

Canadian Think Tanks

Think tanks, policy institutes, research institutes are organizations or groups involved in research and advocacy in a range of fields including social policy, political strategy, economics, technology, industry, business and national defense.

Many think tanks are non-profit organizations; their funding may come from governments, businesses, private advocacy groups, or from consulting and research work they engage in. Below is a compilation of some of the think tanks currently operating in Canada to give you an idea of the range of organizations that can fall under this category.

Organization	Location	Website
Asia Pacific Foundation	Vancouver, BC Toronto, ON	https://www.asiapacific.ca/
Atlantic Institute for Market Studies	Halifax, NS	http://www.aims.ca/
Atlantic Provinces Economic Council	Halifax, NS	https://www.apec-econ.ca/
Brookfield Institute	Toronto, ON	https://brookfieldinstitute.ca/
Business Council of Canada	Ottawa, ON	https://thebusinesscouncil.ca/
C.D. Howe Institute	Toronto, ON	https://www.cdhowe.org/
Canada 2020	Ottawa, ON	https://canada2020.ca/
Canada West Foundation	Calgary, AB	https://cwf.ca/
Canada's Ecofiscal Commission	Montreal, QC	https://ecofiscal.ca/
Canada's Public Policy Forum	Ottawa, ON	https://ppforum.ca/
Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute	Ottawa, ON	https://capi-icpa.ca/
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives	Ottawa, ON Offices across Canada	https://www.policyalternatives.ca/
Canadian Council on Social Development	Kanata, ON	www.ccsd.ca
Canadian Economics Association	Ottawa, ON Vancouver, BC	https://www.economics.ca/
Canadian Energy Research Institute	Calgary, AB Ottawa, ON	https://ceri.ca/
Canadian Global Affairs Institute	Calgary, AB Ottawa, ON	https://www.cgai.ca/
Canadian Institute of Advanced Research	Toronto, ON	https://www.cifar.ca/
Canadian International Council	Toronto, ON	https://thecic.org/
Canadian Tax Foundation	Toronto, ON Montreal, QC	https://www.ctf.ca/
Cardus	Hamilton, ON Offices across Canada	https://www.cardus.ca/
Centre d'Étude et de Coopération International	Montréal, QC	https://www.ceci.ca/
Centre de Recherche en économie de l'Environnement, de l'Agroalimentaire, des Transports et de l'Énergie	Quebec, QC	http://www.create.ulaval.ca/
Centre for International and Defence Policy	Kingston, ON	https://www.queensu.ca/cidp/
Centre for International Governance Innovation	Waterloo, ON	https://www.cigionline.org/
Centre for the Study of Living Standards	Ottawa, ON	http://www.csls.ca/
Chantier de l'économie sociale	Montréal, QC	https://chantier.qc.ca/
Conference Board of Canada	Ottawa, ON Montreal, QC Calgary, AB	https://www.conferenceboard.ca/
Council of Canadian Academies	Ottawa, ON	https://cca-reports.ca/

Council of Canadians	Ottawa, ON Offices across Canada	https://canadians.org/
Donald J. Savoie Institute	Moncton, NB	http://www.djsi.ca/index.php/en/
Fraser Institute	Vancouver, BC Offices across Canada	https://www.fraserinstitute.org/
Frontier Centre for Public Policy	Winnipeg, MB	https://fcpp.org/
George Morris Centre	Guelph, ON	http://www.georgemorris.org/
GPI Atlantic	Glen Haven, NS	http://www.gpiatlantic.org/
Human Security Report Project	Vancouver, BC	http://www.hsrgroup.org/
Institut de politiques alternatives de Montréal	Montréal, QC	http://ipamontreal.org/
Institut national de la recherche scientifique	Québec, QC	http://www.inrs.ca/
Institute for Citizen-Centred Service	Toronto, ON	https://citizenfirst.ca/
Institute for Research on Public Policy	Montréal, QC	https://irpp.org/
Institute of Health Economics	Edmonton, AB	https://www.ihe.ca/
Institute of Public Administration of Canada	Toronto, ON	https://www.ipac.ca/
Institute on Governance	Ottawa, ON Toronto, ON	https://iog.ca/
International Development Research Centre	Ottawa, ON Offices across the world	https://www.idrc.ca/
International Institute for Sustainable Development	Winnipeg, MB Offices across regions	http://www.iisd.org/
Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms	Calgary, AB	https://www.jccf.ca/
Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues	Vancouver, BC	http://www.ligi.ubc.ca/
Macdonald-Laurier Institute	Ottawa, ON	https://www.macdonaldlaurier.ca/
Mackenzie Institute	Toronto, ON	https://mackenzieinstitute.com/
Maytree	Toronto, ON	https://maytree.com/
Montreal Economic Institute	Montréal, QC	https://www.iedm.org/
Mowat Centre	Toronto, ON	https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/
Northern Policy Institute	Thunder Bay, ON Sudbury, ON	https://www.northernpolicy.ca/
North-South Institute	Ottawa, ON	http://www.nsi-ins.ca/
Parkland Institute	Edmonton, AB	https://www.parklandinstitute.ca/
Parliamentary Centre	Ottawa, ON	https://www.parlcent.org/
Pearson Centre for Progressive Policy	Ottawa, ON	http://www.thepearsoncentre.ca/
Pembina Institute	Calgary, AB Offices across Canada	https://www.pembina.org/
Social Research and Demonstration Corporation	Ottawa, ON Offices across Canada	http://www.srdc.org/
Unisféra International Centre	Montréal, QC Offices across regions	https://unisfera.org/
Vanier Institute of the Family	Ottawa, ON	https://vanierinstitute.ca/
Wellesley Institute	Toronto, ON	https://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/
Work Research Foundation	Hamilton, ON Offices across Canada	https://www.cardus.ca/

For more think tanks and policy organizations:

- Open Think Tank Directory <https://onthinktanks.org/open-think-tank-directory/>
- Think Tank Initiative – Latin America, Africa & South Asia <http://www.thinktankinitiative.org/think-tanks/map>
- Harvard Kennedy School
 - U.S. Think Tanks https://guides.library.harvard.edu/hks/think_tank_search/US
 - Non-U.S. Think Tanks https://guides.library.harvard.edu/hks/think_tank_search/hks/think_tank_search/non_US