

The Be3Dimensional Innovation Fund

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Ryerson University and Think2Thing create new 3D printing technology grants

TORONTO - October 24, 2015 Ryerson University and Think2Thing, a cutting-edge 3D printing atelier based in Toronto and co-founded by renowned photographer Ed Burtynsky, today announced the creation of The Be3Dimensional Innovation Fund. The Fund was established to support Canada's greatest innovators who are pushing the boundaries of 3D printing, scanning and modelling technologies and its application in art, medicine, manufacturing, engineering, fashion and design.

The inaugural recipients of The Be3Dimensional Innovation Fund, to be announced before the end of the year, will be awarded in the arts category. Select Canadian artists who are breaking new ground using 3D printing technology will be invited to apply. The National Gallery of Canada and the Ryerson Image Centre will select the inaugural recipients.

Along with being recognized as Canada's best-in-class for showcasing state-of-the-art 3D technology to create innovative and exciting new pieces, the two recipients will each receive up to a maximum of \$50,000 to create their works that utilize 3D technology, which has been generously donated by Ryerson University, the Brookfield Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Sabi Marwah. Once completed, the recipients' works will be displayed at the Ryerson Image Centre and the National Gallery of Canada.

Developments in 3D technology are opening a new world of possibilities in the areas of art, design, production and manufacturing. The application of 3D printing is set to disrupt multiple industries in Canada and around the world. The Be3Dimensional Innovation Fund will allow for Canada's best to lead the charge into the 3D technological revolution.

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"As an artist myself, I immediately recognized the disruptive impact that 3D printing has on the art community. Photography has moved from film, to digital, and now to 3D form. The Be3Dimensional Innovation Fund is pivotal in providing Canadian artists with the means to experiment with this new medium and elevate art into the next dimension."

- **Edward Burtynsky**, Co-Founder, Think2Thing

"Ryerson University prides itself as an institution that strives to innovate. Through the Be3Dimensional Innovation Fund, we are providing support for exceptional talent who are breaking ground in the application of 3D printing in their fields and giving them the opportunity to challenge current practices. By helping to develop our most talented, Canada can be a true hub of 3D printing innovation."

- **Sheldon Levy**, President, Ryerson University

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About Think2Thing

Think2Thing is a leading Canadian privately owned 3D printing atelier based in downtown Toronto with a focus on making the highest-end 3D prototyping, modeling, design and manufacturing available to Canadian industry. Co-founded by award-winning photographer Edward Burtynsky and designer David Didur, Think2Thing combines the best in 3D printing hardware and software with top notch technical and design talent to be a true innovation partner to Canadian businesses, creative designers and artists in making use of 3D printing to take their products to the next level. For more information, visit www.think2thing.com.

About Ryerson University

Ryerson University is Canada's leader in innovative, career-oriented education and a university clearly on the move. With a mission to serve societal need, and a long-standing commitment to engaging its community, Ryerson offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs. Distinctly urban, culturally diverse and inclusive, the university is home to more than 38,000 students, including 2,300 master's and PhD students, nearly 2,700 faculty and staff, and more than 155,000 alumni worldwide. Research at Ryerson is on a trajectory of success and growth: externally funded research has doubled in the past four years. The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education is Canada's leading provider of university-based adult education. For more information, visit www.ryerson.ca.