

MTechHub and Brock University

2023 PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



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MTechHub and Brock University formalized their partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in June 2022. This partnership with MTechHub is a key part of Brock's commitment to supporting education and innovation for the future of the manufacturing industry. Manufacturing is an essential part of Ontario's economy and Brock's collaboration with MTechHub will not only facilitate opportunities to support today's industrial manufacturers, but also the next generation of Ontario's manufacturing.

Projects and Initiatives in 2023

Brock and MTechHub continue to strengthen their partnership and explore opportunities to improve the productivity, employment and export growth of the manufacturing industry in Ontario through partnership.

Key Initiatives

MTechHub and Brock University supported each other through various initiatives in 2023, including the following.

- Brock's Department of Professional and Continuing Studies, in partnership with MTechHub, completed their Manufacturing Optimization and Data Analytics Program in March 2023.
- MTechHub Executive Director, Mark Corker, toured the Brock-Niagara Validation, Prototyping and Manufacturing Institute (VPMI) with VPMI Mass Spec Instrument Technologist David Bowman on In June 2023. The visit showcased a range of innovative technologies available to students, researchers and community partners.
- During this tour of Brock's facilities, Corker also met with Professional and Continuing Studies and Co-op, Career and Experiential Education to discuss additional opportunities for collaboration.
- With MTechHub's support and collaboration, Brock applied to the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities Micro-Credential Challenge Fund and successfully obtained funding in 2024. Brock received funding to support our work with industry partners to co-create and expand rapid training programs that respond to Ontario's evolving labour market.

Next Steps

Brock and MTechHub will continue to explore mutually beneficial partnership opportunities for the 2024-2025 year, as they relate to furthering research, service, and experiential learning.