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## Mission

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Collège Boréal Presents First University Partners for Future Toronto Campus

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – Toronto – Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT)

- **Today Collège Boréal presented the first group of partners who will contribute to the implementation of the pedagogical plan for its future campus in the Distillery District: Glendon College at York University, Laurentian University, Saint Paul University, the University of Ottawa, and the University of Moncton.**
- **Partnerships with these institutions will allow students enrolled in programs offered by Collège Boréal to pursue a University degree directly upon graduation from college.**
- **The intention is to offer these university programs at the new Collège Boréal campus at the Distillery District. The University of Moncton, because it is based outside Ontario, will be required to obtain legislative approvals prior to offering programs in this province.**
- **Other university partners will join Collège Boréal in the Distillery District. All programs offered on the future campus will be articulated with a university program.**

French-language and bilingual Canadian universities contribute to the construction of Collège Boréal's new campus in Toronto.

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, the President of Collège Boréal, Daniel Giroux, and the presidents and representatives of Glendon College at York University, Laurentian University, Saint Paul University, the University of Ottawa, and the University of Moncton were present at the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT), which is responsible for the development of the student mobility system across the province, for the formal presentation of Collège Boréal's first university partners.

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## More flexibility and opportunities for students

These partnerships will improve program offerings on campus: because their college credentials will be recognized by partner institutions, Collège Boréal students will have the option of pursuing a baccalaureate on site, at the Distillery District campus in Toronto.

These partnerships aim to create bridges between college studies and university studies. In the preferred model, known as "2+2", after two years of study in an approved college program, students receive a college degree and are eligible for a baccalaureate after two additional years of study in a university program corresponding to the completed college program. Other models will also be considered.

This partnership model will also save Collège Boréal's students valuable time in the pursuit of their formal education, not to mention that by reducing the duration of their studies, they can save thousands of dollars.

## At least two programs per university

The university partners will have exclusive rights to offer a minimum of two programs each. These programs will be announced by the universities in due course.

Collège Boréal is in discussions with other potential partners with a view to offering even greater access to programs leading to baccalaureates at the Distillery Campus in Toronto.

Collège Boréal's Toronto campus is scheduled to open in September 2021.

## Quotes

"The Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer is responsible for the development of a system that responds to the needs of Ontario students. As such, it is pleased to join its partners in the celebration of these unique partnerships which will pave the way to many opportunities for francophone and bilingual students in Ontario."  
*Yvette Munro, Executive Director of ONCAT*

"The college which we are building in the Distillery District in Toronto is anchored in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and will be equipped to respond to the urgency of the unprecedented changes that the labour market will face in the next decades. By forming bold

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partnerships with established Canadian universities, we are inventing a model that will offer to our students a strong and comprehensive set of programs which will help them join tomorrow's competitive workforce."

*Daniel Giroux, President of Collège Boréal*

"As the Centre of Excellence for French-language and Bilingual Post-secondary Education in southern Ontario, Glendon College at York University is delighted at this opportunity to strengthen its partnership with Collège Boréal through future articulation agreements. This innovative model contributes to the consolidation of an ambitious range of French-language programs tailored to the needs of the Toronto area."

*Ian Roberge, Co-Interim Principal, and Dominique Scheffel-Dunand, Co-Interim Principal, Glendon Campus, York University*

"Laurentian University and Collège Boréal are pillars of French-language education in Ontario. The strong links between our two institutions have led us naturally to this partnership. By joining forces, we help Francophones in southern Ontario to access quality higher education programs. By improving the range of French-language programs in Ontario, we are contributing to the economic growth and vitality of the province."

*Yves Pelletier, Associate Vice-President, Academic and Francophone Affairs, Laurentian University*

"Saint Paul University is pleased to partner with this forward-looking initiative, which will ensure better access to French-language post-secondary programs in Toronto."

*Chantal Beauvais, rector of Saint Paul University*

"I am delighted with this collaborative agreement with Collège Boréal, and I thank them for giving the University of Moncton the opportunity to contribute to the French-language education of students enrolled in programs that will be offered on its Toronto campus. This association between Collège Boréal and the partners to this agreement is based on an innovative vision of post-secondary education, and I am convinced that it will be very successful."

*Jacques Paul Couturier, Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Moncton*

"The University of Ottawa plays, and has always played, a significant role in the French-language post-secondary education sector in Ontario. We have a strong commitment to actively help in the improvement of the French-language course offerings in the Toronto

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*Jacques Frémont, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ottawa*

## About

Established in 1995, Collège Boréal is a French-language post-secondary training and learning institution dedicated to the development and growth of communities throughout Ontario.

Collège Boréal offers a one-stop service on 7 campuses and in 38 access centres in 27 communities throughout the province. Since 1995, approximately 120,000 clients across Ontario have benefited from Collège Boréal's expertise relating to post-secondary education, training programs, immigration and settlement services, and employment services. Collège Boréal has established 126 articulation agreements with other post-secondary institutions.

According to the Key Performance Indicators recognized by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Collège Boréal holds the top rank in three of the five areas surveyed: graduation rate, graduate satisfaction, and for a third consecutive year, student satisfaction. These results are proof that investing in human capital is Boréal's strength.

## Learn more

To find out more about Collège Boréal's programs and services, please visit our website at [www.collegeboreal.ca](http://www.collegeboreal.ca) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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