Construction of the New UQAT Mont-Laurier Campus

Investment: $11.5 million
FUQAT contribution: $1.25 million

THE PROJECT

Housed at the Centre collégial de Mont-Laurier (CCML), UQAT established itself in the Hautes-Laurentides 15 years ago. Some 30 undergraduate and graduate programs are offered by the Centre. The student population having markedly increased over the last few years, the premises rented out to UQAT by CCML are no longer able to meet demand, which is hindering the Université’s growth in the territory.

Consequently, additional space is needed for UQAT to pursue its teaching mission, and participate in the region’s socioeconomic vitality. A grant was provided to the institution by the ministère de l’Éducation et de l’Enseignement supérieur [Ministry of Education and Higher Education] (MÉES) for the construction of a new campus in Mont-Laurier.

A new, almost 20,000 ft² building will be built on the CCML site, and combined with existing facilities. The project will create 7 new classrooms, 5 study rooms for Master’s and PhD student use, a courseware library, a multi-purpose room, common areas, administrative offices, and infrastructure dedicated to research and development.

TIMETABLE

Start of construction: Fall 2022
Anticipated occupancy: Summer 2023
THE OPPORTUNITY

The project will support the growth of the student population in Mont-Laurier, which is the fastest growing by registrations, across all UQAT programs.

Given how important this resource is for the territory, forestry is also targeted for research expansion on this new campus, together with the Lac Duparquet Teaching and Research Forest (FERLD) and its research station on biomaterials in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region.

IMPACT

UQAT creates, transfers, and mobilizes a range of knowledge in order to help individuals, and the territory of Mont-Laurier, grow and expand. In partnership with the Cégep de Saint-Jérôme and the city of Mont-Laurier, this investment will enhance and nurture the position of this hub of higher learning and research in the Hautes-Laurentides, besides helping the institution to expand its reach, to develop a growth-generating knowledge economy for the area.