

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


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Opens Google Brain Montréal headed by Hugo Larochelle
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Acquires Maluuba and announces a plan to hire 40 AI specialists
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Opens an AI lab headed by Joëlle Pineau, Associate Professor at McGill University
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Opens an AI lab in collaboration with Québec AI Institute Mila
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Sets up a new Centre of Research and Technology in AI expertise (cortAIx)
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Opens a second international AI lab
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RBC opens an AI lab

2018-2019

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Expands to accommodate up to 60 researchers
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Expands research lab and hires Geoff Gordon
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Sets up AI office focused on deep-learning
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Opens an AI R&D centre
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Announces a strategic alliance with Québec AI Institute Mila
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Launches its global accelerator focused on R&D in AI and automation
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Opens a new AI lab and expands its workforce by 450 people


2020-2021


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Unveils a major innovation and operational center
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Opens an innovation hub to develop digital and AI innovations for healthcare solutions
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Launches a worldwide AI Hub in partnership with Centech
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Opens an AI innovation hub
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Sets up a machine learning team to focus on drug discovery
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Industrial Centre of Excellence for AI and industrial IoT (AIoT)
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Unveils a R&D centre for remote environmental infrastructure monitoring and observation


2022-2023

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Launch of Next G-AI Research and Innovation Centre
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Opens a new office and commits \$2.5B to local tech and AI ecosystems
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Opens an AI R&D centre hub for drug discovery
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Opens a delivery and R&D centre
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R&D and testing facility tapping into AI to drive new digital solutions to advance building decarbonization


2024-2025

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Opens an AI expertise centre focused on Insurtech
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Launches a delivery centre for a range of IT solutions including AI and machine learning
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Opens a R&D lab focused on AI research and data science in partnership with Mila AI institute
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Sets up a team for new AI project
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Sets up a software development team for AI solutions

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

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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)

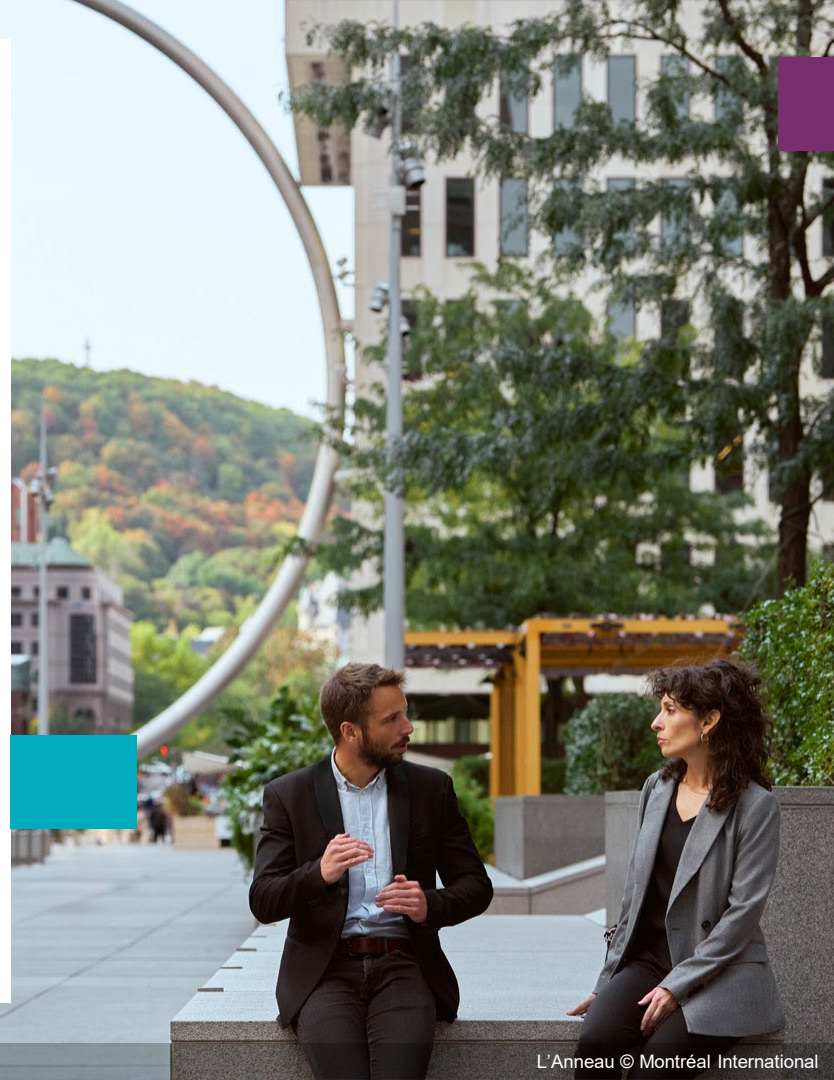


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Support for the recruitment of qualified and experienced international workers

Support with immigration procedures

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