



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.

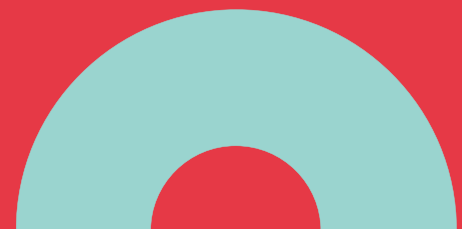
OTTAWA: Your Next Move!

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

We have North America's highest concentration of tech talent. 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.





1st

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

65%

of Ottawa's population is
enrolled in, or has
completed, post-secondary
education, making it one of
the most educated cities in
Canada (Statistics Canada,
2021)

20M

consumers within
a 400 km radius

2nd

most affordable among
major North American cities
(Mercer, 2024)

12%

concentration of tech talent — the highest
among the top 50 North American cities
(CBRE, 2025)

1,800+

knowledge-based businesses in the
National Capital Region

95,000+

highly skilled tech professionals in the
National Capital Region's public and
private sectors

Ottawa is 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.

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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.

– **GRANT COURVILLE**

Vice President, Products and Strategy,
Blackberry QNX

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