

Ottawa:
Your Next Move!

In the heart of Canada lies a powerhouse of innovation — Ottawa.

We have North America's highest tech talent concentration. Our innovation playground is vast and diverse. Our strengths span software, AI, smart mobility, cybersecurity, digital health and more. Global giants like Nokia and Ericsson share our streets with homegrown heroes Kinaxis, Shopify, Ross Video, Fullscript and Mitel, and startups and scaleups like Assent, Solink and Mindbridge.

As the most educated Canadian city, with the nation's largest tech park, 65 research labs, 130 embassies, and our unrivalled quality of life, we aren't simply Canada's Capital, we are a global tech capital. And our true magic lies in our diverse, collaborative community.

Join us in Ottawa. We're not just imagining our future—we're building it.

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PROPELLING AI INNOVATION, AUGMENTING THE FUTURE

When it comes to applied artificial intelligence, few markets rival Ottawa. There is a wealth of great fundamental AI research underway across Canada. When it comes to applied AI, Ottawa's ecosystem is truly world-class.

Ottawa's AI ecosystem is anchored by a well-developed, mature AI industry that underpins innovation across all sectors of our economy.

From IBM's Watson analytics platform, which was further developed by the Cognos engineering team, to innovation in smart cities, cybersecurity, digital health and smart government, Ottawa's AI footprint has grown substantially over the past two decades. Canada's Capital boasts cutting-edge, industry-ready solutions in energy-grid optimization, public-opinion tracking, smart health and mobility solutions, on-device authentication, and supply-chain management.

Ottawa's billion-dollar advanced communications and 5G sector is also leveraging AI to create new solutions and bolster the performance of existing products and services.



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12.3%
Highest concentration of tech talent among top 50 North American cities (CBRE, 2024)

1,800+
Knowledge-based businesses in the National Capital Region

94,000+
highly skilled tech professionals in the National Capital Region's public and private sectors

65%
of Ottawa's population over age 15 is enrolled in, or has completed post-secondary education (Stats Can, 2021)

1st
in Canada and 7th in the world for best work-life balance. (KISI, 2022)

2nd
most affordable among top Canadian cities (Mercer, 2023)

20M
consumers within 400 km radius

Home to global AI leaders such as BlackBerry QNX, IBM, MindBridge AI and Shopify.

IBM officially introduced a Machine Learning Hub to Ottawa in Spring 2020 — one of five in the world — to support startups and scaling companies.

The NRC's Data Analytics Centre brings together experts in artificial intelligence (AI), data science and machine learning, state-of-the-art algorithms, and powerful computing clusters to analyze big data from science and industry.

Carleton University's VSIM Cognitive Science Team includes seven researchers who are also associated with the Centre for Applied Cognitive Research (CACR). These researchers conduct basic and applied research on human cognition on topics such as attention and performance, language, and memory.

Based in Ottawa, MindBridge AI develops AI-powered auditing and financial analysis tools, leveraging machine learning to detect anomalies and improve financial transparency.

> Ottawa is a great city for talent. For example, you've got companies like Ford that have moved to Ottawa. So, we are seeing a snowball effect. More and more companies are coming to Ottawa, and there are very good reasons for that. It's a global tech hub.
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> **- GRANT COURVILLE**
> Vice President, Products and Strategy, Blackberry QNX

SECTOR ECOSYSTEM

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

uOttawa · LA CITÉ · ALGONQUIN COLLEGE · Carleton UNIVERSITY · Willis College

BUSINESS SUPPORT

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INDUSTRY LEADERS

BlackBerry | QNX · BluWave-ai · SurveyMonkey · shopify · kinaxis · RAVEN · ciena · MindBridge · IBM

NATIONAL NETWORKS

STEM CELL NETWORK · CENGN · FRAYME CONNECT. ENGAGE. TRANSFORM. · BioCanRx Biotherapeutics for Cancer Treatment Biothérapies pour le traitement du cancer

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

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