WestGrid is a connector and catalyst for digitally-enabled research, innovation, and collaboration in Western Canada.

As a not-for-profit organization spanning British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, WestGrid works to create opportunities for progress, extend the value of R&D outcomes, and discover what’s possible more quickly.

Through WestGrid, you can tap into:

- **PEOPLE**: We are powered by a community of technophiles who are passionate about using cutting edge tools and solutions to enable impactful research, innovation, and economic development.

- **PARTNERSHIPS**: We help build connections and collaborative relationships between local, regional, and national digital infrastructure innovators and leaders.

- **ADVOCACY**: We champion the perspectives, needs, and challenges of Western Canadian researchers, institutions and innovators to inform the efforts and policies guiding digital infrastructure investments and strategies.

- **LEADERSHIP**: We constantly look ahead and adapt our services to meet the rapidly evolving needs of our stakeholders and customers.

- **TRAINING**: We organize and deliver a suite of skill development programs that build capabilities in high performance computing, data management, and other R&D tools.

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What is Digital Research Infrastructure (DRI)?

The tools for discovery and innovation are changing. Tackling bigger challenges and tougher problems — some at a scope and scale we never thought possible — requires more than regular desktop computers, commodity storage drives, or basic tech support from an IT department. Today’s researchers and innovators are:

- designing new technologies to power industries and change businesses
- developing new medications to treat, prevent, or cure diseases
- collecting and analyzing data to guide resource management and monitor climate and environmental changes

Investments in DRI leads to improvements in healthcare, education, industry, the environment, and society.
Advocacy & Leadership
Contribute to a strong regional voice for R&D in Western Canada. Champion regional research interests. Benefit from regional representation at national discussions in DRI platform and policy planning.

Training & Skill Development
Enable your researchers to learn or build upon their research computing skills. Beginner to advanced levels. Targeted topics. Short or multi-day courses.

Support and Services
'Fast-tracked' access to specialized support in multiple research domains, from Bioinformatics to Humanities & Social Sciences. Tap into expertise in software development, scientific visualization, machine learning, and research data management.

Grant & Technology Consultations
Identify and specify DRI components of a project to ensure they meet grant proposal objectives, i.e.: procurement, design, deployment, operations, and effectiveness.

Community Engagement
Strengthen sector connections through improved communications and engagement opportunities. Activate and enhance your local research community. Advise on how regional DRI services are built, shared, and delivered to researchers.

HOW WE HELP

OTHER MEMBER PERKS

» One representative on WestGrid’s Associate Member Research Advisory Committee
» Consulting and technical support for R&D funding programs for research, innovation, and economic development
» Opportunities to pilot new technologies and novel approaches to research
» Discounted access to WestGrid-organized events, including training events and conferences
» Opportunity to host a WestGrid-organized Summer School or Winter School
» Opportunities to be featured in WestGrid annual report and quarterly electronic newsletters
» Additional channels for technical talent recruitment and free job advertisements on the WestGrid website

MEMBERSHIP FEES $5,000

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