

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS WITH INNOVATION GUELPH'S NEW GOURMET GIFT BOXES

Guelph, ON, September 14, 2021—[Innovation Guelph](https://www.innovationguelph.com), a regional innovation centre that provides mentorship and business support programs and services to help innovative enterprises start, grow and thrive, is celebrating its 10th anniversary with two new gourmet gift boxes that support local businesses and innovative entrepreneurs.

Two gift box choices are:

The 'Purely Local' Box (\$80, excluding taxes and shipping) features items from Jewels Under the Kilt, Katan Kitchens/Quinta Local Superfoods, KiKi Maple Water Beverages, Ontario Honey Creations, The Garlic Box, Nud Fud, Welo, Planet Bean, and Appleflats.

The 'Celebration Box' (\$130, excluding taxes and shipping) includes everything in the 'Purely Local' Box (Jewels Under the Kilt, Katan Kitchens/Quinta Local Superfoods, KiKi Maple Water Beverages, Ontario Honey Creations, The Garlic Box, Nud Fud, Welo, Planet Bean, and Appleflats), plus, additional items from Abokichi, Laura Raes Caramels, Acid League, The Seed, and alcohol beverages from Dixons and Heartwood Farms & Cidery.*



Both boxes include a complimentary copy of Innovation Guelph's 10th anniversary book, *Discover Us, Innovation Grows Here* by Richard Bain (Binea Press), valued at \$45. The commemorative hardcover book beautifully illustrates the many innovators associated with Innovation Guelph along with organizations and companies that form the pillars of our local community. It captures the heart of the innovation corridor and the essence of what it means to be an entrepreneur. John Sleeman provides insight about the value of mentorship in the foreword of the book that also explores regional priority sectors of advanced manufacturing, information and communication technology, agri-innovation and cleantech. Books are also available from [The Bookshelf](https://www.thebookshelf.ca), Retail: \$45 plus GST, starting September 30.

The Innovation Guelph gourmet gift boxes go on sale on September 14 and can be purchased by visiting the Innovation Guelph website: <https://innovationguelph.ca/innovation-guelphs-10th-anniversary-celebration-boxes/>.

Boxes will be shipped to customers in mid-November, just in time to kick off the holiday season. Flat rate shipping (\$20 for up to three boxes going to the same address) is available to Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo, Toronto, and the GTA (southern Ontario – some exclusions may apply). Quantities are limited so order your box today!

“Right now, supporting our small businesses is critical,” said Anne Toner Fung, CEO, Innovation Guelph. “That’s why we’re celebrating our 10th anniversary by showcasing innovative local food entrepreneurs. When you purchase an Innovation Guelph ‘Purely Local’ or ‘Celebration’ box, not only will you treat yourself or someone special with delicious and unique gourmet gifts, but you’ll also be supporting local small businesses and our community.”

About Innovation Guelph

Innovation Guelph is building prosperity for community well-being by providing mentorship and business support programs and services to help innovative enterprises start, grow and thrive. Innovation Guelph’s business acceleration programs are designed for high-potential start-ups, small- to medium-sized enterprises and women-led businesses across southern Ontario. Innovation Guelph also serves as a one-stop point of access to business support programs and services across the province. www.innovationguelph.ca

About Innovation Guelph’s 10th Anniversary

Over the last decade, Innovation Guelph has supported more than 1,327 businesses from startups to scale-ups through its accelerator programs which has supported the creation of 1,756 jobs. Its programs focus on four sectors, Agri-innovation, information and communication technology, advanced manufacturing and cleantech. More than 350 Canadian companies from Guelph-Wellington, across southwestern Ontario and beyond are supported each year. Last year alone, Innovation Guelph mentors and industry specialists spent more than 11,277 consulting hours with client companies helping them to solve problems and succeed. Today, Innovation Guelph offers unique programs and initiatives to support businesses from different sectors and stages, including the Startup Program, Fast Lane, and Rhyze Ventures and RhyzeUp! for women entrepreneurs. Its Circular Food Economy (CFE) iHub offers several programs that support the creation of a regional circular economy, starting with the food sector.

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*Visit the Innovation Guelph website for more details about products featured in each box. Items you receive may not be exactly as pictured.