

## Greater Montréal: Life Sciences & Health Tech Hub





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# 01

Life Sciences: A Strategic Sector for Québec





#### A strong support to foster innovation in Quebec



Life Sciences strategy



Research and Innovation strategy



Digital Strategy



Advanced manufacturing (biomanufacturing)

More than **\$1,7 B** 

Biomanufacturing is Quebec's #1 Priority in life sciences

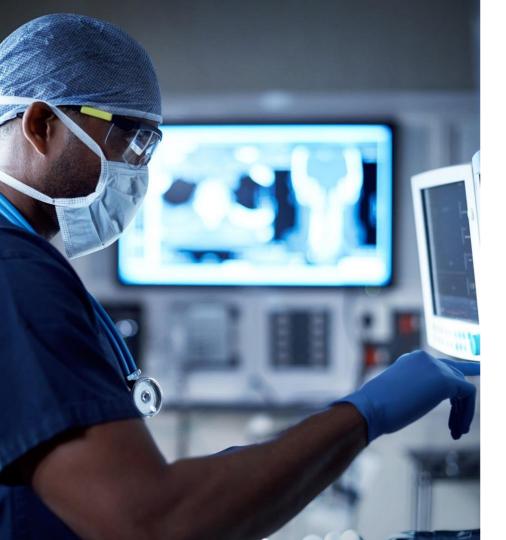


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A Unique
Interconnected &
Collaborative Ecosystem







### Québec – Key facts



**56,000** 

Jobs (80% concentrated in Greater Montréal)

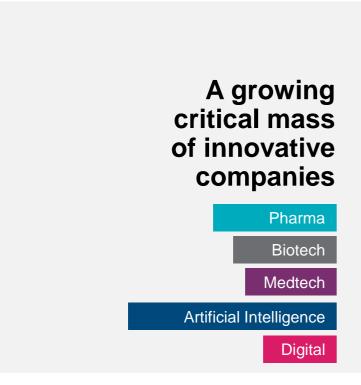


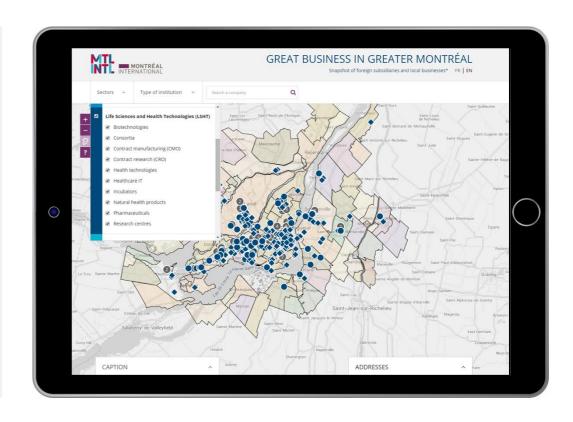
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**Companies** 

## Snapshot of foreign companies that have chosen the Greater Montreal for their canadian footprint







#### Major hubs to boost business partnerships

#### **Innovation** district









www.citebiotech.com/city/





www.technoparc.com/en/



Multi-tenant hub specialized in the development of Small molecules and **Biologics & Vaccines** 

www.neomed.ca/en/

#### A strong support from venture capital in Quebec

Anges Québec		
AmorChem		
CTI Life Science		
Lumira Capital II		
Sanderling Ventures		
TVM Capital Life Science		
Versant Ventures		
CIC Capital Ventures		
Teralys Capital		
Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)		
Fonds de Solidarité FTQ		
BDC		



## October 2017: A strong come back of biotechs in Quebec

4 companies recently raised more than \$380M: Repare (\$87M), Clementia (\$177M), Milestone (\$70M) and PreciThera (\$46M)

## World-renowned scientific excellence

## Recent major investments in **cutting-edge infrastructures**

- McGill University Health Centre (MUHC)
- CHU Sainte-Justine, Mother & child university hospital center
- Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM)

Reputed for our **collaborative approach** (Research – Industry – Government)









































### Internationally-acclaimed fields of expertise



Oncology



Cardio-vascular and metabolic diseases



Neuroscience and mental health



Infectious diseases



**Aging** 



Cellular therapy and regenerative medicine



Precision medicine (genetics, genomics and proteomics)



Medical imaging and cytometry



Big Data and artificial intelligence

# Examples of flagship programs to accelerate discovery, development and commercialization



**NEOMED:** Transforming early scientifc innovations into business partnership opportunities



**Transmedtech Institute:** Transdisciplinary and intersectoral open innovation ecosystem or living lab – To develop next generation medical technologies



**IRICoR:** Accelerating discovery and commercialization of highly innovative therapies in oncology by strong partnerships with industry



**MEDTEQ:** Consortium for Industrial Research and Innovation in Medical Technology



**CQDM:** Development of breakthrough tools and technologies that enhance biopharmaceutical R&D productivity



**CTS:** Accelerator for medical technology companies



**C3i:** One-stop shop for the development, translation and commercialization of ground-breaking cancer immunotherapies treatments



**CENTECH:** Space that transforms the projects of tech entrepreneurs into business success stories

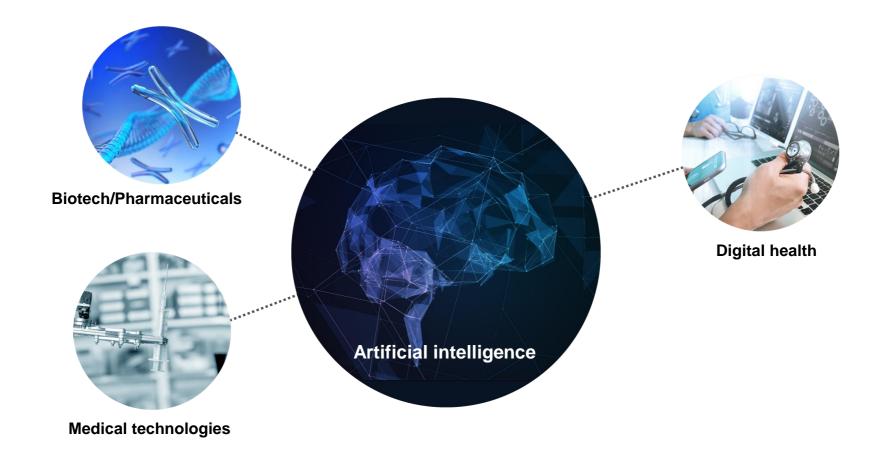


**CATALIS:** Quebec's Experts Unite to Offer Excellence in Early Clinical Research



**DISTRICT 3:** Startup accelerator and entrepreneurial community located within Concordia University.

### Key expertise for the health industries' futures all in a single place



#### **Examples of companies that use AI in healthcare**



IMAGIA: Al-driven personalized care



My Intelligent Machines: accelerating post genomic research by leveraging AI & bioinformatics



**Invivoai:** using AI to streamline the development of new drugs – facilitating accurate toxicity screening in the earliest phases of drug discovery



**Corstem:** machine learning and AI software developer specialized in medical imaging analysis and computer vision



**Informed experiments:** distill the complexity of gene interaction networks with our Al algorithms to accelerate cancer research



**Precision analytics:** predictive analytics and cloud computing to handle large datasets



**QUANTUMBLACK:** specialized data analytics group that uses data, analytics, and design to create competitive advantage in life sciences



**Diagnos:** early detection of critical health issues through the use of Al



**Mr Young:** Al-powered chatbot designed to help cope with anxiety



**Myelin:** Artificial intelligence synthesis of ASD scientific data



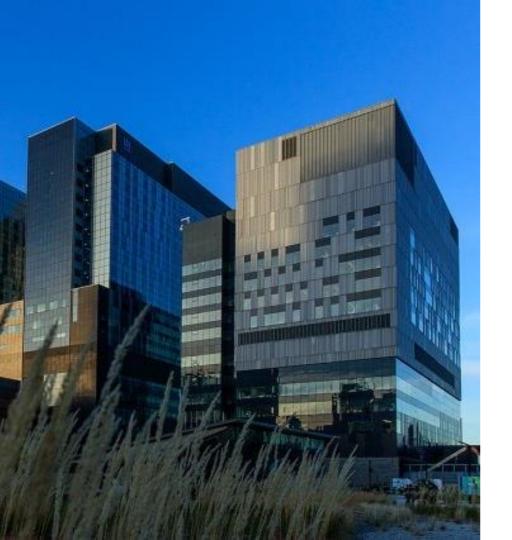
Innovie Health: Al powered solution aims to drive the most accurate and efficient risk stratified care management strategy for healthcare system



**Arctic Fox Al:** Al-assisted radiology for Alzheimer's and related dementias.



**BIOS:** developing neural interfaces to enable Al-based treatments on organs and nerve systems throughout the body



## Al added dimension to healthcare institutions



CHUM launched a school of Al in medicine devoted to the study of the social, legal and ethical implications of Al in the health sector

Doctors and researchers at the CHUM are pursuing
80 projects involving artificial intelligence

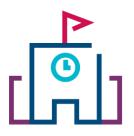
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A Deep and Growing Pool of Highly Qualified Talent





#### Canada's university capital



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# higher education institutions



# The best student city in the Americas and Canada's university capital

- Canada's university capital: 11 university institutions and 60 colleges
- 320,000 post-secondary students, including 201,000 university students and 35,500 international university students
- More than \$1 billion in funding dedicated to university research
- Best student city in the Americas:

	1	Montréal
	2	Boston
	3	Toronto
	4	Vancouver
	5	New York



04

Attractive Operating Costs and Incentives





## Most competitive operating costs



1st clinical trials and life Science R&D Centre<sup>1</sup>

1st bio-pharma manufacturing<sup>2</sup>

1st medical devices manufacturing plant

among the 20 largest metro areas in Canada and the U.S.

Source: fDi Benchmark, 2019.

<sup>2:</sup> Companies in this industry develop and manufacture therapeutic products and in vitro diagnostics using biotechnology.

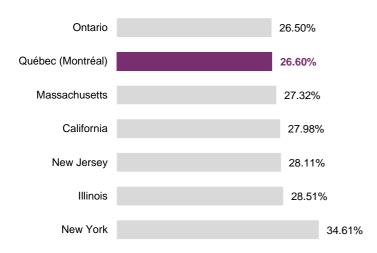


<sup>1:</sup> Research, discovery, design, development or testing of biotechnology or pharmaceutical related products and/or medical devices.

# Tax rates and non-taxation of foreign earned income\*

#### Comparison of corporate effective tax rate (%)

Selected Canadian provinces and U.S. States, 2019



<sup>\*</sup>Note: Canada does not tax foreign earned income when it has a tax treaty with the country where the income was earned.

Source : Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation du Québec and Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, April 2019.



or has signed an information-sharing agreement with this country.

#### An easy access to highly advantageous Incentives

## Major projects and innovations

Grants, interest-free loans and other support available, such as competitive electricity rates of CA¢3.98/kWh for large power\*

#### Labour development

Grants such as:

- 25% of costs to implement training programs
- 50% of costs to create a HR department



#### Sector tax credits

Such as:

Up to 30% for e-business development

#### Research and development

- Up to 30% tax credit on R&D
- Tax holiday for foreign researchers and experts

#### Note:

<sup>\*</sup> Rate LG: large power with minimum billing demand of 5,000 kW, transmission and distribution included, for 120-kV supply with 95% load factor, and including the Economic Development Rate reduction (if eligible).



#### **Advantageous tax credits**

Scientific research & experimental development



**Development of e-business** 



**30%** 

of eligible salaries\*

\*Up to \$25,000 / employee / year

# 05

Montréal International's Personalized, Free and Confidential Services





# Montréal International, a single point of access to a multitude of personalized, free and confidential services



Long-term strategic support



Economic data and communications services



Government relations facilitation



Incentive programs assistance



Foreign workers immigration assistance



International recruiting missions



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