

support

Entrepreneurship centres

To foster entrepreneurial culture and spinoff businesses in their communities, some Université du Québec institutions have established entrepreneurial centres to provide support for ventures at any stage of development. These centres encourage and support entrepreneurship, business development, and business startups.

- ESG UQAM entrepreneurship centre
- UQTR entrepreneurship and innovation forum
- UQAC entrepreneurship and spin-off centre [CEE-UQAC]
- UQAR entrepreneurship
- UQAT entrepreneurship and innovation centre [CEI]
- ÉTS Centre for technological entrepreneurship [Centech]

Student entrepreneur clubs

Students at a number of Université du Québec institutions have formed their own student entrepreneur clubs where they can exchange ideas and expertise to support their entrepreneurial efforts.

- UQAC Saguenay student entrepreneurs group [RÉEUS]
- UQO – Gatineau campus student entrepreneurs club [CEE UQO]
- UQO – Saint-Jérôme campus future entrepreneurs club [Club de FEU]
- ÉTS student entrepreneurship network [RETS]

Other measures to support future entrepreneurs

- Lunch seminars and “My business” competitions organized by the ESG UQAM entrepreneurship centre
- Lunch seminars, UQO entrepreneurship days, future entrepreneur cocktail receptions, and Grand rendez-vous entrepreneurial des Laurentides [a large entrepreneurship meetup in the Laurentians]
- Project management courses, career fairs, and the Survival Skills for Scientists workshop at INRS

entrepreneurship

in the Université du Québec network

Université du Québec's member institutions play a critical role in advancing entrepreneurship throughout the province. Not only do institutions educate tomorrow's entrepreneurs, but many of their researchers focus on entrepreneurship. Some institutions have formed centres to help members of the university community get new businesses off the ground.

In their efforts to foster access, innovation, scientific creation, and community development, Université du Québec's ten institutions promote entrepreneurship as a career path through continuing education and research. And in addition to the training they provide, they encourage their research teams to partner with public and private sector organizations to spur entrepreneurship in the community.

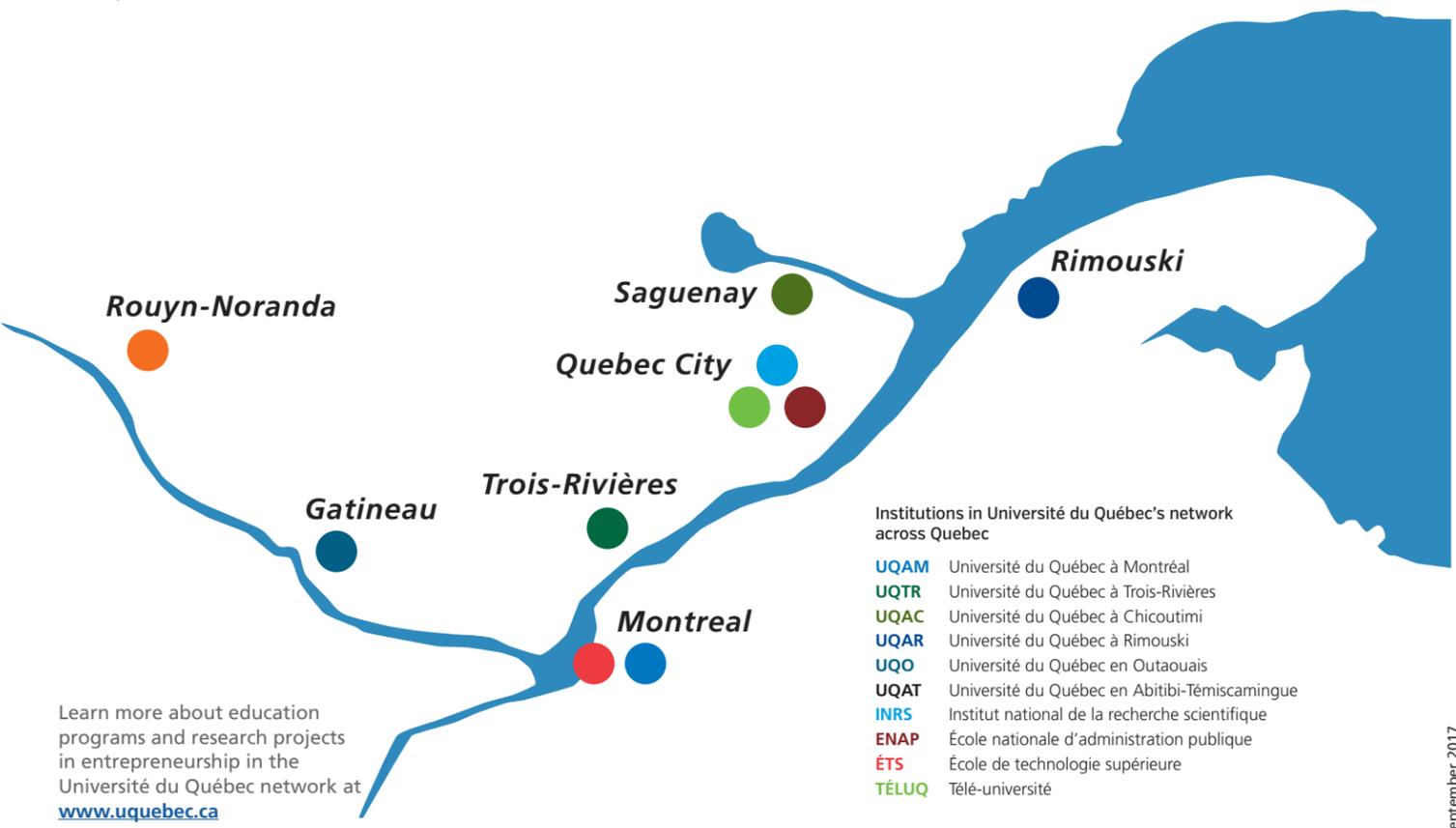


Savoir Affaires Centre-du-Québec

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC

The mission of Université du Québec's ten institutions is to promote access to higher education while contributing to scientific advancement and regional development across Quebec. Today nearly 102,000 fall-session students attend over 1,200 programs at member institutions. Their 7,000 professors and lecturers and permanent staff of more than 4,100 pursue that teaching and research mission in some 60 municipalities throughout the province.

Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) / Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) / Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC) / Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR) / Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO) / Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT) / Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS) / École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP) / École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS) / Télé-université (TÉLUQ)



Learn more about education programs and research projects in entrepreneurship in the Université du Québec network at www.uquebec.ca

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Novo électronique inc.

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Novo électronique inc. (www.fromnovo.com) was founded by a UQTR student. The business specializes in improving and developing technology products that incorporate industrial design and electronic, software, and mechanical engineering.

Université du Québec member institutions offer a range of undergraduate and graduate programs to hone students' skills and understanding so they can mobilize the human, financial, and material resources required in a business venture.

Students learn about entrepreneurship as a career, the various types of businesses, and the risks and rewards entrepreneurs face. Specific programs and courses are available to meet students' needs depending on their specific trajectory.

Many member institutions offer courses in topics such as starting a business, technology and venture capital startups, creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship, and family business management and transition.

❖ Savoir Affaires week

Université du Québec has actively contributed to supporting the budding entrepreneurial skills of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at its 10 member institutions since 2011. Each Savoir Affaires event brings together some 50 such students from all disciplines to work in teams with about 100 key business community members, economic development agencies, and government representatives in a given area. Over the course of this formative week, students are immersed in identifying, documenting, and presenting some 30 business opportunities before a jury of seasoned businesspeople.

Outstanding teams receive Méritas Awards based on criteria such as project feasibility, economic impact, innovation, and quality of the proposed business model. Since its inception Savoir Affaires has given 290 students hands-on experience in developing a business plan with the support of 490 businesses and 160 partners in Mauricie, Centre-du-Québec, the Laurentians, Lanaudière, Côte-Nord, and Greater Montreal. Find out more about this initiative at www.savoiraffaires.ca.

training

Existing entrepreneurship programs

ESG UQAM	Certificate in entrepreneurial dynamics [undergraduate level/30 cr.]
UQTR	Bachelor's in business administration, innovation, entrepreneurship, and business development [undergraduate level/90 cr.] Master's in business administration (MBA), major in international SME management [graduate level/45 cr.]
UQAR	Entrepreneurship certificate [undergraduate level/30 cr.] Bachelor's in business administration, major in entrepreneurship [undergraduate level/90 cr.]
UQO	Certificate in administration, entrepreneurship option [undergraduate level/30 cr.] Bachelor's in business administration, major in entrepreneurship [undergraduate level/90 cr.] Master's in business administration (MBA), major in entrepreneurship [graduate level/45 cr.] Short program in entrepreneurship [graduate level/15 cr.]
ÉTS	Short program in business startup [graduate level/15 cr.] Short program in innovation management [graduate level/15 cr.] Advanced graduate diploma (DESS) in innovation management [graduate level/30 cr.] Master's in engineering, major in innovation management, technology startup profile [graduate level/45 cr.]
TÉLUQ	Short program in local and community economic development [undergraduate level/12 cr.] Short program in entrepreneurship [undergraduate level/15 cr.] Certificate in entrepreneurial skills and SME/SMO management [undergraduate level/30 cr.]

research

The mission of UQTR's Institut de recherche sur les PME (INRPME) is to advance understanding of small- and medium-sized enterprises, educate students, and foster business development, particularly that of SMEs. It also advises government on pro-business policies. INRPME has emerged as one of the world's leading small business research groups.

UQAT and UQAM have also pooled their expertise to develop a **Chair in Mining Entrepreneurship** to support mining entrepreneurs in the creation of wealth and to build the environmentally friendly, community-minded mining industry of the future. The chair seeks to advance knowledge to attract talented young people to the industry and enhance their mining management and entrepreneurial skills.

Through its School of Management Science (ESG UQAM), UQAM also collaborates with UQTR, TÉLUQ, and other Quebec universities on the **Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur les PME et l'entrepreneuriat (CRIPMEE)**. The mission of this interdisciplinary research centre on SMEs and entrepreneurship is to advance knowledge on the creation, development, survival, and performance of small businesses and help us understand why and how entrepreneurs found them. It also examines the ways small business leaders use innovation to adapt organizations to their environments.

Many researchers at other Université du Québec institutions are also involved in entrepreneurship research. For instance, research is being conducted on entrepreneurship, female entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial practices, business models, and innovation at UQAR and ENAP, and TÉLUQ has ongoing research projects on businesses in Quebec's social economy.



Chairs, institutes, and research centres

- UQTR Canada Research Chair in Risk and Performance Management of Small or Medium-sized Businesses
- UQAT-UQAM Chair in Mining Entrepreneurship
- UQTR's small- and medium-sized business research institute
- UQAR's organizational development university research centre (CEUDO)
- ENAP governance research centre



Sollum

Sollum has developed a programmable LED system that mimics sunlight by recreating all its natural attributes—luminosity, intensity, and even temperature. The business was founded by students at Centech, ÉTS's centre for technological entrepreneurship. It won numerous awards in 2017, including the BDC Entrepreneurship Bursary and second place in the technological innovation category of the Desjardins Grand Prize Gala. www.sollumtechnologies.com



In Virtuo

The product of cutting edge research, *Cliniques et Développement In Virtuo* (www.cliniqueinvirtuo.com) works with UQO's Canada Research Chair in Clinical Cyberpsychology to bring to market new virtual reality applications to treat anxiety disorders.