

GÉNOME QUÉBEC RECEIVES MORE THAN \$56 MILLION TO SUPPORT ITS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACTIVITIES

Montréal, May 16, 2023 – The Québec government is reaffirming its confidence in Génome Québec by granting it \$50 million to support its operations, its activities in the funding and democratization of genomics research and the operation of its technology platforms.

Additional financial assistance of \$6.62 million was granted to set up new facilities for the Centre d'expertise et de services Génome Québec (CES), the largest integrated provider of biochips and sequencing and genotyping services for research in Canada. The CHU Sainte-Justine has made an additional contribution by upgrading the facilities that house the CES.

Pierre Fitzgibbon, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, Minister Responsible for Regional Economic Development, and Minister Responsible for the Metropolis and the Montréal Region, and Christian Dubé, Minister of Health, made the announcement today, along with Josette-Renée Landry, President and CEO of Génome Québec, Caroline Barbir, President and CEO of the CHU Sainte-Justine, and Jacques Michaud, Director of the CHU Sainte-Justine Research Centre.

Combined with technological development, big data processing, and artificial intelligence, genomics is paving the way for a new era of innovation. Génome Québec intends to use the investments to consolidate Québec's research excellence and improve access to world-class technological infrastructure by capitalizing on the expertise it has acquired over the last 22 years. Through its activities, Génome Québec aims to increase the socio-economic benefits of genomics to advance public health, our ecosystems and Québec's ability to become a strategic centre for investment in research and innovation.

Quotes

“By reaffirming its confidence in us, the Québec government has enabled us not only to continue but also to increase our support for research and innovation in Québec. Génome Québec has the wind in its sails, and the opening of our new laboratories, combined with the recent acquisition of a new-generation NovaSeq X Plus sequencer from Illumina, shows that we are committed to providing the research community with state-of-the-art technological infrastructure. Over 22 years, Génome Québec and its partners have invested more than \$1 billion to support research and innovation in health, agriculture, forestry and the environment.”

Josette-Renée Landry, President and CEO of Génome Québec

“By bringing together the Centre québécois de génomique clinique (focused on clinical issues) and the Centre d'expertise et de services Génome Québec (focused on research) under the same roof at CHU Sainte-Justine, we have created a unique strategic environment for the development of genomics for the benefit of Quebec patients. I would like to thank the Québec government for supporting these innovative initiatives, which will ultimately allow us to change the lives of current and future generations.”

Caroline Barbir, President and CEO of CHU Sainte-Justine

“Génome Québec has played a critical role in the development of genomics over the past decades. The funding announced today will allow it to pursue its mission by supporting research and innovation within Quebec institutions and our industrial ecosystem. Through its grant programs and its unique technology platforms, Génome Québec gives Quebec researchers the means to bring genomics innovations to the patient bedside.”

Dr. Jacques Michaud, Director of the CHU Sainte-Justine Research Centre

“Our government is proud to support an organization like Génome Québec, which enables innovative projects to be carried out in a sector where we need to be more efficient. I would like to highlight its contribution to a niche as strategic as life sciences.”

Pierre Fitzgibbon, Minister of the Economy, Innovation and Energy, Minister Responsible for Regional Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Metropolis and the Montréal Region

“Research and innovation are at the heart of the priorities of our Health Plan and allow us to better work on prevention. By supporting Génome Québec and precision medicine, we are clearly affirming our desire to support the fields of the future, such as genomics and life sciences, which contribute to offering quality care to the Quebec population.”

Christian Dubé, Minister of Health

About Génome Québec

Génome Québec was established in 2000 with a mission to catalyze the development and excellence of genomics research and promote its integration and democratization. It is a pillar of the Québec bioeconomy and contributes to Québec’s influence and its social and sustainable development. The funds invested by Génome Québec are provided by the Ministère de l’Économie, de l’Innovation et de l’Énergie, the Government of Canada, through Genome Canada, and private partners.

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