



# 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, and internationalization.

Sherbrooke's concentration of key players can support a research project from fundamental research to the marketing of a product, through pre-clinical and clinical phases: a unique characteristic and a significant asset! Many research centers can contribute to your research project such as the:

- Interdisciplinary Institute for Technological Innovation (3IT)
- Research Center on Aging (CDRV)
- CHUS Research Centre (CR-CHUS)

### Companies Active IN LIFE SCIENCES IN SHERBROOKE

Company	Sector	Headquarters
Charles River Laboratories	Pre-clinical CRO	USA
Imeka	Medical Imaging	Québec
Diex Recherche	Clinical CRO	Québec
Q&T Recherche	Clinical CRO	Québec
Neptune Technologies & Bioresources	Nutraceuticals	Québec
IPS Thérapeutique	Pre-clinical CRO	Québec
IBIOM Instruments	Biomedical Instruments	Québec

### Find the skills you need!

The University of Sherbrooke offers numerous programs that turn out more than 1000 graduates each year. The students, from their coop programs, receive real life experience in the industry and are ready for work.

The stability of the work force is recognized by local employers; it represents true added value in a sector where competition is fierce.

## Innovation First

### Quebec's Generous Tax and R&D Incentives

In Quebec, 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.

Quebec'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.

### A warm and welcoming city

Sherbrooke offers great quality of life and good business. Many financial programs are here to help you:

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

“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”

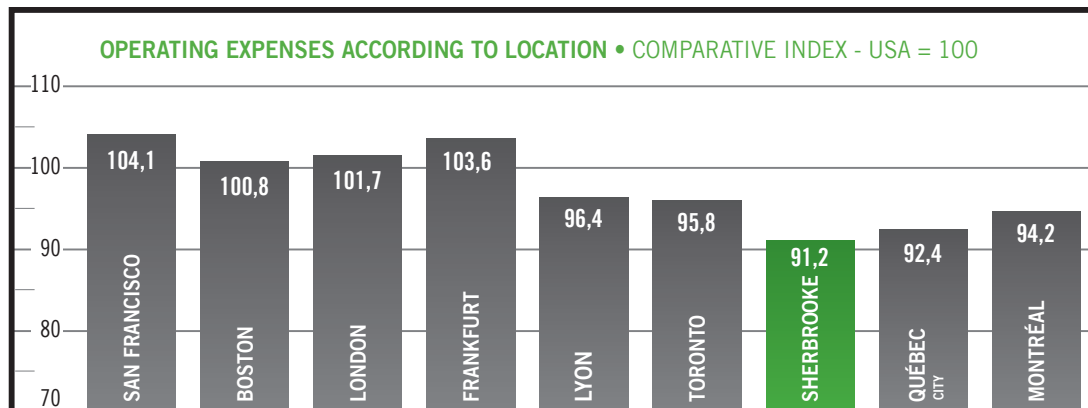
**Michael Broadhurst**  
Site Director, Sherbrooke  
**CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES**

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



# 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 Life Sciences 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.



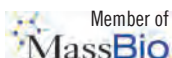
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