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Biotechnology in Quebec is...

BIOQUÉBEC

Le réseau québécois des bio-industries et des sciences de la vie
The Quebec Bio-Industries and Life Sciences Business Network

- Home to the fourth-highest number of biotechnology companies of any province or state in North America.
- Most of these biotechnology companies are in the health sector, where a total of 67 companies employ over 2,300 people.
- Recognized for health teaching and research programs at four universities, including McGill University, Université Laval, Université de Montréal and Université de Sherbrooke.
- More than 300 public research health groups and some 75 research centres are in active operation, among them the Montreal Heart Institute(200 researchers), Clinical Research Institute of Montreal (400 researchers), the Montreal Neurological Institute and its affiliated hospital (over 270 researchers) and the Biotechnology Research Institute, Canada's largest biotechnology R&D facility, and a member of the National Research Council Canada (800 employees).

Quebec's labour force

Quebec derives its strength as a leader from:

- 37,000 employees in health industries.
- Over 13,000 researchers in the public and para-public health industries.
- Over 5,000 graduates per year in programs related to biopharmaceuticals, at both the college (1,200 technical program graduates) and university levels.

Financing and venture capital:

Quebec is Canada's dominant player in venture capital management, with 38 % of the country's investments in venture capital, representing CDN\$9.3 billion.

- In the Life Sciences sector, Québec received 112 M\$ or 32% of Canada's total venture capital investments in 2008.

Source: Thomson Financial for Réseau Capital, February 2009