

TechPreneur Contest



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A group of diverse people in a modern office setting. In the foreground, a person with curly hair is seen from the back, wearing a plaid shirt. To their left, a person with glasses is looking at a tablet. In the background, a woman with glasses is standing and talking to others. The scene is bright and collaborative. A large teal rectangle is overlaid in the center, containing white text.

Supporting tomorrow's technology leaders



Contest

PME MTL Centre-Ouest, one of the six areas of service of PME MTL, the Ville de Montréal's business support network, in collaboration with Desjardins, the Centre d'expertise industrielle de Montréal (CEI MTL), and the Réseau Mentorat Montréal, is launching an entrepreneurial contest called TechPreneur to support tomorrow's technology leaders.

The TechPreneur contest is intended primarily for young technology businesses that are looking to set up (or have already) on the Technoparc Montréal territory.



Why this contest?

The technology industry is booming in Quebec, and has grown even more due to the pandemic. But it is also an industry in demand where innovation is needed to keep local know-how and remain competitive.

This contest aims above all to support the leaders of tomorrow, young companies with great potential and to encourage several entrepreneurs through a grant and coaching, the means to develop, a community and a network of the most important in Quebec in the technology industry.



Estimated timetable

November 22, 2021 to January 31, 2022: Submission of applications

Mars 2022: Pre-selection of the 5 finalists*.

Mars 2022: Final selection of candidates

April 2022: Announcement of the winner(s)

The winning company will have until October 31, 2022 to set up shop in one of the two business centres of the Technoparc Montréal.

Please note that the dates of the competition may change in order to adapt to the ever-changing pandemic contextsituation.

* The final selection will be made by a jury of professional experts.



Conditions for eligibility

- Operate a technology company, i.e. a company that designs and/or develops one or more technological solutions or services, which can be either electronic or digital.
- Operate a company that has been in existence for less than five years
- Launch a legally constituted business listed in the Registre d'entreprises du Québec (REQ)
- Commit to working full-time in the business
(at least 35 hours per week)
- Be located in or plan to set up in one of the two Technoparc Montréal business centres on October 31, 2022 at the latest
- Submit all required documents before the contest deadline on January 31, 2022 at the latest



Required documents

- Duly completed contest entry form (see below)
- Business plan or summary (maximum 15 pages)
- Financial forecast for the first 2 years of operation of the business

[Use existing templates](#)



The Technoparc Montréal territory

Managed by the Ville de Montréal, the Technoparc Montréal is Canada's first science park. It brings together a community of more than one hundred innovative companies in the life sciences, aerospace and technology industries. Small and large players have set up shop in the Technoparc, including ABB, Haivision, Genetec, Lophira, Quantum eMotion, to mention a few.

- More than 110 companies
- More than 6,000 employees
- More than 21 million sq. ft. in total area
- A pleasant living environment with 3.4 million ft² in protected areas and parks
- One of the largest concentrations of tech companies in Montreal

Accessibility



**Highway 13
Highway 40**



4 bus lines



Multiple charging stations for electric cars



Numerous cycling paths



Future REM station (Marie Curie station)



“Being part of the Technoparc community is in line with our culture of innovation rooted in a spirit of collaboration and communication. This scientific campus is the ideal place to pursue our growth and offer a quality work space to our employees”.

Luc Leblanc, President & CEO, Orthogone Technologies



Strategic and financial partners



PME MTL Centre-Ouest

Presenter

The mission of PME MTL Centre-Ouest is to offer a range of professional services accessible to private and social economy entrepreneurs in the boroughs of Ahuntsic-Cartierville, Saint-Laurent and the cities of Côte-Saint-Luc, Hampstead, Montreal West and Mont-Royal.

As key players in supporting the start-up and growth of SMEs, the experts at PME MTL Centre-Ouest support entrepreneurs by providing management advice and financing. A true catalyst in the development of entrepreneurship, PME MTL Centre-Ouest works with a vast network of partners and acts as a focal point for entrepreneurs and various experts, stakeholders, program managers and financial assistance managers.

PME MTL Centre-Ouest

Ville de Montréal

Strategic partner

Managed by Ville de Montréal, the Technoparc Montréal is a science and technology business park with an international vocation as well as a place for research and commercial development.

Ville de Montréal

Technoparc Montréal



Montréal 

A woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a blue and white checkered shirt, is sitting at a wooden desk in a modern office. She is focused on her work, typing on a silver laptop. The desk is cluttered with various office supplies, including a stapler, a paper shredder, and some boxes. In the background, there are other desks and office equipment, creating a busy work environment. Two green diagonal bars are overlaid on the image, one on the left and one on the right.

Desjardins

Financial partner

Desjardins Group is the largest cooperative financial group in North America and the fifth largest cooperative financial group in the world, with assets of \$362.0 billion.

In 2020 it was ranked as one of the world's Top 100 Employers by *Forbes* magazine. To meet the diverse needs of its members and clients, Desjardins offers a full range of products and services to individuals and businesses through its extensive distribution network, online platforms and subsidiaries across Canada.

Ranked among the world's strongest banks according to *The Banker* magazine, Desjardins has one of the highest capital ratios and credit ratings in the industry.

Desjardins' mission is to contribute to improving the economic and social well-being of people and communities.

CEI MTL

Strategic partner

Supported by the Ville de Montréal, the Centre d'expertise industrielle de Montréal (CEI MTL) is an initiative of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation and of Développement Économique Saint-Laurent. In the heart of Montreal's Saint-Laurent borough, the CEI MTL is a hub for all Quebec industrial innovation stakeholders.

Its mission is to foster the digital transformation of Quebec manufacturers from the island of Montreal, Laval and the North Shore.

Centre d'expertise industrielle de Montréal





Réseau Mentorat

Strategic partner

Réseau Mentorat Montréal is dedicated to developing the full potential of Montreal entrepreneurs through mentoring. As the Montreal branch of Réseau Mentorat, we believe that the growth of businesses depends first and foremost on the well-being of those who run them.

Through mentoring, we help entrepreneurs find the support they need to grow so they can fully contribute to the economic development of their region. Mentoring is a coaching relationship based on listening, trust and mutual respect. Last year, through dialogue and sharing of experience, 180 volunteer mentors accompanied nearly 600 Montreal women and men entrepreneurs.

Réseau Mentorat Montréal



A jury of
professionals

Jury members



Marc-André Perron

General Director
PME MTL Centre-Ouest



Stéphane Lavoie

General Director
Caisse de Bordeaux-Cartierville-
Saint-Laurent,
Desjardins



Franck Boulbès

Innovation Commissioner
CEI MTL



Alain Robillard-Bastien

President, Ergoweb Canada Inc.
Mentor, *Réseau Mentorat*
Montréal



**\$45,000 to be
won in grants and
prizes**

Prize for the winner and for the finalists

- \$30,000 grant¹
- Support in digital transformation² offered by the CEI MTL
- the opportunity to present its products in the showcase of the CEI MTL, under certain conditions²
- Individual or group mentoring offered to the 5 finalists, depending on their needs³

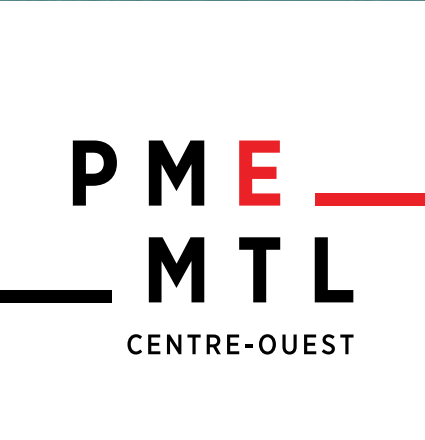
¹Grants offered by PME MTL Centre-Ouest (\$15,000) and Desjardins (\$15,000)

²Support and visibility offered by the CEI MTL. Visibility in the CEI MTL's showcase is offered on the condition that the winning company is part of the manufacturing sector

³Mentoring offered by Réseau Mentorat Montréal

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