

# Choose Québec

## A Thriving Environment for Precision Medicine

### Grow Your Business in Québec Alongside World-Class Medical Companies

As a major health biotechnology hub, Québec offers a robust environment where the life sciences can thrive, particularly precision medicine. Access all the resources you need, from cell and gene therapy to biomanufacturing, e-health, RNA therapeutics, and beyond.

Québec's long-established vitality in the field is proven by the major healthcare players who have set up shop here. These include Abbott, GlaxoSmithKline, Medicago, Merck, Moderna, Novartis, Pharmascience and Sandoz, some of whom have roots that date back over 100 years.

**For more information on precision medicine assets, [visit our web page](#).**

## A Vibrant, Diverse Ecosystem

### Convenient and affordable facilities

Québec is home to industrial parks that are hubs for the life sciences and pharmaceutical industries, a cluster that offers you a convenient headquarters with access to the industry players you need. What's more, the province's operating and office rental costs are among the lowest in North America.

### Dedicated local support

The various levels of government offer the support you need to set up shop in Québec and get rolling. With the Québec Life Science Strategy, core programs and projects, tax credits, preferential tariffs, tax holidays, incentive deductions, investment funds, grants and loans to count on, you can focus on innovation.

### Qualified young talent

Québec has some 30,000 students enrolled in life science and health technology programs. And over 7,600 graduates in these areas of expertise enter the workforce annually.

# Why choose Québec ?

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Québec is Canada's leader in R&D as a percentage of GDP. In recent years, amounts allocated to R&D have climbed to nearly \$10 billion.

+300

research organizations

Thanks to the presence of hundreds of research organizations, Québec has developed leading-edge expertise in oncology, neuroscience, cell therapy, precision medicine, artificial intelligence, and beyond.

+85 000

Almost 30% of the jobs in life sciences and health technologies in Canada are found in Québec, representing a pool of some 85,000 workers and researchers, 90% of which are distributed among the three hubs of Montréal, Québec City and Sherbrooke.

+75

Access to 77 platforms, facilities, services and specialized equipment dedicated to the life sciences, pharmaceutical and medtech sectors, available within universities, colleges, hospitals and government research installations.

+10 000

researchers

Thousands of researchers work out of the three key hubs of Montréal, Sherbrooke and Québec City, a collaborative ecosystem that's always pushing the boundaries on innovation.

\$1,6 billion

From 2015 to 2019, \$1.6 billion in venture capital was invested in Québec's life sciences and health technologies. And there's more to come, as the government currently has a \$211 million envelope to invest in the sector, including new contributions of \$110 million.

## Get in touch with us

**Reach out to us and one of our business development directors will contact you with the necessary details about setting up operations in Québec : [nadia.dube@invest-quebec.com](mailto:nadia.dube@invest-quebec.com)**

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