

sherbrooke

Major innovation cluster

Sherbrooke Innopole offers harmonious, dynamic economic growth by promoting the development of companies created from Sherbrooke's ingenuity and research, attracting new businesses, and supporting existing manufacturing firms in their expansion, innovation et internationalization.

The skills and expertise found in our five key-sectors make Sherbrooke a perfect place to establish your business. Sherbrooke's large pool of key players can support projects from fundamental research to the marketing of a product. Discover all the advantages of doing business here!

LIFE SCIENCES

47 companies • 1391 employees

▶ Josée Blanchard, Ph.D., MBA jblanchard@sherbrooke-innopole.com

CLEANTECH

107 companies • 3130 employees

▶ Myriam Bélisle, B.Sc., RPBio, MBA mbelisle@sherbrooke-innopole.com

MICRO-NANOTECHNOLOGIES

8 companies • 391 employees

▶ Josée Blanchard, Ph.D., MBA jblanchard@sherbrooke-innopole.com

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

96 companies • 1683 employees

▶ Marc-Henri Faure mhfaure@sherbrooke-innopole.com

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

299 companies • 8430 employees

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∞ The key to your future

Innovation First

▶ A warm and welcoming city

Sherbrooke offers a beautiful, safe and clean environment, near the US border and close to Montreal, Toronto, Boston and New York, with a great and affordable quality of life... and good business!

▶ Québec's Generous Tax and R&D Incentives

In the Province of Québec, the net cost of a \$100 spend in R&D can be as low as \$50 for large company.

Immigrant researchers and specialists can benefit from a five-year provincial tax exemption.

Québec's corporate tax rate is the lowest in North America at about 26.9%.

▶ World class R&D infrastructures

Many state-of-the-art research centers are established in Sherbrooke with cutting-edge equipment that are found nowhere else in Canada including 9 Gamma knives and a cyclotron. More than 600 scientists work in Sherbrooke's institutional research centers.

▶ Financing your ideas

Many financial programs are available to help you:

- Local Investment Fund (FLI);
- Economic Acceleration Fund;
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programs;
- and more.

Find the skills you need!

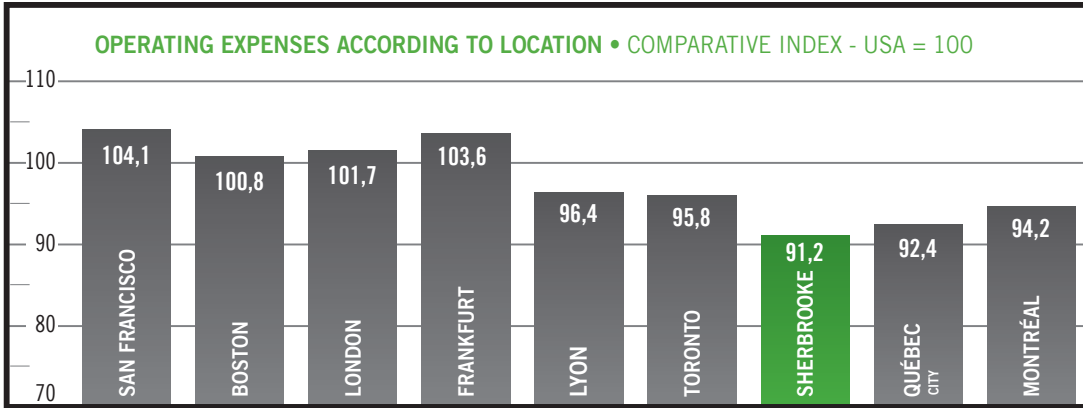
With its worldwide renowned universities (2) and colleges (4), Sherbrooke welcomes more than 40,000 students every year. These institutions can adapt their programs according to the specific needs of companies, and the cooperative programs of the Université de Sherbrooke generate qualified and ready-to-work graduates.

Furthermore, the skills and stability of the sherbrooke workforce are valued by employers and represents a real asset for businesses, especially since competition is very strong in all sectors



Reduce your operating costs

According to KPMG's Comparative Study (2010), operating costs are lower in Sherbrooke than in other cities in the developed world.



Note: The model takes into account the cost of labor, electricity, transport, telecom, interest, and tax.

Source: Competitive Alternatives, KPMG's Guide to International Business Location, 2010 Edition

Sherbrooke THE BEST CHOICE

If you are looking for a place to establish your new business, Sherbrooke will fulfill your every wish. We have everything needed for businesses with vision.

Our team of specialists can help you to :

- ▶ **OBTAIN** the right information;
- ▶ **MULTIPLY** successful strategic alliances with local or international partners;
- ▶ **FIND** the perfect location;
- ▶ **BENEFIT** from competitive tax incentives;
- ▶ **ACCESS** financial solutions suited to your needs.



“Our intention was to expand our Montreal operations within the province of Quebec. The site selection process reviewed many assets offered across numerous locations in the province. Sherbrooke was ultimately selected because of its wealth of expertise in the life sciences domain and most particularly the availability of highly trained technical and scientific talent. Local and regional government efforts also significantly facilitated our transition to Sherbrooke and we continue to enjoy growing partnerships within the region.”

Michael Broadhurst
Site Director, Sherbrooke
CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES

In Sherbrooke, Charles River Laboratories has been innovating on a daily basis since 2008.

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