

PRESS RELEASE

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Université Paris-Saclay and Université de Montréal sign a strategic partnership agreement

On 26 November 2024, Université Paris-Saclay had the honour of hosting a delegation from one its longstanding Canadian partners, Université de Montréal (UdeM). The visit included the signing of a strategic partnership agreement which includes the creation of a joint seed fund to support research and academic projects coordinated by teams from both universities.

The UdeM delegation included the Vice Rector for Community and International Partnerships at Université de Montréal, Valérie Amiraux, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Frédéric Bouchard, and the Managing Director of UdeM International, Virginie Allard-Caméus. They were welcomed by Camille Galap, President of Université Paris-Saclay, Delphine Placidi-Frot, Vice President for International and European relations, and Mehran Mostafavi, Vice President for Research at Université Paris-Saclay.

Université de Montréal is one of Université Paris-Saclay's longstanding partners, and is the Quebecois university with which the university shares the greatest number of co-publications. It is also the second top destination choice for students from Université Paris-Saclay for outgoing mobility stays. The two universities share a lasting history of cooperation, particularly in basic science, mathematics and AI, political science and law, with the signing of several framework and exchange agreements since 2013.

The delegation's visit was also the opportunity to finalise the signing of a strategic partnership agreement, including the creation of a joint seed fund to support projects coordinated by teams from Université Paris-Saclay and Université de Montréal. Funding will be awarded in priority to research projects, but other projects will also be eligible for funding, including meetings aimed at launching joint academic programmes, the creation of shared innovative pedagogical material, short-term teaching mobilities and other structuring initiatives. All disciplines are eligible for funding but priority will be given to projects linked to medicine, law, mathematics, basic sciences, artificial intelligence and materials science. Each university will finance the fund equally.

The meeting also allowed the two institutions to reaffirm their desire to continue their work together, by encouraging an increased number of jointly supervised theses and study or work placement mobilities. The two universities were also able to celebrate the launch of a new exchange agreement in paediatric medicine this summer, as well as an Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility funding which was awarded in July 2024 to support said exchange agreement.

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay was born from the shared ambition of French universities, grandes écoles and national research organisations. As a leading university in Europe and the world, it covers the fields of science and engineering, life sciences and health, and humanities and social sciences. The university's science policy closely intertwines research and innovation, incorporating both basic and applied science to tackle major societal challenges. Université Paris-Saclay offers a varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level degrees, including programmes with its grandes écoles, all of which are focused on achieving student success and employability. The university prepares students for an ever-changing world where the ability to think critically, remain agile and renew one's skills are crucial. Université Paris-Saclay also offers a comprehensive range of lifelong learning courses. Located to the south of Paris, the university extends across a vast and rich local area. Its location strengthens both its international visibility and its close ties with its socio-economic partners (major companies, SMEs, start-ups, local authorities, charities).

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ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL

Deeply rooted in Montreal and dedicated to its international mission, Université de Montréal ranks among the top universities worldwide. With its affiliated schools, Polytechnique Montréal and HEC Montréal, UdeM attracts over \$600 million in research funding every year, making it one of Canada's top university research hubs. UdeM has more than 67,000 students, 2,300 professors and researchers, and an active global network of 450,000 alumni.

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