

## ***Vestechpro applauds the federal budget update and the strategic investments supporting college research***

**Montreal, May 18, 2026 – The CCTT Vestechpro applauds the renewal of funding for the Innovation in Colleges and Communities program, as confirmed in the federal government’s budget update on April 28.**

This renewal of funding comes with a five-year budget of \$165 million, confirming the strategic value of applied research and ICC-funded programs dedicated to maximizing the impact of research projects originating from colleges, CEGEPs, and CCTTs. This funding aligns with the Carney government’s national priorities, ensuring that applied research and innovation contribute to the sovereignty and resilience of the economy and society.

“The Innovation in Colleges and Communities program is one of the tools best suited to the realities of business. The applied research conducted through this program enables impactful, rapid, and tangible collaborations that generate significant benefits for our partners. Each year, Vestechpro collaborates with more than 50 partners and clients, and this program is one of the primary vehicles for accelerating their innovation projects. This announcement allows us to plan the future of our research projects with greater predictability,” said Paulette Kaci, CEO of Vestechpro.

The CCTTs have unique collaboration models that help research and innovation projects reach maturity while working in partnership with businesses and other partners in the innovation ecosystem. Each year, CCTTs across Quebec work with more than 5,500 partners and clients on over 10,000 research and innovation projects. The renewal of funding for the ICC program recognizes the value of the CCTT model and its socioeconomic impact.

### [About Vestechpro](#)

Vestechpro is a College Technology Transfer Center (CCTT) specializing in apparel, affiliated with Cégep Marie-Victorin, and a member of the CCTT Network.

Since its founding in 2011, its mission has been to support companies and organizations in the apparel industry in the development of innovative products and projects by offering technical assistance, applied research, training, and information dissemination services.

As a Technology Access Center (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), Vestechpro focuses on the following research areas: smart clothing, specialized and adaptive clothing, digital transformation, and the circular economy.

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