

Montréal: World-class AI, built on human connections

How companies leverage
top talent, pioneering research
and industry expertise

2026 Edition



The AI advantage... in a human-scale city



Global leaders including
**Google, Meta, Mistral
AI and Cohere**



60,000 professionals
with AI-related skills



Canada's **university
capital** and 1st for
university research funding



**Home to Yoshua
Bengio** and other
AI pioneers



A deep **tech
talent pool** with AI
expertise

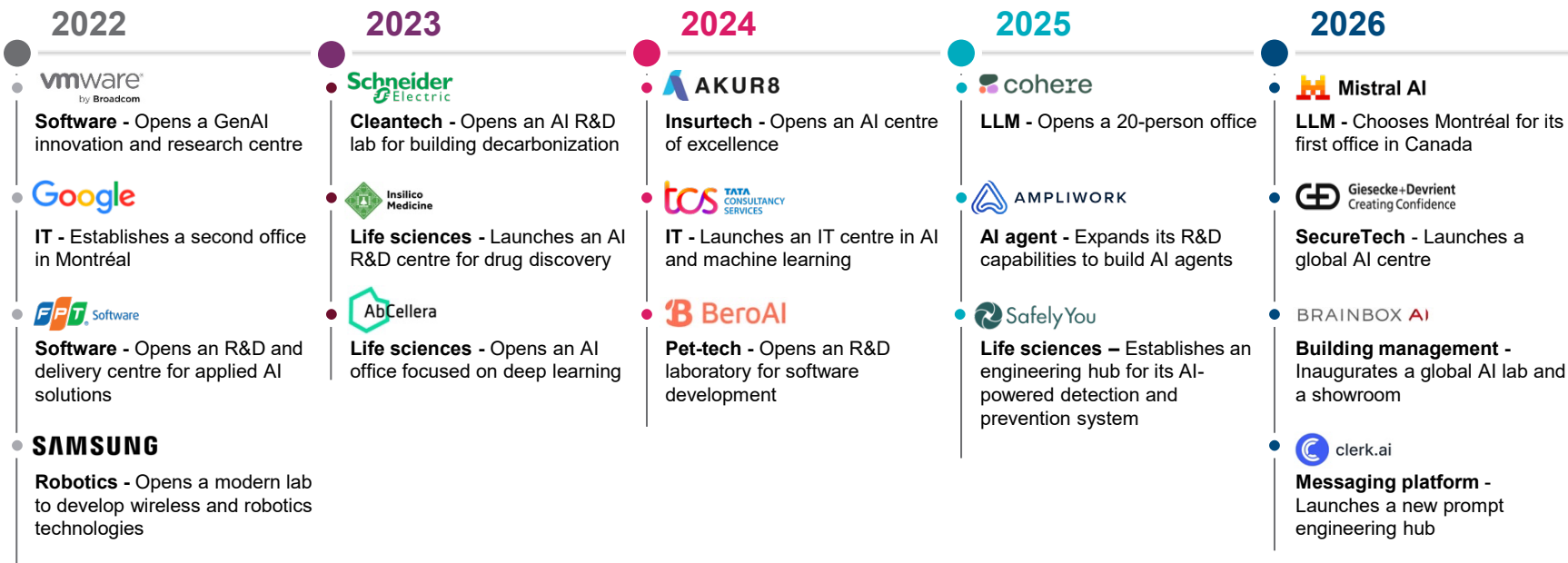


**37% lower operating
costs** for AI companies
in North America



Mila, the world's largest
academic AI research
centre

Montréal: a global AI hub powering investment across key sectors



In 2016, Montréal joined a select group of cities hosting a Google Brain Lab (now Google DeepMind). Leaders such as Microsoft, Meta and Samsung followed suit. These major investments positioned Greater Montréal as a leading AI destination among foreign investors in the sector.



Note: Non-exhaustive list.

Source: Montréal International compilation, 2026.



Montréal is one of the world's great AI research ecosystems. For Advanced Machine Intelligence, building a team here means working close to exceptional scientific talent while advancing our research on world models.

Mike Rabbat

▲ Co-founder and VP, World Models
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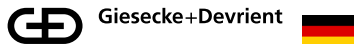


Developing and scaling applied AI



-And many more!

AI to secure payments and identities



Giesecke+Devrient, a German security technology company established in Canada since 1962, develops technologies to secure financial transactions and critical communications around the world. In 2026, the company chose Montréal and Mila to establish its global AI centre.

Founded in 1852, Giesecke+Devrient employs 14,500 people across 41 countries.



▲ Your own credit card?

Almost every payment card in Canada is secured using G+D technologies. In fact, the company's logo can often be found on the back of the card, in the upper-right corner.

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G+D chose Montréal because its world-class talent and thriving AI ecosystem provide the foundation needed to create AI solutions grounded in trust.

Ralf Wintergerst

▲ Chairman & Group CEO
Giesecke+Devrient (G+D)



Giesecke+Devrient
Creating Confidence



Your strategic partner to support your establishment and expansion

We offer free support to foreign companies and subsidiaries established in the Greater Montréal area for 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



Support for the recruitment of top international workers



Access to a specialized Canadian immigration team to streamline immigration processes



Join Montréal's community of international companies

▲ **3,200**

International companies established in Greater Montréal

▲ **44%**

of Greater Montréal's international companies are concentrated in **four key sectors**: aerospace, life sciences and health technologies, information technologies, and cleantech

▲ **18%**

of **Greater Montréal's private-sector employment** is generated by international companies

▲ **37%**

of **Québec's R&D spending** is generated by international companies



Innovation starts here!



Bixi



Canadarm 2



CAE 7000XR
flight simulators



Assassin's Creed



Airbus A220



Game of Thrones' VFX
- Rodeo FX



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