begins **August 17, 2026**. If you are considering that intake, begin gathering documents now and speak to an advisor about when to submit. We will map the dates backwards with you.

If student aid is not the right route for you

- **Employer sponsorship.** Some employers fund training directly. We can provide the documentation your employer will ask for.
- **InnoTech awards.** Seven scholarships, bursaries and credits, listed on the next page. Some are application based, some are eligibility based.
- **Payment plans.** Ask an advisor what is available for your intake.

Tuition, and what brings it down

These are the licensed tuition amounts of record. You can verify them yourself on the Government of Alberta's Private Career College Registry, which lists tuition for every licensed program in the province.

CALGARY CAMPUS

\$14,822 CAD

Full tuition, before government funding and InnoTech awards.

EDMONTON CAMPUS

\$13,475 CAD

Full tuition, before government funding and InnoTech awards.

A registration fee of no more than \$500 may be payable on signing the Alberta Student Enrolment Contract. It is applied to your tuition, not charged on top.

Seven InnoTech awards

Women in Technology Award	\$4,000, application based, paid in instalments across the program
Newcomer Career Bridge Bursary	For recent newcomers to Canada
Career Relaunch Scholarship	For those returning to work or changing careers
Partner Referral Credit	Through a partner organisation or a referral
Workshop to Tuition Credit	Attend a workshop, credit applies to tuition
Deferral Protection	Protects your position if you need to move intakes
Employer Sponsored Seat Pricing	Where an employer funds the seat

One award per eligible student per intake in most cases. Awards are subject to eligibility and approval, and some cannot be combined with other offers. An advisor will confirm which apply to you in writing before enrolment.

What most students actually pay

Most students qualify for some combination of government funding and an InnoTech award. How much depends on your income, your family size and which offers you are eligible for, so we will not quote you an average. It would not be your number.

What we will do is sit down for fifteen minutes and work out your actual figure, then put it in writing before you commit to anything.

Schedule and delivery

The Software Development Diploma is delivered hybrid. You attend in person at the start of the program and again at the end, and join live scheduled classes online in between. The online portion is live classes with an instructor, not self paced video.

Option A. Weekday evenings

- **Days:** Monday to Thursday
- **Time:** 5:00pm to 10:00pm
- **Commitment:** about 20 hours a week
- **Best for:** people working a standard week who want their weekends

Option B. Weekend

- **Days:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- **Time:** Fri 5:00pm to 10:00pm, Sat and Sun 9:00am to 4:30pm
- **Commitment:** about 20 hours a week
- **Best for:** people whose weekdays are not negotiable

A typical week

Weekday evenings	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Time	5–10pm	5–10pm	5–10pm	5–10pm	—	—	—
Focus	Live class	Live class	Live class	Live class	Self study	Self study	Self study

Weekend	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Time	—	—	—	—	5–10pm	9am–4:30pm	9am–4:30pm
Focus	Self study	Self study	Self study	Self study	Live class	Live class	Live class

The 640 hours

Unit	Hours
Unit 0. Bootcamp	20
Unit 1. Developer tools, cloud and collaboration	80
Unit 2. Front end foundations	140
Unit 3. Modern front end development with React	100
Unit 4. Back end, databases and deployment	260
Career readiness	40
Total	640

Full topic by topic curriculum is published at innotechcollege.com. Schedule format may vary slightly by intake, so confirm exact dates and delivery details with admissions.



Admissions and next steps

Standard admissions

- Alberta high school diploma, a non Alberta Canadian equivalent verified by transcript, or a GED
- Secondary education completed outside Canada must be verified through IQAS or WES

Mature admissions

- 18 years of age or older
- Completion of the Wonderlic Scholastic Level Exam with a minimum score of 18

If you do not have a diploma or GED, this route exists precisely for you. It is common and it is not a lesser form of admission.

Roles the program prepares you for

Junior Software Developer

Full Stack Developer

Front End Developer

Back End Developer

Web Application Developer

Junior Python Developer

Career support includes resume and cover letter work, interview preparation, portfolio and capstone projects, and job search guidance. Career support is designed to improve job search readiness. Employment is not guaranteed.

Your funding worksheet

Fill in what you know. An advisor completes the rest with you in about fifteen minutes, then puts your number in writing.

Campus

Calgary / Edmonton

Schedule preference

Weekday evenings / Weekend

Intake you are aiming for

Have you applied for student aid before?

Yes / No

Do you have dependants?

Yes / No

Status in Canada

Citizen / Permanent resident / Other

Awards you think may apply

Book a 15 minute funding check

Not a sales call. We work out what you would actually pay, and you leave with the number in writing.

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