

Why Artificial Intelligence Giants are Heading to Montréal



2025 Edition



Top reasons to invest in AI in Montréal



▲ Many global leaders, including **Google and Meta**, have established one of their AI R&D centres in Montréal

▲ More than **48,000 experts with AI skills** in Montréal

▲ **#1 in Canada for university research funding** with \$1.6B+ per year and the **university capital of Canada**

▲ Cutting-edge expertise developed by **world-renowned researchers** such as **Yoshua Bengio, Joëlle Pineau, Doina Precup**, and many more!

▲ A large Tech talent pool with skills transferable to AI

▲ **40% less expensive for an AI company** compared to the 20 largest metropolitan areas in Canada and the U.S.

▲ Presence of MILA, the **world's largest academic AI research centre** and IVADO, **Canada's largest AI consortium**

▲ **24,000+ university students** enrolled in AI-related programs in Québec

▲ **Many attractive tax credits and incentives** for R&D and talent development

Montréal, an attractive destination for foreign investors in AI

2016-2017

-  **Google**
Opens Google Brain Montréal for AI and deep learning research
-  **Microsoft**
Acquires startup Maluuba and plans to hire 40 AI specialists
-  **IBM**
Opens an AI laboratory in collaboration with Mila
-  **Google DeepMind**
Establishes a second AI international laboratory (merger of Google Brain and DeepMind)
-  **THALES**
Sets up a specialized research and technology centre (cortAIx)

2018-2019

-  **Meta AI**
Expands its Montréal laboratory to accommodate up to 60 researchers
-  **Microsoft Research**
Expands its laboratory to accelerate applied AI research
-  **QuantumBlack AI by McKinsey**
Opens an AI office focused on deep learning
-  **NOVARTIS**
Forms strategic alliance with Mila for healthcare innovations
-  **SAMSUNG**
Inaugurates an R&D centre to leverage AI in its products and services
-  **ERICSSON**
Launches a worldwide accelerator for AI R&D
-  **Unity**
Sets up an AI laboratory, creating 450 new jobs

2020-2021

-  **aspentech**
Launches an industrial centre of excellence for AI and IoT
-  **BIOME by Novartis**
Launches an innovation centre for AI in the pharmaceutical industry
-  **SERVIER**
Creates a global AI centre in partnership with Centech
-  **GEOCART**
Opens an R&D centre for environmental and infrastructures surveillance
-  **Recursion**
Establishes a machine learning team focused on drug discovery
-  **BEHAVOX**
Opens a major innovation and operations centre

2022-2023

-  **vmware by Broadcom**
Opens a G-AI innovation and research centre
-  **FPT Software**
Opens an R&D and delivery centre for applied AI solutions
-  **Insilico Medicine**
Launches an AI R&D centre for drugs discovery
-  **Google**
Establishes a second office in Montréal and commits \$2.75M to support the tech ecosystem
-  **Schneider Electric**
Opens an AI R&D laboratory for building decarbonization

2024-2025

-  **AKUR8**
Opens an AI centre of excellence for insurtech
-  **TCS TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES**
Launches an IT centre specialized in AI and machine learning
-  **AMPLIWORK**
Expands its R&D capabilities to build AI agents
-  **pod**
Builds a software development team for AI solutions
-  **BeroAI**
Opens an R&D laboratory for software development aimed at understanding animals
-  **TERZO**
Develops AI solutions for financial document analysis

Note: Non-exhaustive list.

Source: Montréal International compilation.

Major business leaders talk about Montréal



We will leverage Montréal's unique ecosystem of world-class talent and creativity to advance the applications of ethical artificial intelligence worldwide.

Patrice Caine
Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer, Thales

THALES



Montréal's dynamic AI ecosystem and its incredible pool of talent provide the perfect environment for us to push the boundaries of innovation, creating transformative solutions that empower organizations to work smarter, increase efficiency, and drive positive, forward-thinking change across industries worldwide.

Nicolas Chapados
Vice-president of Research
for ServiceNow

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Montréal has a rich ecosystem of innovation, and we are excited to collaborate with local businesses, academic institutions, and government organizations to drive progress in the fields of AI and pharmaceuticals.

Petrina Kamya
Head of AI Platforms and
President of Insilico
Medicine Canada



**Insilico
Medicine**



We can count on a highly skilled pool of talent. [...] This pool is expanding every year due to the quality of the biomedical engineering and computer engineering training Montréal has to offer and the city's dynamic AI and deep learning ecosystem. The expertise developed here is key to our growth.

Dr. Amiot
Vice-President
and General Manager,
Zimmer CAS



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Personalized and confidential support for setting up or expanding your business

We support foreign companies, subsidiaries already established in Greater Montréal, and international entrepreneurs in their investment projects



Strategic and operational support
(business plan, sectoral expertise)



Site selection assistance
(regional economic data, comparative reports)



Advice on funding sources (financial and tax incentives)



Access to an established network of partners, university institutions and research centres

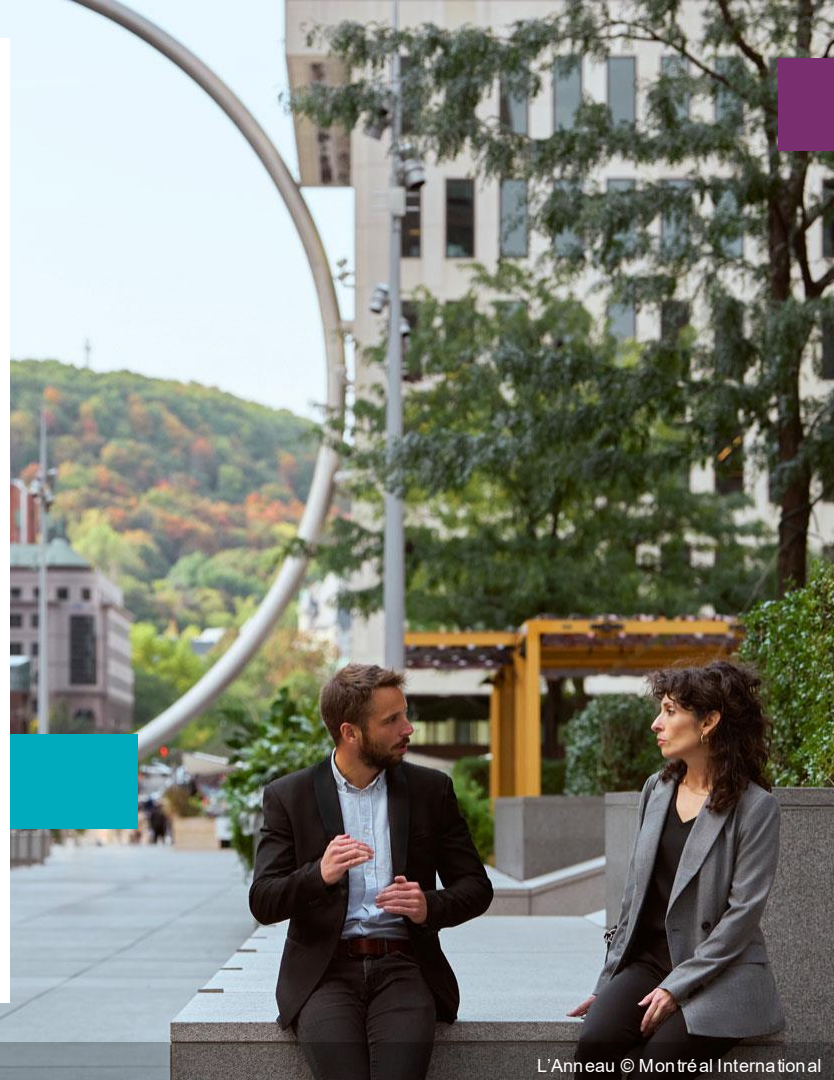


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