Université du Québec

Ten universities across Québec driven by excellence

Founded in 1968 by the Government of Québec, Université du Québec is a system of ten universities whose mission is to provide access to undergraduate, and graduate studies and further the scientific development of Québec and of the province’s regions through research.

Part of the global community

Active members of the global scientific community, Université du Québec research professors partner with researchers in a wide variety of fields in Asia, Europe, the Americas, Africa and Oceania. In 2014, 45.5% of scientific papers produced by Université du Québec researchers were the product of international cooperation. International collaborative output in the natural sciences and engineering alone was as much as 50%. And joint projects with the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) more than doubled between 2010 and 2014, to account for 11% of all scientific papers. And each year over 7,500 foreign students attend Université du Québec, more than 40% of whom are graduate students.

Scientific publications co-authored by Université du Québec and international institutions.


The Université du Québec system comprises

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Université du Québec fosters cooperation and collaboration among its member universities, channeling their resources and initiatives into state-of-the-art expertise.

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More than 1,000 undergraduate, and graduate programs

A quarter of Québec’s university professors teach at Université du Québec, making it a significant player in higher education in the province. Member universities offer some 1,000 undergraduate and graduate programs to 102,300 students in sixty towns and cities across Québec.

To help students stay in school and succeed, Université du Québec institutions offer programs tailored to the needs of their students. They offer part-time programs so students can achieve a healthy work/life/school balance, and they welcome non-traditional students (adults, first-generation university students, etc.). Member institutions make it easier for students to integrate university studies into their plans for the future in a variety of other ways. Custom graduate programs and flexible class schedules are tailored to meet the unique needs of working professionals and a broad range of short programs allow students to build their career path step by step.

There are a world of options for students looking for a quality university education in French – both in traditional academic and professional development programs.

Standout universities

With $208 million in research grants in 2013–2014, Université du Québec member institutions together ranked 10th in the nation in terms of research volume (sponsored research funding), 21st for research intensity (average funding per professor), and 1st among Canadian universities without a school of medicine. It boasts over 465 research groups and laboratories, including 196 research chairs.

In terms of research volume and intensity:
- All ten member institutions rank among Canada’s top 50 research universities for research intensity. INRS ranks 1st for this indicator, with an average of $415,500 per professor.
- Eight system institutions rank among Canada’s top 50 research universities for research volume: UQAM, INRS, UQAC, UQAR, UQTR, ÉTS, UQAT, and UQO.
- In their category, UQAR is 2nd in terms of research intensity and UQAC takes the lead in funding from industry partnerships.

Major research universities

Université du Québec member universities have a special focus on scientific, technological, social, artistic, and cultural innovation, and their reputation now extends across Québec and around the world both as major research institutions and for their research transfer activities.

The Université du Québec system has made a name for itself by leading the way in new disciplines. Take for instance the field of environmental sciences. Université du Québec research professors played a leading role in the development of the discipline by bringing together a variety of research fields like microbiology, botany, engineering, hydrobiology, ecology, geology, Earth sciences, atmospheric sciences, oceanology, limnology, and marine biology. Because of their leadership, they receive 40% of all environmental research funding in Québec. Université du Québec universities are also renowned for their intimate knowledge of Québec’s reality, whether it is related to its territory, economy, or social issues.

Université du Québec’s culture of openness and sharing also makes it a leader in the area of cooperation. Nearly 40% of Université du Québec scientific output is the result of partnerships with researchers from other organizations in Québec.

1. Source: Compiled and processed from RE$EARCH Infosource Inc. 2015, Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities.