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Greater Montréal: the Perfect Place to Study



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Montréal : a single point of access for
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Greater Montréal: a first-rate metropolis for studying abroad



World-renowned educational institutions



An affordable metropolis, with the highest purchasing power for students among the world's major cities



Canada, the best working environment for international students (OECD, 2019)



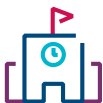
Almost 320,000 post-secondary students, including 37,000 international university students



A vibrant, cultural city with more than 100 festivals, 70 museums, 180 theatres and 270 cinemas



The safest city among the 20 largest metropolitan areas in Canada and the United States



Canada's university capital with \$1+ billion in funding each year for university research



An international metropolis that's home to more than 120 cultural communities



Areas of expertise and leading-edge programs such as AI, cyber security, video games, visual effects, aerospace, among others.

01

World-Renowned Education Programs



Montréal, the best student city in the Americas

- Montréal offers its students **internationally recognized academic training**:
 - **Two universities in the top 150 best universities in the world**: McGill (31st) and Université de Montréal (118th)
 - HEC Montréal in the **top 100 best business schools in the world**



Best student city in the Americas
tied with Boston
QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2022

1	Montréal tied with Boston
2	Toronto
3	New York
4	Vancouver
5	San Francisco



Canada's post-secondary education capital

- **Almost 320,000 post-secondary students, including 37,000 international university students**
- 11 universities
- 60+ public colleges (cegeps*) and private colleges (pre-university and technical)
- 50+ vocational training centres
- \$1+ billion in funds yearly dedicated to university research

* Colleges of General and Vocational Education.

Source: Ministry of Education, Leisure, and Sports, Québec, 2016; Research Infosource Inc. 2018; CBIE, 2020.





A unique opportunity to study in French and English

- **Presence of French and English educational institutions**
- Several institutions offer bilingual and trilingual programs
- Possibility of attending language courses, according to your needs and interests during your studies



Canada's biggest bilingual and trilingual metropolitan area

- 2.5 million people speak English, 9% more than in Vancouver
- 55% of the population is bilingual (French and English), compared to 8% in Toronto and 7% in Vancouver
- Almost 20% of the population is fluent in three or more languages, compared to 4% in Toronto and 3% in Vancouver



Vocational training, the opportunity to enter the labour market

- Vocational training is available in more than 50 educational centres in Greater Montréal
- It is aimed at learning a trade and allows access to one of the following official diplomas:
 - Diploma of Vocational Studies (DEP)
 - Attestation of Vocational Specialization (AVS)
 - Skills Training Certificate (STC)

To find out more about these courses and study areas:



Numerous opportunities through college education

Colleges of General and Vocational Education (cegeps) provide access to university studies or direct access to employment.

Pre-university training (2 years)

- Prepares for University
- Diploma of College Studies (DCS)

Technical Training (3 years)

- Prepares for the labour market and/or university studies
- Diploma of College Studies (DCS)

Technical training for adults (3 years or less)

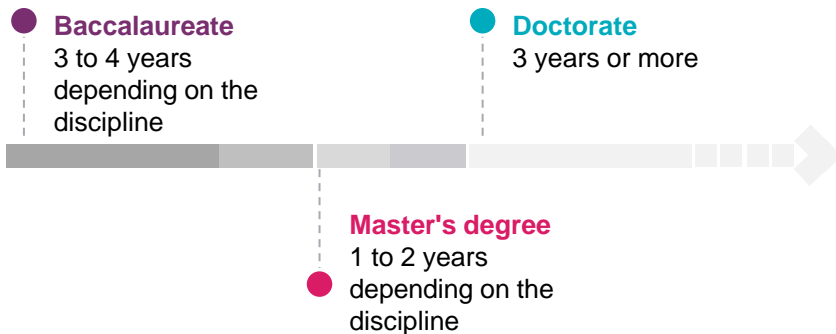
- Prepares for the labour market
- Attestation of Collegial Studies (ACS)

There are 15 CEGEPs in Greater Montréal and more than 50 private colleges



Montréal universities offer training in all fields

University courses of study



- **Short programs of various durations such as specialized graduate certificates or diplomas (DESS) are also available**

Universities of Greater Montréal



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An Affordable Cost of Living

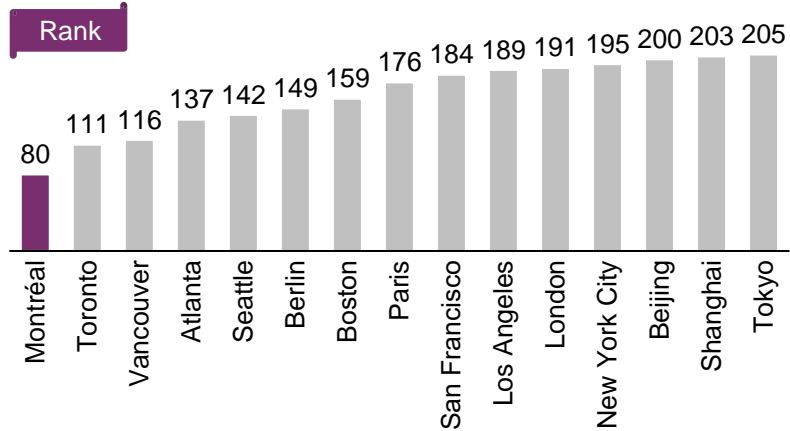




A low cost of living

Greater Montréal is **cheaper than almost all other large cities** in North America, Western Europe, China and Japan:

Mercer Cost of Living Index
World rank from least to most expensive*, 209 cities



Greater Montréal offers a higher purchasing power thanks to:

- **Cheap housing**
- **Low medical insurance costs**
- **Generous family allowances**
- **Affordable child care**

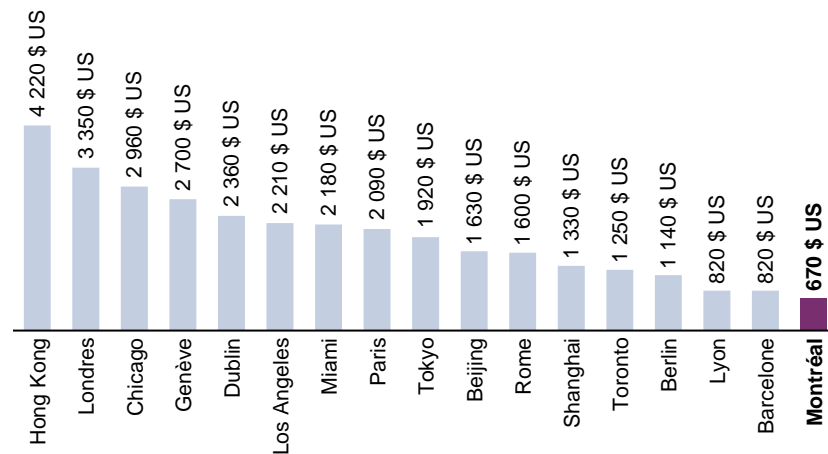
* Montréal International's analysis.
Source: Mercer, "Cost of Living Survey," 2021.



The most affordable metropolitan area for rent

Montréal offers the lowest rental prices compared to most other major cities in the world.

Comparison of average monthly rents
for an unfurnished 3 room apartment



Enjoy student life by spending less on activities



70+ museums



CA\$52
Monthly metro
pass



CA\$21.98
2 cinema tickets



CA\$1.56
One beer (33 cl)



CA\$76
Full meal at a
restaurant for 2
people



CA\$9.65
Hamburger
menu



Numerous student
discounts: cinemas,
restaurants, sports,
etc.



CA\$248
2 concert tickets



Numerous possibilities for financing studies

There are many financial grants for international students, such as:

- University excellence awards
- Excellence scholarships for vocational and technical training
- Excellence scholarships for college education
- Excellence scholarships from the Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Nature and Technologies (FRQNT)
- Federal government scholarships (Canada)
- Commonwealth scholarships
- Scholarships from other countries
- Scholarships from international organizations

The possibility of working thanks to the study permit:

- Up to 20 hours per week off-campus during classes and full-time during leave and vacations
- Research and teaching assistant positions are also available

The opportunity to finance your studies through government agreements

- Montréal offers the **lowest tuition fees in North America**
- Numerous **funding opportunities for students thanks to agreements** between Québec and countries of origin:
 - School grants*
 - Tuition fee exemptions and reductions

Certain countries are eligible for certain categories of funding:

 Senegal	 Algeria	 China
 Tunisia	 Ivory Coast	 France
 Brazil	 Mexico	 Belgium**
 Colombia	 Morocco	 Vietnam

* These grants are limited in number and are contingent on a number of criteria, please enquire.

** Wallonia-Brussels Federation (WBF).

Source: Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Québec, Ministry of International Relations and Francophonie of Québec, 2019.

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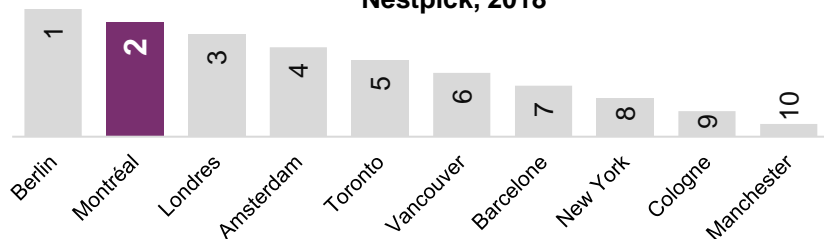
An Exceptional Quality of Life



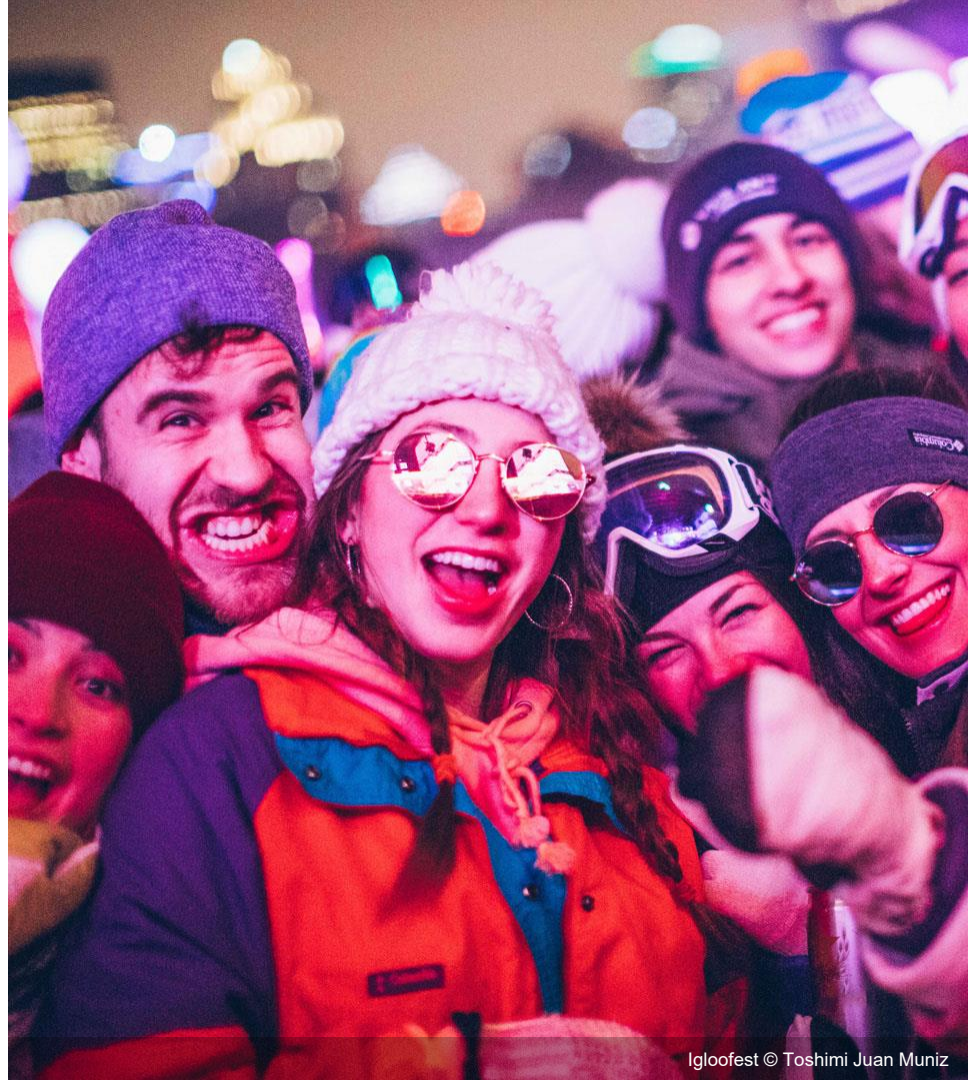
An exceptional quality of life

Montréal is the second best city in the world for millennials:

World ranking of the Best Cities for Millennials, Nestpick, 2018



A vibrant, cultural city that hosts more than 100 festivals, 70 museums, 180 theatres and 270 cinemas



The opportunity to practice activities in all seasons

Average daily temperatures
in Montréal*



Note: *Data from 1981 to 2010 for the average maximum daily temperature at the Montréal-Trudeau Airport weather station.
Source: City of Montréal, 2019, Environnement Canada; Tourisme Montréal, 2019.

Montréal in the spring



Visit one of
Montréal's major
museums



Have brunch with
friends in one of
Montréal's many
restaurants

Have a meal at the
sugar shack



See Montréal
Impact play soccer



Montréal in the summer



© Tourisme Montréal - Madore - Daphné Caron

Discover
Montréal's
diverse
architecture



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Do the rides at
La Ronde
amusement
park



© Alouettes de Montréal

Take part in
one of the
many festivals



© Tourisme Montréal

Practice
water sports
on the St.
Lawrence
River



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See the
Montréal
Alouettes play
football

Montréal in the autumn



Discover some of
Montréal's
craft breweries

Pick some
apples in
an orchard



Enjoy hiking
in the large parks

See the Chinese
lanterns in
Montréal's Botanical
Garden



Montréal in the winter



© Vieux-Port de Montréal

Hit
the ski
slopes



© Toshimi Juan Muniz

Discover the
Art
Souterrain
arts exhibit



© Strøm spa nordique

See the
Montréal
Canadiens
play ice
hockey

Go snow-
shoeing or
ice skating



© Bromont, montagne d'expériences

Party at
Igloofest



© Art souterrain, Samuel Boisvert

Dive into a
Nordic spa

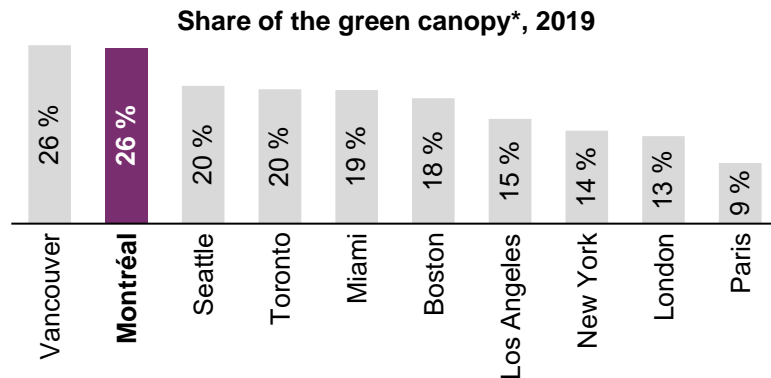


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Where nature and sports go hand in hand

Outdoor activities with nearby national parks and ski resorts: Parc du Mont-Tremblant, Parc de Plaisance, Parc d'Oka, Parc des Îles de Boucherville, etc.

Montréal, one of the world's most tree-filled cities: 19 large urban parks covering nearly 2,000 hectares and 1,200 neighbourhood parks.



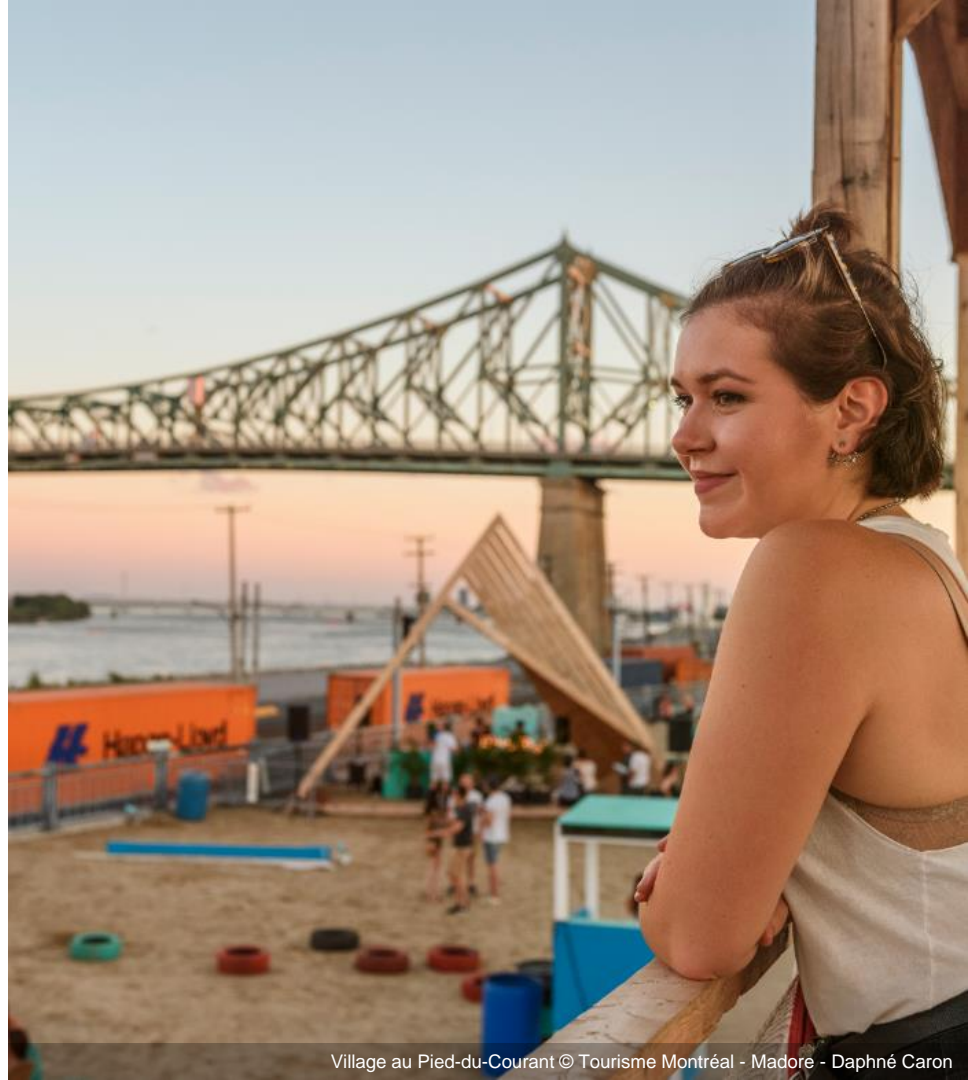
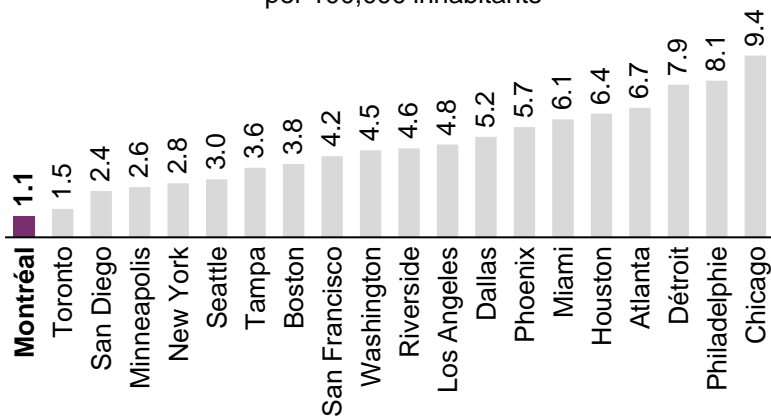
* The green canopy corresponds to the extent of tree cover on the ground.
Source: Ville de Montréal, 2019; Senseable City Lab, 2019; SEPAQ, 2019; Business Insider, "Ranking of cities with the most trees", 2019.



The safest city in North America

A region where you can walk about with total peace of mind, with lively public places and a city centre that are well frequented day and night.

Homicide rates for the 20 largest metropolitan areas in Canada and the United States in 2018, per 100,000 inhabitants



A strong and growing metropolis, strategically located in North America



Population

- 4.3 million residents
- 23% of population are foreign-born (34% for the city of Montréal)



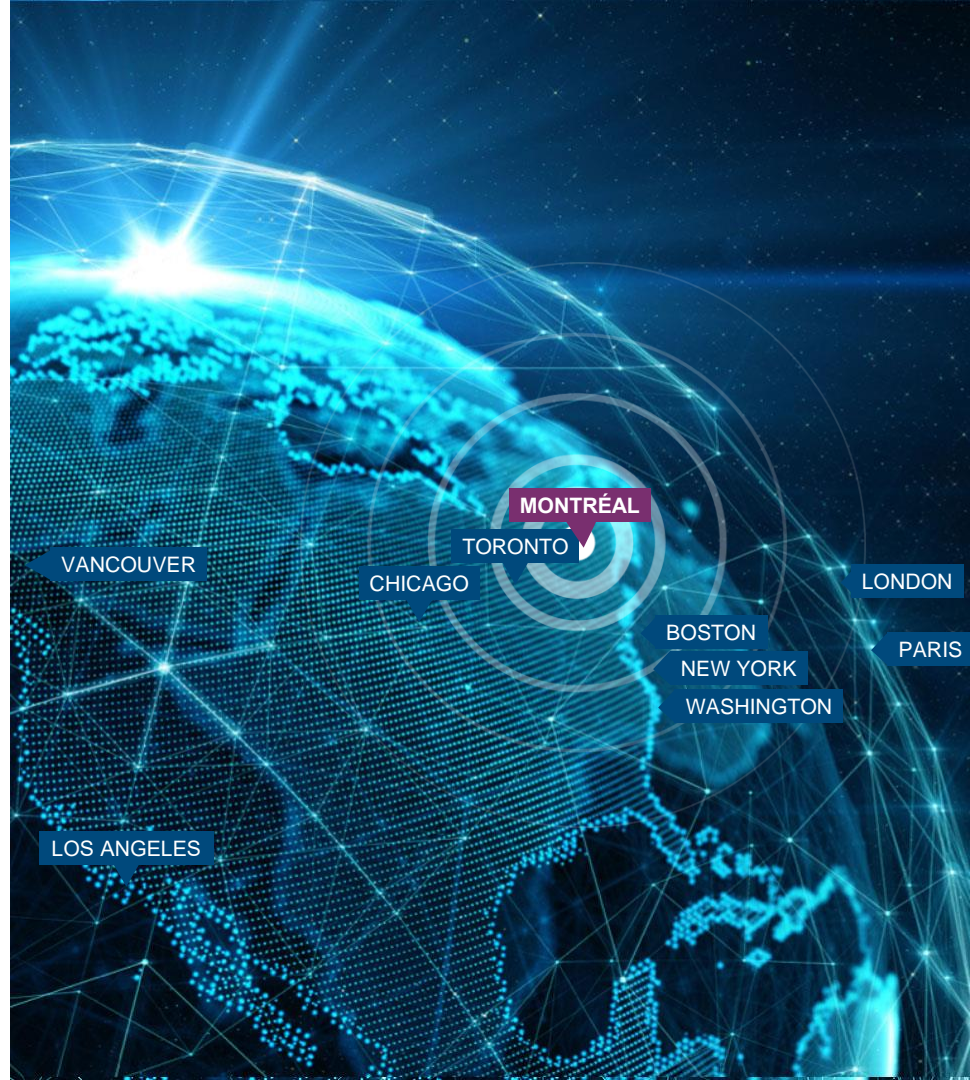
Economy

- Best economic growth in Canada in 2018 and 2019
- Best economic growth forecast for Canada in 2022*
- \$2.233 billion in foreign direct investment in 2020 supported by Montréal International



Location

- 82 municipalities, 1 metropolitan area
- A 90-minute flight to Boston and New York City
- Less than a one-hour drive to the U.S. border



Note: * Between 2019-2022.

Source: Conference Board of Canada, 2021; Statistics Canada, 2020; Montréal International Analysis.

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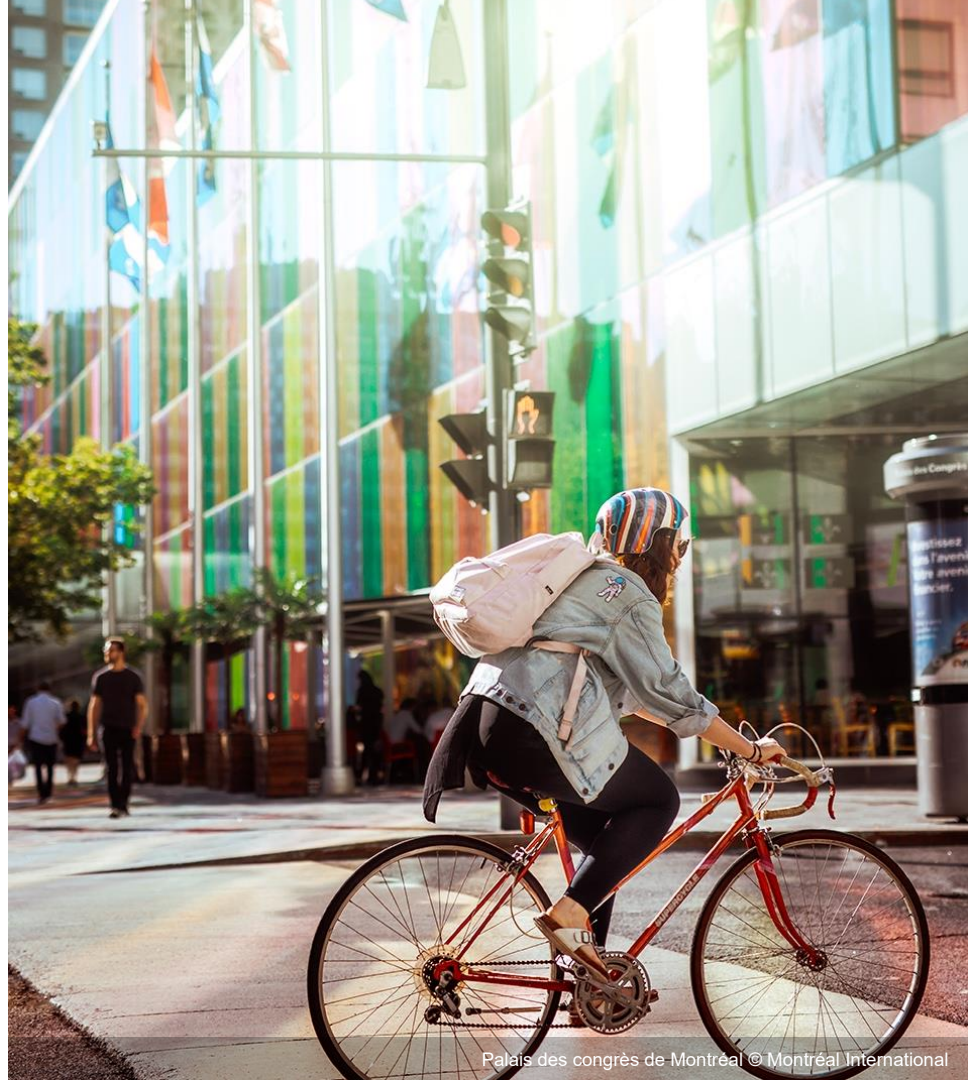
A Work Environment That Allows You to Fulfil Your Potential



A dynamic labour market

- Nearly **1.4 million job vacancies in Québec by 2026**
- **Canadian city with the strongest economic growth** in 2018 and 2019
- High **job growth rate**
- A **5.8% increase in average weekly earnings** between 2018 and 2019

Source: Emploi Québec, 2019; Conference Board of Canada, 2019; Éducaloi Québec, 2019; Commission des normes du travail du Québec; Canada's Best Employers, Forbes Magazine, 2019; Analyse Montréal International; Coefficient de distance hiérarchique Hofstede, 2019.





A booming startup ecosystem

- Canada is the most attractive country in the world for entrepreneurs according to the OECD
- **More than US\$2.7 B in VC** in Montréal between 2018 and 2020
- **Six of Canada's ten most active VCs** in 2020 are based in Greater Montréal
- **30+ incubators/accelerators**
- **45+ coworking spaces**



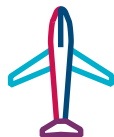
Source: OECD Indicators of Talent Attractiveness, 2019; "Global Ecosystem Report" 2018; Credo, "Montréal Startup Ecosystem Report", 2016; "Midterm Report" – Smart City, February 2017; Canadian Venture Capital & Private Equity Association, 2018, 2019 and Q3, 2020.

A world leader in high value-added sectors



1st

city in Canada and a world leader in digital creativity



2nd

best place to invest in aerospace in North America



3rd

best place to invest in AI in North America



5th

largest video game development hubs in the world



6th

largest life sciences and health technologies hubs in North America

Thriving hub in fast growing sectors: IT, fintech and financial services, electric and smart transportation, cleantech, innovative manufacturing, transportation and logistics, retail and fashion, etc.

Major companies located in Greater Montréal

Google

CGI

aws

BOMBARDIER

CAE

Pratt & Whitney
A United Technologies Company

Rolls-Royce

AIRBUS

technicolor

Morgan Stanley

ERICSSON

SAP

f

WB
GAMES
MONTREAL

IBM

UBISOFT

gsk
GlaxoSmithKline

Pfizer

EA

L'ORÉAL
CANADA

Medtronic

RioTinto
Alcan

A world-class hub in artificial intelligence

- **\$3+ billion in AI investments** in Greater Montréal since 2016
- The Canadian government chose Montréal as headquarters for **SCALE AI**, Canada's AI supply chain supercluster
- A community of more than 600 researchers and graduate students at Mila - the world's largest academic research lab in deep learning and reinforcement learning
- Sample of major players located in Greater Montréal:





Montréal's Olympic Stadium © Parc olympique

Globally recognized

Most reputable city in the Americas

Reputation Institute, 2018

Best city in Canada and 6th in the world

Time Out, 2019

Best student city in the Americas tied with Boston

QS Best Student Cities Rankings, 2022

Best city in the Americas for its quality of life

Knight Frank, City Wellbeing Index, 2020

Most affordable major city in Canada and the U.S.

UBS Prices and Earnings, 2018

Best Cycling City in North America

Coya, Global Bicycle Cities Index, 2019

Second most walkable city in Canada

Walk Score, 2020

UNESCO City of Design since 2006

Top host city in North America for international association events

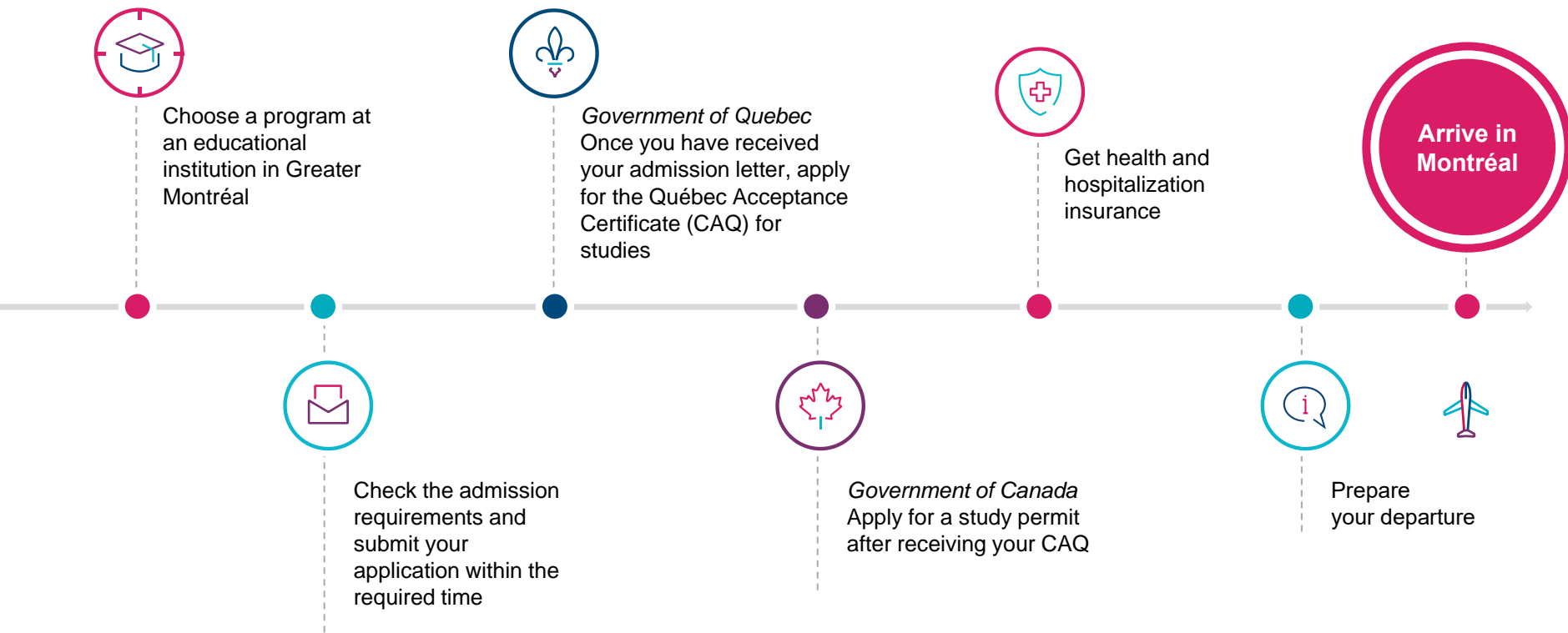
Union of International Associations (UIA), 2020

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Procedures for Studies and Immigration



The steps to Montréal



What about after I graduate? Post-graduation work permit and permanent immigration



GRADUATION

Obtain a post-graduation work permit within 180 days after your institution has established your final grades, with a valid study permit at that time

**POST-GRADUATION
WORK PERMIT**
(from 8 to 36 months,
depending on the length
of the study program)



Step 1

Obtain a **Québec Selection Certificate (CSQ)** through the **Quebec Experience Program (QEP)** or the **Regular Skilled Worker Program (RSWP)**



Step 2

Obtain your permanent residence

PERMANENT IMMIGRATION PROCESS
(approximately 24 to 36 months, depending on the case)

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Montréal International – I
choose Montréal: a single
point of access for
international student



A single point of access for international student and employers



**Promotion of Greater
Montréal's assets**



**Valorization of the
educational offer**



**Discovery of Montréal
and French practice**



**Connection with
employers and promotion
of job vacancies**



**Organization of information
sessions on immigration
with the MIFI**



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