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BUILDING **INNOVATIVE** COMPANIES WITH A **PURPOSE**

2025- 2026



IMPACT REPORT

**Building Purposeful Ventures.
Creating Measurable Impact.**

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Smart Innovation Hub

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A Strong Foundation. A New Chapter.

Since 2019, I have had the privilege of leading the McGill Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurship through a period of remarkable growth and transformation.

Over these seven years, we set out to build more than entrepreneurship programs. We worked to create an ecosystem where promising ideas could find the expertise, networks, opportunities and capital needed to become real ventures.

Today, that ecosystem includes more than 690 active startups that have collectively raised \$4.6 billion, created 13,000 jobs and generated 624 active patents, with a reach extending across 35 countries and 98 universities.

I have had the opportunity to work alongside founders from the earliest stages of an idea as they developed the confidence, capabilities and connections to build something real. Their ventures are advancing new technologies and taking on challenges that matter, from health and climate to food security and economic inclusion.

The numbers tell an important story, but what we have built together extends well beyond them.

Dobson has become an entrepreneurial ecosystem that connects ideas with opportunity, develops leaders, mobilizes an extraordinary community and helps transform innovation into lasting economic and societal value. None of this would have been possible without our founders, fellows, team members, mentors, donors, investors and partners.

Dobson’s impact belongs to this entire community.

With this strong foundation in place, I have decided that the coming year is the right time for me to pass the baton to new leadership. I will work closely with Faculty leadership and Dobson’s next leader to support a thoughtful and successful transition, one that preserves the Centre’s momentum and what makes Dobson distinctive, while creating space for its continued evolution.

I am proud of what Kika Armata, Marianne Khalil, and the entire Dobson team have accomplished together over these seven years.

My hope is that Dobson will continue to think boldly, open doors for entrepreneurs and build bridges between ideas, people and opportunity, always with the ambition to turn innovation into meaningful impact.

I look forward to supporting Dobson as it enters its next chapter.



Marie-Josée Lamothe,
Academic and Executive Director
McGill Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurship



Kika Armata,
Associate Director



Marianne Khalil
Senior Manager, Life Sciences

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“The Dobson Centre has a remarkable network around the world creating tangible opportunities that have allowed us to be globally positioned.”

Hippolyte Lapierre
Co-founder & CEO,
BoundaryAI

Internationally Recognized Entrepreneurial Excellence

GLOBAL

World Top 10 Best Accelerator/Incubator

Prix Galien USA (2025)



Globally Engaged University of the Year

Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial
and Engaged Universities (2025)



World Top 5 University Business Incubator

UBI Global



AMERICA

America's Most Impactful Initiative

Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial
and Engaged Universities



Top 5 Model University Accelerator/Incubator

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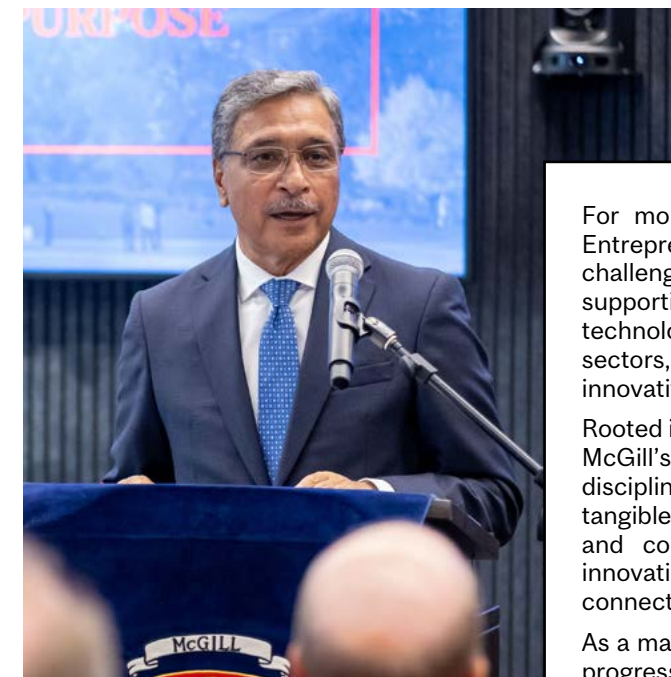
CANADA

#2 in Canada for producing the most successful undergraduate startups

#1 in Canada for supporting the most women entrepreneurs

#1 in Quebec for producing the most successful companies & founders

PitchBook (2025)



Deep Saini
President and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University

For more than thirty years, the McGill Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurship has exemplified our University's drive to challenge convention and advance the world for the better. By supporting entrepreneurs and startups in health and medical technologies, agriculture, food innovation, and other emerging sectors, it has helped launch ventures that are as bold and innovative as they are grounded in purpose and responsibility.

Rooted in Montreal's vibrant, creative ecosystem and leveraging McGill's global networks, the Centre fosters collaboration across disciplines, industries, and borders. Its work has delivered tangible social and economic outcomes—from local job creation and community partnerships to internationally recognized innovations—reinforcing McGill's role as a university deeply connected to Quebec and influential on the world stage.

As a magnet for talent, a catalyst for innovation, and a driver of progress, the Dobson Centre continues to shape a future where bold ideas meet meaningful impact, at home and around the world.



Yolande E. Chan
Dean, McGill Desautels
Faculty of Management

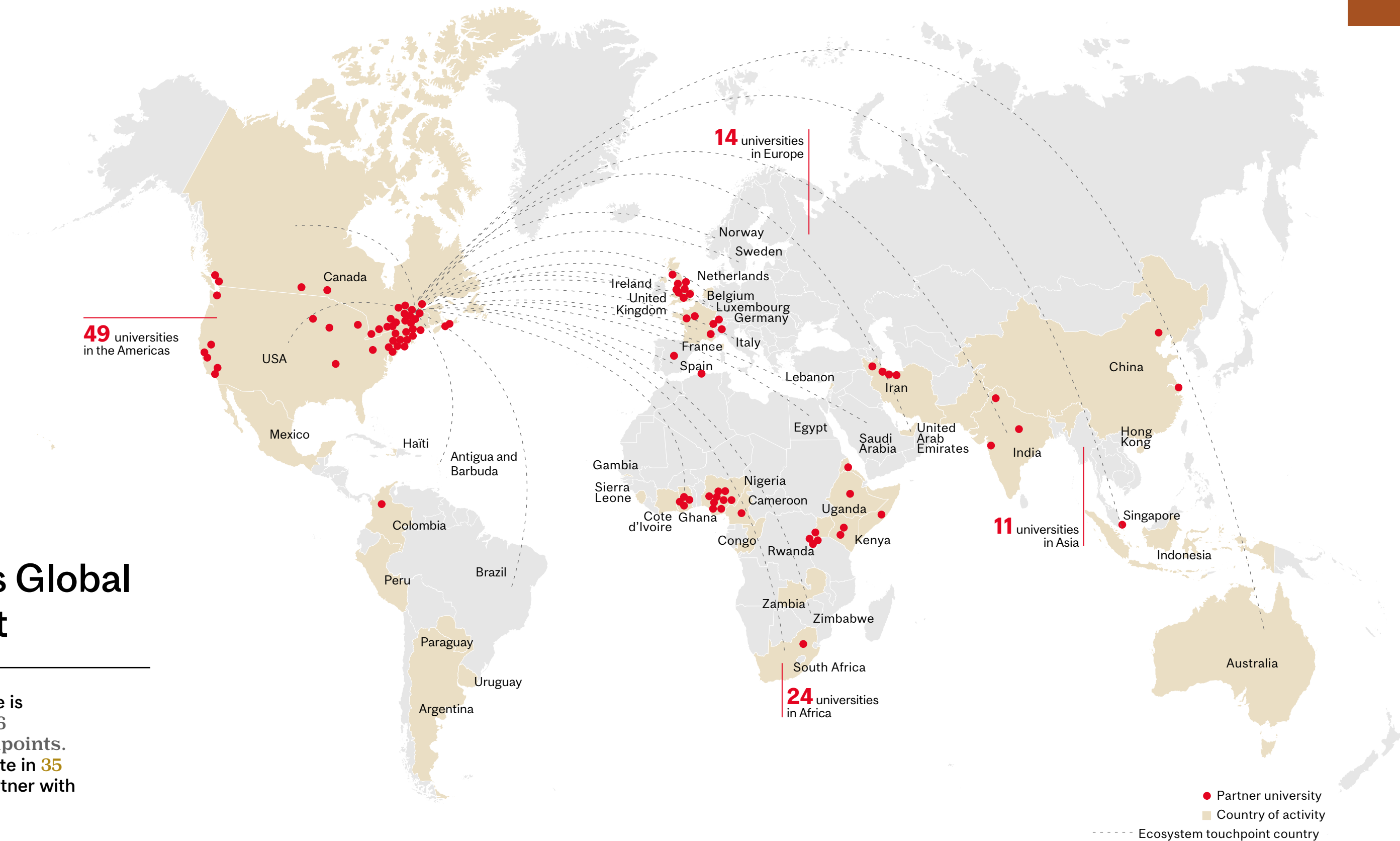
McGill's Desautels Faculty of Management prepares students to thrive in an ever-changing business landscape—one where entrepreneurship drives job creation and sustainable economic growth. The Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurship brings this mission to life by empowering innovators from across the University to build purposeful, impact-driven ventures.

This year's achievements reflect the creativity, resilience, and collaborative spirit that define our McGill community. By supporting the launch and growth of companies committed to positive change, the Dobson Centre extends its reach far beyond campus—strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems and contributing meaningfully to the communities it serves.

Thank you for supporting the Dobson Centre as it advances McGill's commitment to excellence and to putting that excellence to work for the greater good. Merci de contribuer à bâtir un avenir où l'excellence se met au service du bien commun.

Dobson's Global Footprint

The Dobson Centre is connected with 316 ecosystem touchpoints. Our startups operate in 35 countries and partner with 98 universities.



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LAUNCHING
REAL IMPACT



“The disruptive potential
of Dobson innovation and
the preparedness of the
ventures for international
expansion is remarkable.”

R my Rouillard
Research and Innovation Attach 
Qu bec Government Office in London

Our 2025 Ecosystem in Numbers

690+

currently active startups

\$4.6 Billion

raised

624

active patents

13,000

jobs created

35

countries

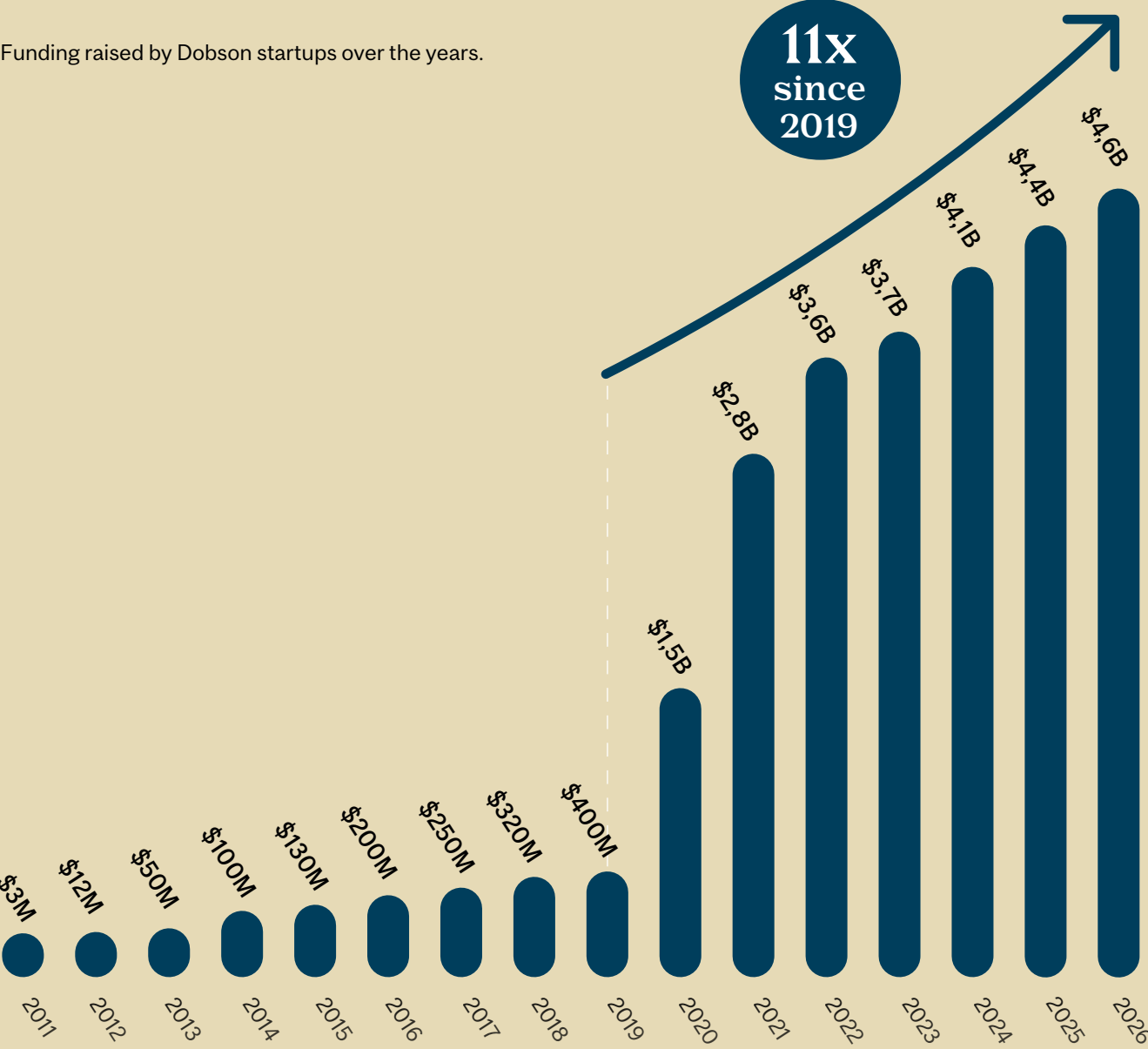
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universities

Fueling Growth during Pivotal Fundraising Stages

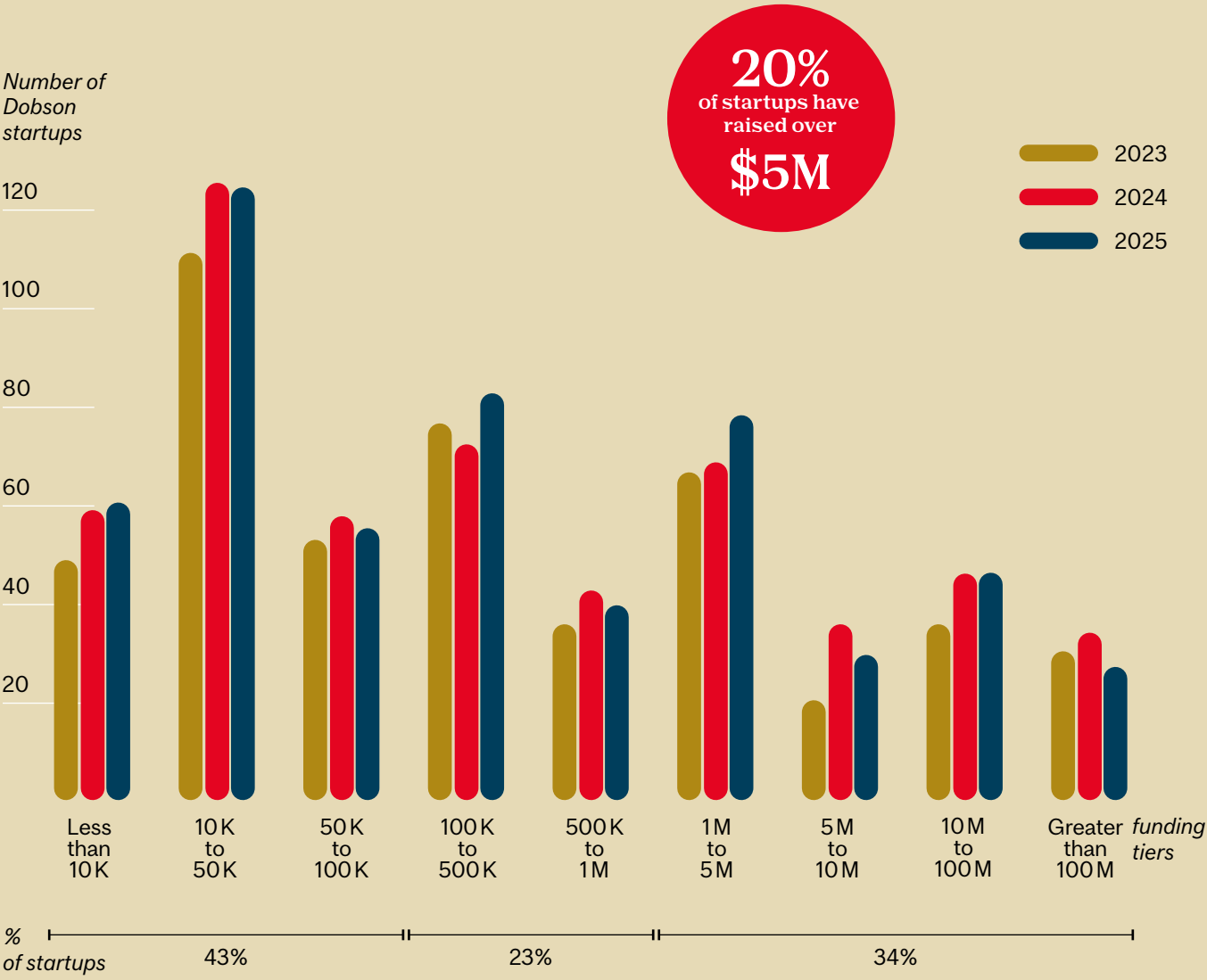
Accelerating fundraising

Funding raised by Dobson startups over the years.



Closing the funding gap at every stage

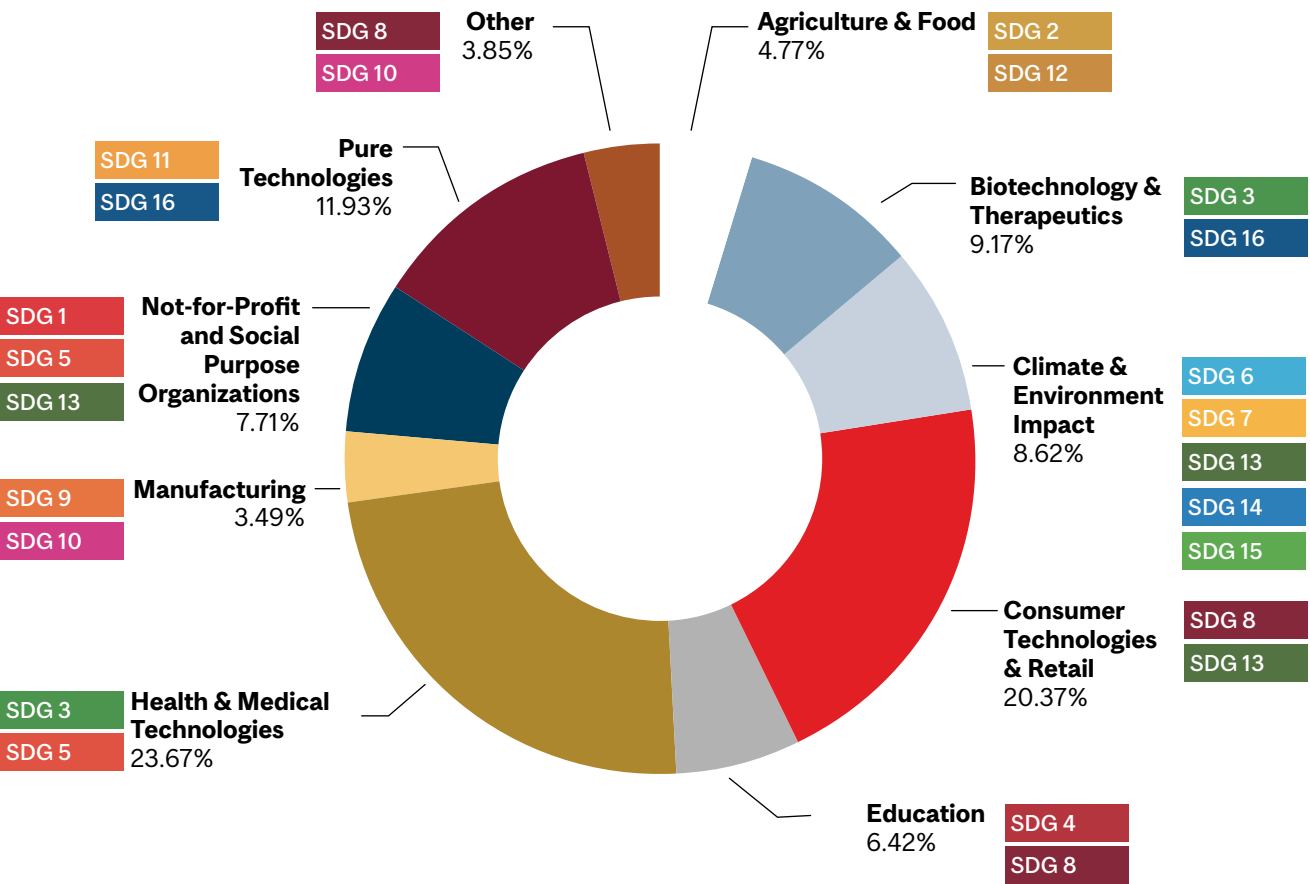
Dobson startups by funding tier raised.



Reshaping Industries

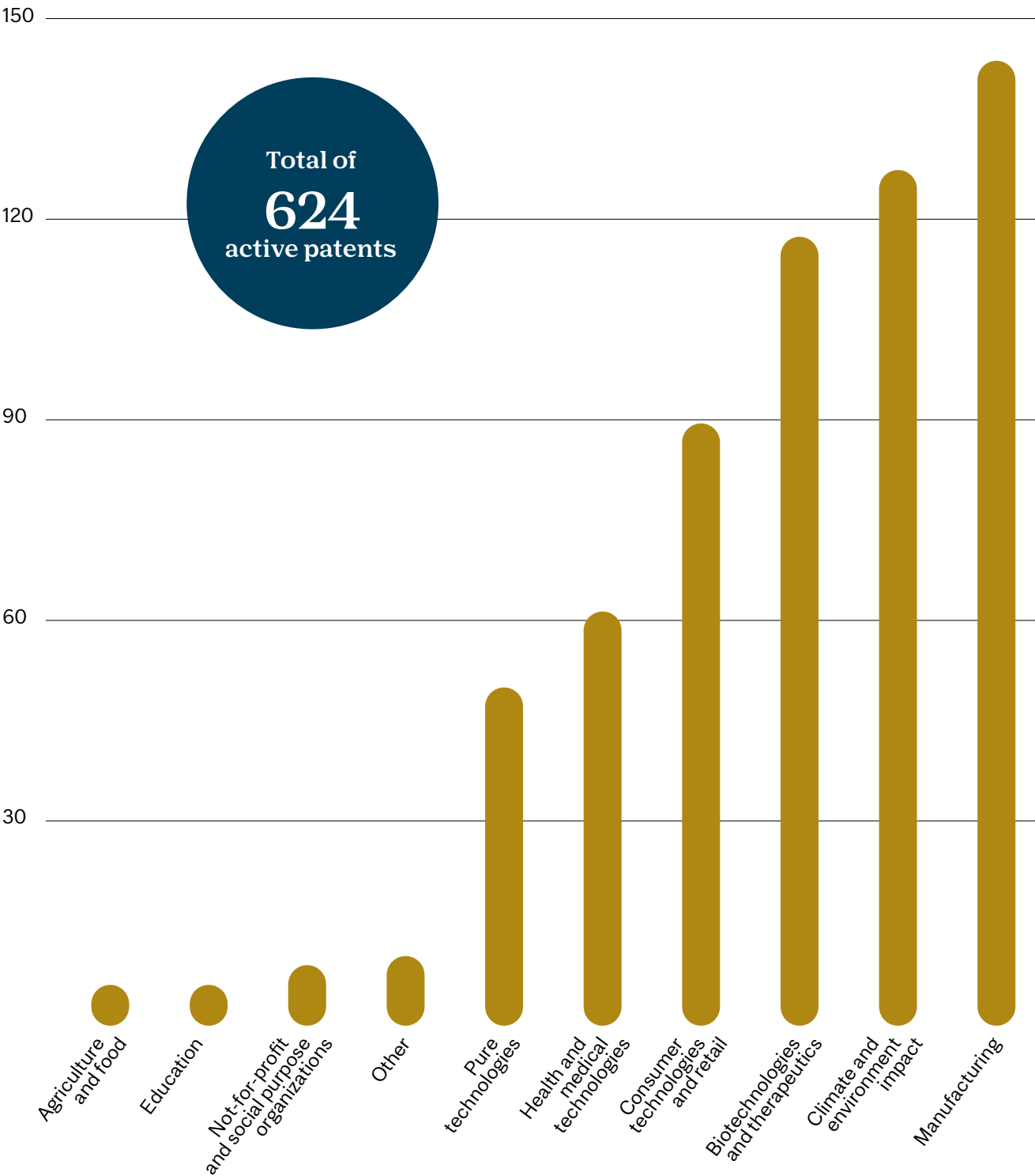
Innovation stemming from across the campus

Breakdown of Dobson startups by industry and the related contributions to UN SDGs.



Bringing the newest IP to market

Breakdown of active patents owned by Dobson startups by industry.



An Invested Network

With innovation stemming from McGill’s

11
faculties

13
schools

35
research centres

Supported by our generous contributors...



our campus partners...



...and a network of 182 engaged investors

Canadian Investors

- 88GO
- Accelia Capital
- Amplitude Ventures
- Anges Québec
- AQC Capital
- AsterX Québecor
- Axelys
- Banque CIC
- Banque Nationale
- BCF Ventures
- BDC Capital
- BDC Healthcare Ventures
- BDG & Associés
- BeAngels
- Bloomwest Capital
- Boreal Ventures
- Borex Capital
- BoxOne Ventures
- Brightspark Ventures
- BSQUARED Capital
- Caisse de dépôt et du Québec
- CAP Finance
- Centurion One Capital
- CMD Capital
- Coppice Capital
- Crédit Mutuel Equity
- Cycle Capital
- Desjardins
- Diagram Ventures
- Ecofuel Fund
- Esplanade Ventures
- Fides + Ratio
- First Star Ventures
- Front Row Ventures
- Forum VC
- Genesys Capital
- Good News Ventures
- Graphite Ventures
- Group Roski
- Groupe 3737
- Health Innovation Capital
- Horizon Angels
- i4 Capital
- iGan Partners
- Industria
- Inovia Capital
- Investissement Québec

- Jelcore Enterprises Inc.
- Luge Capital
- Mass Medical Angels
- McGill Ventures
- McRock Capital
- MEDTEQ Invest
- Meta Fund
- Milemark Capital
- Miraki Innovation
- Movement51
- Multiply Ventures
- N49P
- National Bank of Canada
- NA-Ventures
- NGIF Capital
- Nexus Investments
- NM Futur Ventures
- Novacap Investments
- Panache Ventures
- Pembroke Management
- Pender Ventures
- Rally Assets
- Raven Indigenous Capital
- RBC Royal Bank
- McRock Capital
- RBC Wealth Management
- Real Ventures
- Relay VC
- Rempart Asset
- Richter
- Ripple Ventures
- Risc Capital
- Sagard
- Sand Hill North Ventures
- Sectoral Management
- Seido Capital
- Sentiero Ventures
- Serval Ventures
- Squadra Ventures
- StandUp Ventures
- Starshot Capital
- Telus Global Ventures
- Teralys Capital
- The 51 Ventures
- The Firehood
- Triptyq Capital
- Wittington Ventures
- White Star Capital

International Investors

- 5AM Ventures
- Accenture
- Acre Venture Partners
- Action Potential Venture
- AlleyCorp North
- Amiral Ventures
- Amplify Capital
- Apertu Capital
- Arup
- Avalon Net Worth
- AXA Venture Partners
- Ascension VC
- Audaxa Ventures
- BNP Paribas
- Blue Vision Capital
- Boys Venture
- Bregal Sagemount
- BKR Capital
- Capital Group
- Capture Capital
- Citi Bank
- Citizens Private Bank
- Cybernetix Ventures
- DaVita
- Delfinus LLP
- Deloitte
- Dorm Room Fund
- DTCP
- Eastmore Investments
- Endeavor Life Sciences
- Epsilon
- ERA NYC
- Finch Capital
- Formentera Capital
- Framework Ventures
- Graymatter Capital
- Greenhouse Capital
- Healthcap
- Impact
- Impact Shakers
- Incopalm Investment
- Insight Partners
- Jewish National Fund
- JP Morgan
- Kli Capital
- KPMG

- Kurma Partners
- LDV Capital
- Linearis Ventures
- MassVentures
- Maven Ventures
- Mayo Clinic
- Medoza Ventures
- Merrill Lynch
- Momenta Ventures
- Mundi Ventures
- Nexfin Limited
- NY Ventures
- Oak Hill Advisors
- OFINTRST
- Outcome Capital
- Outlander VC
- Oversea Development
- Pacific 8 Ventures
- PDC Transaction Partners
- Plug And Play
- Plus VC
- Portfolia
- Premier
- Punks & Pinstripes
- PwC
- Relativ Impact
- Renew VC
- Schooner Capital
- Seedrs
- Theodorus
- Third Derivative (RMI)
- Thrive Lab
- TrueNorth Advisory
- W2 Investments
- Wellerton Group Inc.
- Wilson Sonsini Goodrich
- XRC Ventures

Fundraising On the Global Stage

In 2025 and 2026, our delegations were showcased at:



Las Vegas
January 7-10
1 Dobson startup



Toronto
February 11-13
5 Dobson startups



Cambridge
March 6-8
2 Dobson startups



Boston
May 11-14
4 Dobson startups



Vancouver
May 26-30
6 Dobson startups



London
June 9-13
5 Dobson startups



Manchester
June 10-12
4 Dobson startups



Paris
June 11-14
5 Dobson startups



Amsterdam
June 17-19
2 Dobson startups



Toronto
October 5-7
12 Dobson startups



Dubai
December 8-10
4 Dobson startups



Dubai
December 8-10
4 Dobson startups



Las Vegas
January 6-9
3 Dobson startups



Toronto
February 3-4
7 Dobson startups



Silicon Valley
April 28-29
6 Dobson startups



Boston
May 3-5
4 Dobson startups

« Global engagement is how we unlock new markets for McGill ventures to scale globally and multiply their positive impact.»

Kika Armata
Associate Director,
McGill Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurship



Dobson ventures have the chance to participate in international industry conferences as well as unique networking opportunities. The International Fundraising Tour ensures meaningful connections between companies and ecosystem partners.



Partnerships to Unlock New Markets

We connect startups with 316 ecosystem touchpoints to act as launchpad and accelerate successful new market entry.



Mass General Brigham & Harvard Innovation, Boston USA



- Access to the award-winning innovation course from Mass General and Harvard, as the only Canadian partner of MESH Core.
- Integration of Dobson startups into the world's #1 innovation hospital network, with eligibility for 600 funding opportunities.
- Connection to the Innovation MESH Network, linking 2,300+ clinicians and researchers across 20 disciplines to collaborate on innovative technologies.



London Institute for Healthcare Engineering at King's College, UK



- Exclusive workshops on navigating the National Health Services (NHS) and go-to-market strategies.
- One-on-one meetings with regulatory experts.
- Mentorship and direct connections to hospitals and specialized research institutes across the UK.



Hub71, Abu Dhabi, UAE

- Exclusive access to curated workshops and high-value networking opportunities.
- Direct introductions to the UAE's business landscape, investors, and ecosystem stakeholders.
- Tailored guidance to establish and scale your venture in the region.





International





International





Montreal, Canada





International



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BUILDING A
HEALTHY FUTURE
FOR ALL

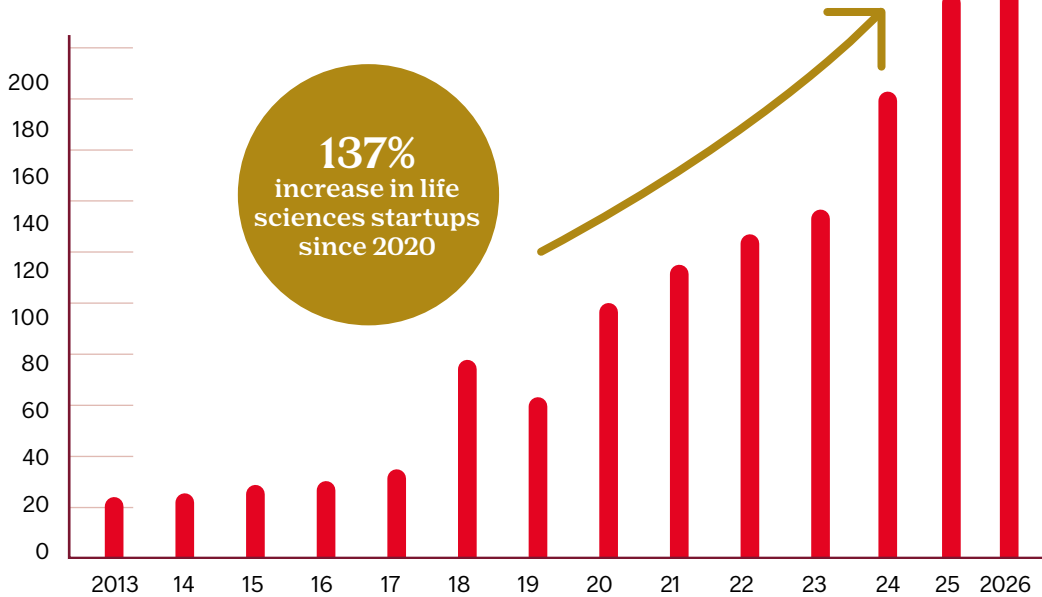
“ In life sciences, being connected with institutions that can invest resources and provide expertise is crucial. The Dobson Centre connects us with those institutions worldwide.”

Madison Santos
Co-founder and CEO of TissueTinker

Powering the Life Sciences
Growth in the Province

In response to the growing influx of health and life sciences startups at the Dobson Centre, it became evident that researchers needed personalized support in commercializing innovations from biotechnology, therapeutics, digital healthcare, and medical devices. In 2023, the Centre received \$1.5M from the provincial government to develop a research commercialisation pipeline. Since then, we have expanded and specialized our programming and secured renewed provincial funding through 2028.

Active Dobson startups in health and life sciences over the years.



233

Active startups in life sciences

\$400M

Raised in life sciences in the past 3 years

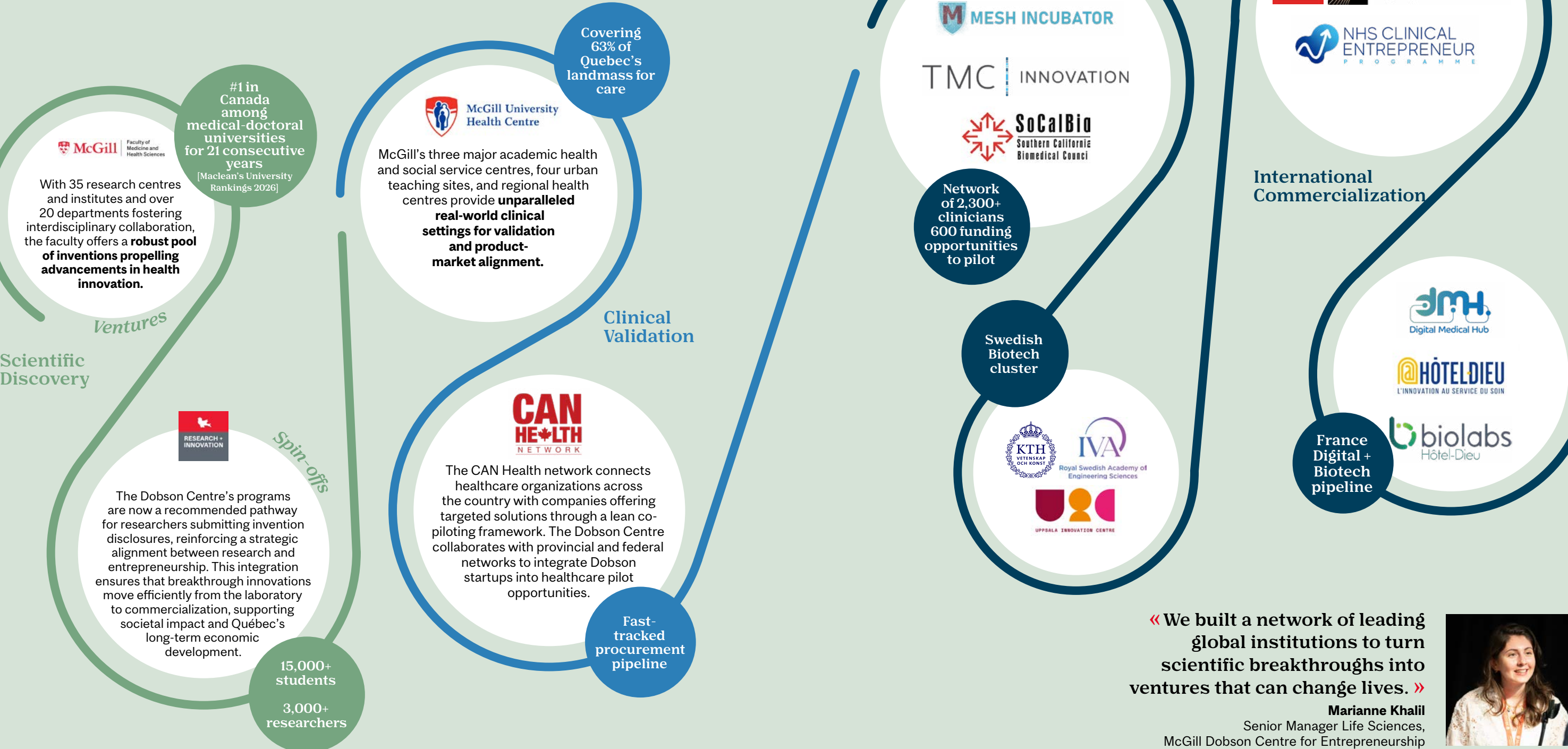
185

Headquartered in Quebec

82

Patents commercialized in the past 5 years

From Discovery to Commercialization Through Global Partnerships



04

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS

“Partnering with the McGill Dobson Centre has shown us what true collaboration can look like. They brought together thought leaders from across the country to support student entrepreneurs and empower the next generation of changemakers. The thoughtful approach and commitment to student innovation made our first Canadian Hult a success.”

The Hult Prize Foundation

Empowering Entrepreneurs as They Build Africa’s Future

The Dobson Centre is proud to partner with the **Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program** at McGill to launch a new program focused on entrepreneurship for social impact. This initiative reflects the Centre’s continued commitment to expanding the role of entrepreneurship as a catalyst for inclusive and sustainable economic development.

Designed as a dynamic introduction to entrepreneurship, the program equips Mastercard Foundation Scholars with practical tools, frameworks, and mentorship to build ventures that address pressing socio-economic challenges. Grounded in real-world application, and informed by an African lens, the program enables participants to translate ideas into ventures with measurable social impact, while developing the skills required to lead responsibly in diverse global contexts.

With its first cohort launched in **January 2026**, the initiative further positions the Dobson Centre as a platform for systemic change. The collaboration strengthens the Centre’s commitment to supporting underrepresented founders and advancing inclusive innovation, while fostering global perspectives, developing talent, and ensuring that venture creation contributes meaningfully to both local and international communities.



«Entrepreneurship is a key pillar of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at McGill University. We were excited to partner with the Dobson Centre to provide Scholars with tailored foundational knowledge on what it means to be an entrepreneur. Through this partnership, Scholars gained the tools, confidence, and mindset to think boldly, refine their ideas, and create impactful solutions.»

Stephanie Babb
Program Manager,
Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at McGill University

Canadian host of the Hult Prize

The Dobson Centre was proud to serve as the **Canadian host of the Hult Prize**, one of the world's leading platforms for social entrepreneurship, where students compete for **\$1 million in seed funding**. As a global competition dedicated to advancing innovative solutions to pressing challenges in health, sustainability, education, and economic inclusion, the Hult Prize closely aligns with the Centre's mission to build innovative companies with a purpose.

The **2025 Hult Prize** brought together **ambitious, interdisciplinary student teams** to develop and pitch ventures with the potential for meaningful social impact. Through a structured competition supported by mentorship, workshops, and access to entrepreneurial resources, participants strengthened critical skills in problem-solving, venture design, and impact-driven leadership, while engaging with a global network of innovators, investors, and changemakers.



The initiative attracts high-potential talent, fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, and positions McGill and Québec within an international ecosystem committed to scaling solutions to complex global challenges. By supporting early-stage, mission-driven ventures, the Dobson Centre continues to advance entrepreneurship as a powerful tool for systemic change and sustainable economic development.

The Dobson Centre is pleased to continue its collaboration with the **Hult Prize Foundation** and to host the **2026 Hult Prize Canada competition**, further reinforcing its role as a national hub for social innovation.



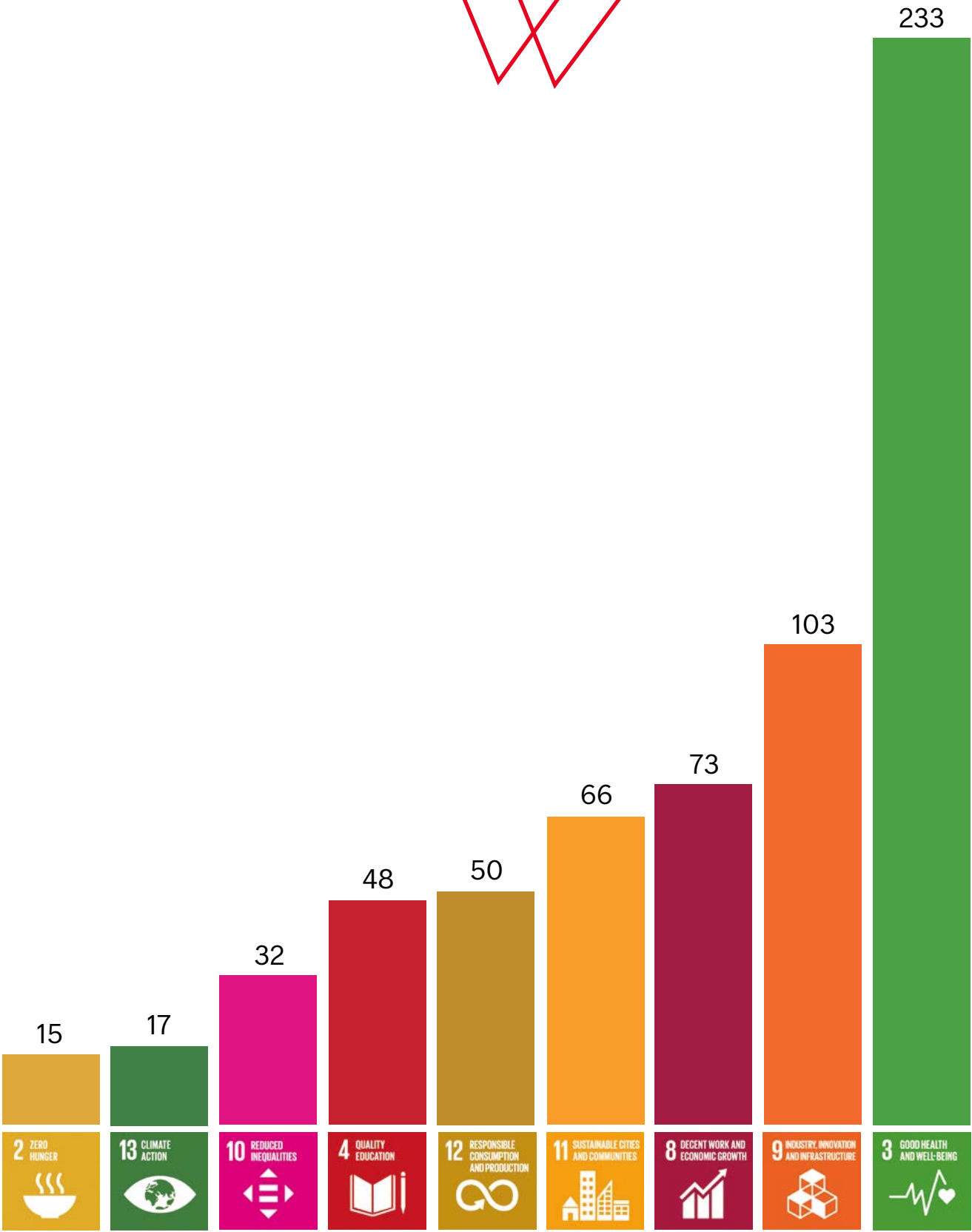
The AbsTech Dobson team made it to the World Top 60 teams moving to the Hult digital incubator

Contributing to All 17 United Nations SDGs



Our classification of startups according to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) commenced in 2023 and has since become a crucial component of our operations.

All of our startups are systematically classified through a detailed cross-referencing process with specific targets within each of the UN SDGs.



Deep Dive: Advancing Each of the 17 UN SDGs

#1. No Poverty



BoldStep Initiative

BoldStep Initiative is a youth-led organization committed to ending poverty by expanding access to education, mentorship, and economic empowerment opportunities. Through inclusive programs and safe community spaces, BoldStep equips young people with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to break cycles of poverty, build sustainable livelihoods, and drive positive social change across communities in Kenya.



#2. Zero Hunger



FarmicleGrow

FarmicleGrow is an agritech startup born from a real problem faced by rural farmers in Ghana: limited access to reliable markets. The platform uses demand data to connect small-scale farmers with buyers more efficiently and transparently. Farmers can use the service for free to expand their customer base and find high-demand products, while businesses pay for access to detailed market information saving time and costs on sourcing and strengthening supply-chain connections. FarmicleGrow bridges the gap between producers and buyers, helping farmers increase profitability and build more resilient, connected agricultural communities



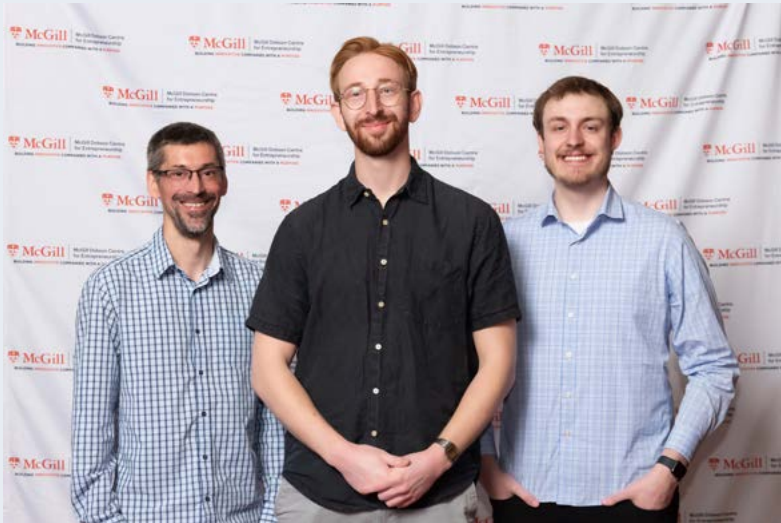
#3. Good Health & Well-Being



AbsTech

AbsTech is a science-driven biotechnology venture transforming how chemotherapy is delivered to improve patient outcomes. While chemotherapy remains one of the most effective cancer treatments, its severe side effects often force patients to reduce dosages or abandon treatment altogether. AbsTech addresses this challenge by developing a carrier-based technology that targets tumors directly, with the aim of delivering chemotherapy more precisely while protecting healthy cells and reducing harmful side effects.

By prioritising patient quality of life alongside treatment effectiveness, AbsTech directly advances SDG 3. Its technology reduces toxicity and improves patient tolerance, enabling individuals to complete treatment and achieve better health outcomes. AbsTech has already achieved proof of concept, demonstrating that its technology can protect healthy cells up to ten times more effectively than existing solutions. This represents a significant step toward safer, more tolerable cancer treatments and improved patient well-being.



abstech-sci.com



« If it wasn't for Dobson, we would be five years backwards. »

Adam Dufour, Co-founder

Beyond targeted mentorship and practical guidance, Dobson helped the founders understand the importance of networks, relationships, and confidence in building a science-based startup.

Over the next 12-18 months, AbsTech aims to complete fundraising, advance its technology toward clinical application, and deliver its solution to patients as quickly as possible. With strong industry interest already emerging, the company is well positioned to translate scientific innovation into meaningful health impact.

#5. Gender Equality



HisTurn

HisTurn Fertility is transforming reproductive health by developing personalized fertility diagnostics for men. Using epigenomic analysis and machine learning, the company creates individualized assessments that go beyond traditional sperm tests, helping clinicians and couples better understand male fertility potential and underlying biological influences.

This innovation addresses a historical imbalance in fertility care, where male factors account for roughly half of infertility cases but are often under-diagnosed due to limited testing methods leading to a disproportionately focus on women, often placing emotional, medical, and financial burdens on one partner. HisTurn advances SDG 5 by promoting **equitable reproductive health services** and reducing gender bias in clinical pathways.



« Through Dobson’s ecosystem, we were able to connect with mentors, partners, and networks that helped translate scientific research into a venture with international relevance and reach.»

Sarah Kimmins, Founder



#4. Quality Education



VLVT

VLVT is a psychology-driven platform that delivers accessible, evidence-based relationship education through a mobile application. VLVT addresses a long-standing gap in traditional education by teaching users how to build healthy, effective, and emotionally intelligent relationships. Drawing on empirical research, the platform aims to become a trusted, mainstream touchpoint for relationship guidance and supporting individuals across romantic, familial, and interpersonal contexts.

vlvtapp.ai



#6. Clean Water & Sanitation

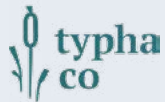


Typha Co.

Typha draws inspiration from the natural world to develop climate-resilient agricultural systems. Working at the intersection of ecology, agriculture, horticulture, material science, and hydrologic engineering, Typha advances phytomined nutrient cycling solutions to conserve critical resources and support the restoration of Lake Winnipeg.



typhacompany.com



#7. Affordable & Clean Energy



elerGreen

elerGreen Industry uses renewable electricity and a patented electrochemical reactor to convert chemical waste into valuable polymers, metals, and industrial chemicals. By integrating clean energy into circular manufacturing processes, elerGreen significantly reduces energy costs, emissions, and environmental footprints, supporting a more efficient, low-carbon industrial transition.

elergreen.com



#8. Decent Work & Economic Growth



ClicCash

ClicCash is a Caribbean-focused digital payments and financial services platform designed to simplify how people pay, get paid, and manage money. Built for everyday use across the region, the platform enables fast peer-to-peer and QR-based transactions, bill payments, mobile top-ups, remittances, and cash access through a network of partner locations.



 **CLICCASH**
cliccash.com

#9. Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure



BoundaryAI

BoundaryAI is a feedback intelligence platform that helps organizations truly understand the people they serve. Rather than reducing experiences to numerical scores or star ratings, the platform centralizes qualitative feedback from surveys, forms, and comment fields and analyzes each response individually using advanced AI. This allows institutions to move beyond aggregated metrics and listen to the full nuance of what the people they serve are saying.

By transforming unstructured qualitative feedback into structured, actionable insights, BoundaryAI strengthens digital decision-making infrastructure across sectors. Its technology enables organizations to identify patterns, improve services, and build more responsive work and learning environments. In doing so, BoundaryAI directly advances SDG 9 by promoting innovation, strengthening digital systems, and enabling data-driven institutional improvement at scale.



From its early stages, BoundaryAI has operated with a global outlook, serving customers across Canada as well as in the United Kingdom, Europe, the United States, and Asia. The Dobson Centre played a key role in accelerating this international growth. Through Dobson's network and programming, the team was introduced to opportunities in the UK and supported in taking concrete steps toward global expansion. Dobson also facilitated investor connections, including meetings in Toronto, helping BoundaryAI strengthen its funding pipeline and refine its scaling strategy.



BoundaryAI 

boundary-ai.com

« What Dobson really provides is access: to the right people, the right opportunities, and at the moments that mattered most for our growth. And access to a great space we work from everyday! »

Hippolyte Lapierre, Co-founder and CEO

As BoundaryAI continues to expand its platform and international presence, it remains focused on a clear mission: helping institutions hear the real voices behind their data and building digital systems where innovation, privacy, and human-centred insight work together to create better outcomes.

#11. Sustainable Cities & Communities



Tinybox Systems

Tinybox is a sustainability-driven housing venture reimagining how affordable, resilient, and environmentally responsible homes are built. The company designs modular, fully sustainable housing units that can be rapidly deployed anywhere without the noise, waste, or environmental disruption of traditional construction. Tinybox’s system dramatically reduces a home’s operational footprint, cutting energy-related emissions by approximately 90% and enabling residents to save up to 90% on utility costs, or 100% when powered by solar energy.

Through its commitment to clean, low-impact, and resource-efficient construction, Tinybox directly advances SDG 11 by making sustainable housing more accessible, scalable, and cost-effective. The company tracks CO₂ reduction per unit as a core impact metric, reflecting the environmental benefits of its engineered system, which minimizes energy use, integrates water-recycling technologies, and reduces material complexity.

Dobson also played a key role in supporting Tinybox’s international expansion plans, including opportunities in the Middle East, particularly Dubai and surrounding regions. The funding, mentorship, and ecosystem connections provided by the Centre strengthened Tinybox’s readiness to scale globally.

As Tinybox continues to refine its systems and scale deployments, it remains grounded in a clear mission: making sustainable, resilient housing accessible to communities around the world.



« The Dobson Centre played a key role in opening doors for us internationally. Their support helped position Tinybox for expansion into new regions while staying true to our sustainability mission. »

Pooya Saberi, Co-founder and CTO

tinybox.ca

#10. Reduced Inequalities



GoKidu

GoKidu is a technology-driven fertility and family-building platform that connects individuals and couples with verified sperm, egg, and embryo donors, as well as surrogacy options, in an inclusive, secure, and affordable way. Designed to simplify and humanize the journey to parenthood, GoKidu enables direct communication with donors, transparent access to medical and legal information, and supportive navigation of the donor matching process.

gokidu.com



#12. Responsible Consumption & Production



Buddha Brands

Buddha Brands is a plant-based food and beverage company advancing responsible consumption and production through thoughtfully sourced, minimally processed products. Emphasizing clean, non-GMO ingredients and sustainable manufacturing practices, the company supports healthier consumer choices while reducing environmental impact across the food value chain. Through its commitment to transparency, mindful sourcing, and sustainability, Buddha Brands contributes to more resilient and responsible food systems in alignment with SDG 12.



#14. Life Below Water



Life Out Of Plastic (L.O.O.P.)

Life Out Of Plastic (L.O.O.P.) is a Peru-based social enterprise advancing Life below water (SDG 14) by combating plastic pollution and protecting marine ecosystems. The women-led organization transforms waste plastic into recycled products like reusable bags and fleeces, funds environmental education and awareness campaigns, and mobilizes community-wide beach clean-ups to reduce plastic entering the ocean. Through its efforts in waste collection, public engagement, and environmental advocacy, L.O.O.P. fosters sustainable consumption habits and helps safeguard coastal and marine environments from harmful plastic pollution.

#13. Climate Action



Moorcheh.ai

Moorcheh.ai develops lightweight, environmentally efficient AI infrastructure designed to reduce the energy use, costs, and inefficiencies of conventional AI systems. The company addresses a core problem in today’s AI landscape: many vector search engines run continuously, consuming significant computing power even when idle. Moorcheh.ai’s platform processes data on demand, delivering AI functionality only when needed.

By dramatically reducing resource consumption, Moorcheh.ai directly advances SDG 13 by placing climate considerations at the center of AI system design. Its on-demand architecture operates at roughly one-tenth the cost of standard models, with 32% greater memory efficiency and up to 80% lower resource use.

Moorcheh.ai’s platform converts documents into numerical representations that generate responses only when queried. Once a query is complete, the vectors are discarded, ensuring the system is not continuously running. This design minimizes unnecessary computation while embedding factual guardrails that keep outputs grounded in verified sources. For the founding team, ethical AI and efficient AI go hand in hand, balancing accuracy, transparency, and sustainability.



«The Dobson Centre helped us translate a highly technical product into a story people could understand. Their guidance gave us clarity, confidence, and momentum as we prepared to engage with global markets.»

Tara Khani, Co-founder

moorcheh.ai



#16. Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions



Material Legal

Material Legal strengthens transparent and accountable institutions by modernizing how Canadian public companies prepare and file regulatory disclosure documents. Its platform combines intelligent automation with legal expertise to deliver accurate, secure, and audit-ready compliance reporting that builds trust in capital markets and supports strong institutional governance.

material.legal



#15. Life On Land



Leedana

Leedana is a pioneering agritech venture advancing a new model of sustainable food production through sandponics, a low-tech, highly efficient farming system designed for arid and water-scarce regions. The company enables farmers to grow vegetables and fish using a closed-loop system that requires up to 90% less water than traditional agriculture. By reusing the same water multiple times per year, Leedana makes food production viable in regions where land degradation, water scarcity, and climate stress threaten agricultural livelihoods.

Leedana directly advances **SDG 15** by reducing pressure on land and freshwater ecosystems while restoring productive agricultural use in fragile environments. Its approach minimizes soil degradation, limits resource extraction, and supports sustainable land management in regions where conventional farming is no longer viable.

Each sandponic unit produces approximately **7,000 kg of food annually**, saves **around 10 million liters of water**, reduces electricity use by up to **30 times** compared to other water-efficient farming methods, and avoids roughly **200 tons of carbon emissions**.

By enabling local, year-round food production, Leedana also reduces food miles and associated environmental impacts, contributing to healthier terrestrial ecosystems.



«The Dobson Centre was foundational to Leedana’s journey. It’s where I met my co-founder, clarified our vision, and gained the support needed to turn an ambitious idea into a scalable solution.»

Hassan El Rakhawy, Co-founder and CEO

leedana.ca



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GLOBALLY ENGAGED,
DEEPLY ROOTED

“ The Dobson Centre has given us the business acumen and tools to truly commercialize our research. More than just local support, it acts as a catalyst; amplifying the incredible work coming out of Québec and helping it reach international stages where it can gain the recognition it deserves”

Sarah Kimmins
Founder,
HisTurn

A Strategic Role in the Province’s Economy

The Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurship is grateful to be selected as a recipient of **\$1 million in funding** from the Government of Québec, reflecting the Centre’s strong alignment with the Stratégie québécoise de recherche et d’investissement en innovation (SQRI2) and the Stratégie québécoise des sciences de la vie (SQV).

This milestone reinforces the Dobson Centre’s position as a strategic contributor to Québec’s innovation ecosystem. By translating public research into high-impact entrepreneurial outcomes, the Centre enables McGill-based startups to scale responsibly, access global markets, and elevate Québec’s innovation excellence internationally.

The Dobson Centre plays a distinctive role in mobilizing international capital to drive economic development, attract foreign investment, and position Québec ventures for sustained growth. Through the alignment of public and private funding and the diversification of capital sources, the Centre helps optimize investment while strengthening the local financing landscape. Anchored in McGill University’s world-class research environment, the Centre also supports talent retention and skills development, advancing Québec’s priorities in innovation, life sciences, and economic resilience as startups progress from research to commercialization.



Chief Scientist of Québec at Gairdner-Dobson event



Rep Matters panel at the Dobson Centre



Dobson networking event at Quebec House in London

Connecting Ecosystems Innovation

94

hosted events in Montreal

31

collaborators from across the global ecosystem

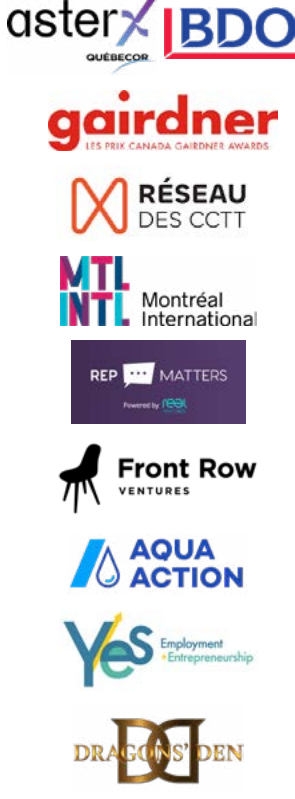
710+

attendees from the entrepreneurship ecosystem locally and globally

10 international delegations



10 local collaborators



11 campus associations



Founders Serie with Stuart Weitzman

In September 2025, over 120 founders and aspiring entrepreneurs welcomed internationally acclaimed designer and entrepreneur Stuart Weitzman for an inspiring McGill Dobson Founders Serie talk on creative ambition, brand building, and the entrepreneurial mindset.

Weitzman's story began with a simple act: while studying in college he was asked to draw shoe designs for a local retailer, returning with sketches that would soon appear in a shop window. That early experience ignited a lifelong commitment to design, hard work, and authenticity, principles that have defined his creative journey for more than five decades.

From innovative red-carpet moments such as the now-legendary million-dollar gemstone-encrusted shoes worn by actress Laura Harring at the Oscars, to making everyday comfort stylish with wedges beloved by a wider audience, Weitzman's work reflects a blend of bold experimentation and deep understanding of wearability.



While attendees were arriving, the SW team was busy asking guests for their shoe sizes.

As he recounted the brand's history through his designs, students who had been picked earlier transformed the stage into a runway, modelling classic SW designs...including the legendary million-dollar pair!

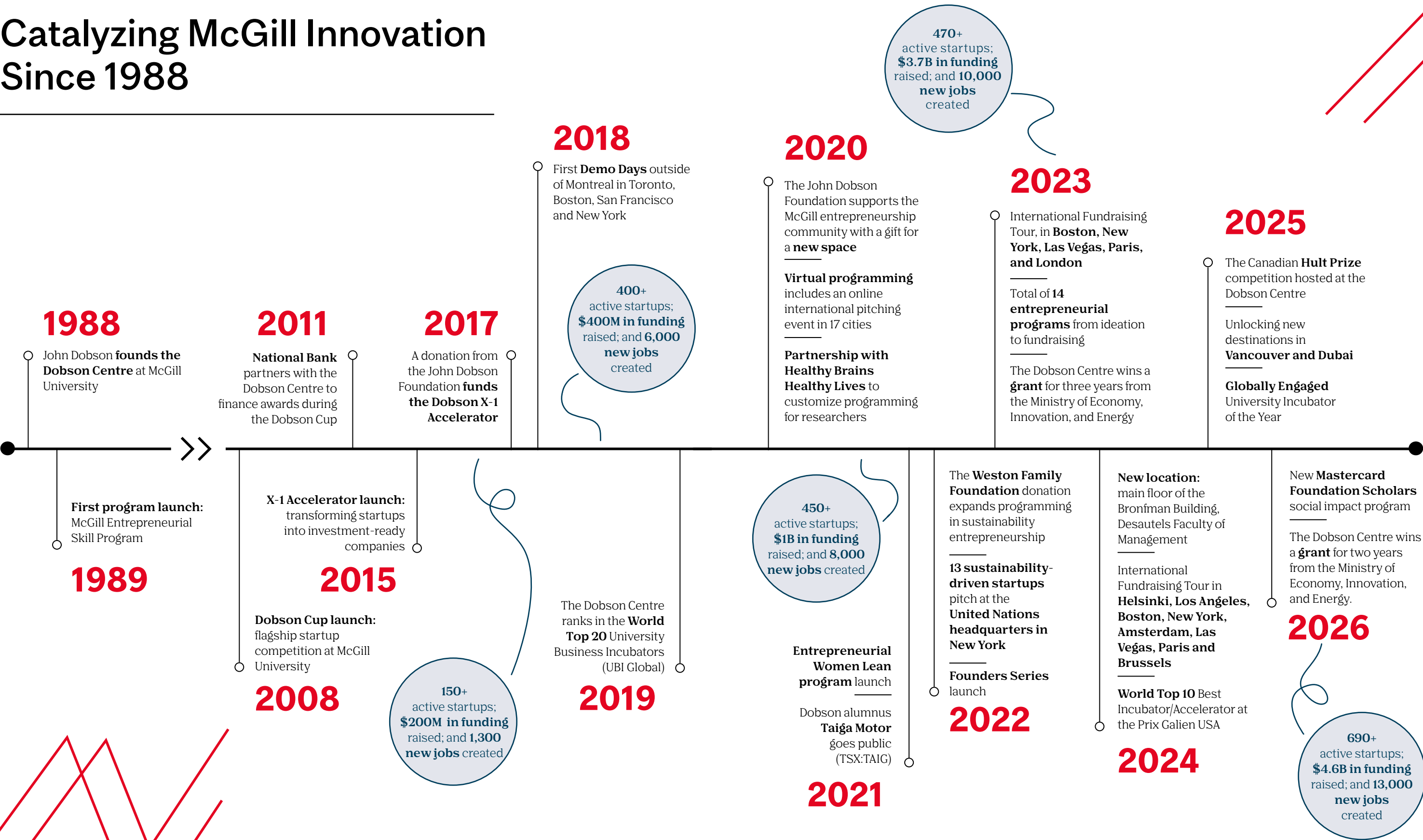


«To entrepreneurs: Take the road less travelled, even if it's riskier. Technology and AI can tell you about the shoe of yesterday, but only a visionary designer can inspire the shoe of the future.»

Stuart Weitzman
Designer, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

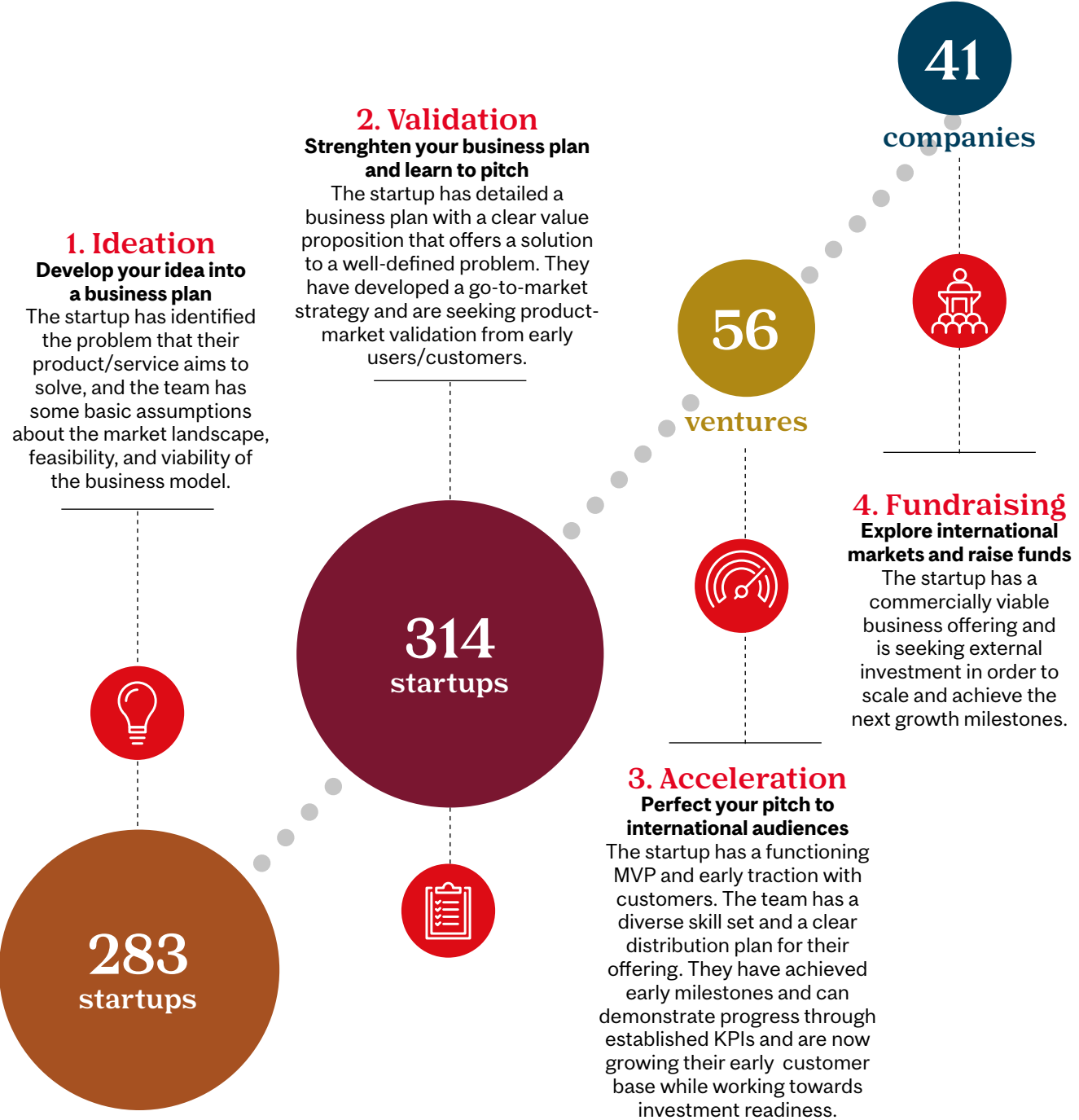


Catalyzing McGill Innovation Since 1988



The Dobson Learning Pathway

We have built a robust pipeline of 694 startups, now thriving across the four stages of the Dobson entrepreneurial journey:



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FROM IDEATION TO FUNDRAISING

“The sustainability stream of the Dobson programs gave us the tools to build a business sustainably — and to clearly communicate the mission behind what we’re building.”

Hui Huang Hoe
Founder and CEO, elerGreen Industry
Innovation in Sustainability Program

Our 14 Programs From Ideation to Fundraising Across Streams



Tinybox Systems



Arvo AI

Tech & Social

Life Sciences

Sustainability



Ideation



Validation



Acceleration



Fundraising



Lean Startup,
industry-agnostic.

› 2025: 41 startups,
69 founders, 10 speakers
and mentors.



Dobson Bootcamp & Cup,
industry-agnostic workshops
and a pitch competition across
4 streams: health sciences,
technology, sustainability, and
social impact.

› 2025: 57 startups, 134 founders,
52 speakers, mentors and
judges.



X-1 Accelerator,
industry-agnostic.

› 2025: 13 startups, 31 founders,
25 speakers and mentors.



Funding workshops,
industry-agnostic.

**International Fundraising
Tour,**
industry-agnostic.

› 2025: 8 startups



Women Lean Startup,
industry-agnostic, by
women for women to tackle
challenges for women
entrepreneurs.

› 2025: 15 startups,
31 founders, 9 speakers
and mentors.



NEW Validation Lab,
industry-agnostic dynamic
hands-on program designed
for early-stage startups ready
to validate, test, and scale
their MVPs.

› 2025: 16 startups,
36 founders, 12 speakers,
mentors and judges.



Mentorship Circle,
industry- specific.



Life Sciences Lean Startup,
emphasis on IP and
regulatory considerations.

› 2025: 40 startups,
76 founders, 9 speakers
and mentors.



Life Sciences Bootcamp,
emphasis on the clinical
validation roadmap and
fundraising in life sciences.

› 2025: 13 startups in the Dobson
Cup, 14 speakers, mentors and
judges.



Life Sciences X-1,
emphasis on data governance
and reimbursement strategies.

› 2025: 4 startups in the X-1 with
5 specialized speakers, mentors
and judges.



**International Fundraising
Tour in Life Sciences.**

› 2025: 11 startups



**Innovation in Sustainability
Lean Startup,**
focus on sustainable design
and reporting.

› 2025: 25 startups,
44 founders, 9 speakers
and mentors.



Sustainability Bootcamp,
focus on sustainable funding
and business practices with
another pitch competition.

› 2025: 15 startups in the Dobson
Cup, 13 speakers, mentors and
judges.



Sustainability Innovation X-1,
focus on sustainability
practices around the world.

› 2025: 2 startups in X-1 with 4
specialized speakers, mentors
and judges.



**International Fundraising
Tour in Sustainability.**

› 2025: 5 startups

Watch
the recap



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the recap

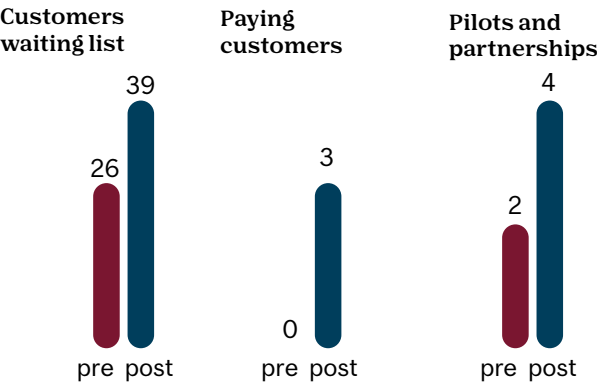


Closing Gaps in the Entrepreneurial Journey

A New Dobson Program: The Validation Lab

Introduced in 2025, the Validation Lab bridges the critical gap between ideation and market traction. The program emphasizes hands-on application, guiding founders to test key assumptions, refine business models, and develop data-driven go-to-market and launch strategies.

Success metrics (average per startup) before and after the 10 weeks validation lab program



The Validation Lab reflects our broader commitment to helping entrepreneurs build their companies, not just describe them, by grounding innovation in evidence, market insight, and practical action. Through this program, we are cultivating a generation of founders who are not only innovative but also intentional, data-informed, and impact-driven in how they grow.



« The sessions were naturally rewarding with interactive components where we had to apply the principles explained or practice alongside experts. We mapped clear next steps in our go-to-market. »

Marlene Bambonye
Co-founder & CEO Le Bon Bac

The Dobson Startup Fair



This past year, the Dobson Centre collaborated with campus associations, the McGill Entrepreneurship Society, D-Tech, and McGill Ventures to bring together students from across campus for a startup fair.

Students showcased their problem-solving skills during a case competition in front of 35 Dobson startups looking to hire unique talent!

With a successful 2025 edition, we will be hosting more fairs to ensure that innovation is fuelled by the local talent we have.



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OUR DOBSON STARTUP DIRECTORY

“The Validation Lab has guided us to design a customer-focused business model and craft a relevant outreach strategy that changed the way we go to market.”

Mahya Khaki
Co-founder and CEO, AiValon Health Technologies
Validation Lab 2025

Our Mission

AVALON's mission is to shift heart care from reaction to prevention by turning smartphones into powerful and accessible tools for early cardiovascular risk prediction through a 2-minute breath

- Business Development, Marketing Association, market, competitive branding, fundraising
- Data Scientist – Artificial Intelligence, Cardiovascular Health, learning, large health data, signal processing

Exits, Mergers and Acquisitions

7Square

Acquired by Repliers

Avanta Orthopaedics

Acquired by Small Bone Innovations

BlueCity AI

Acquired by Velodyne Lidar

CHK PLZ

Acquired by Sunday

Cupp (aka Thinkwire)

Acquired by Doka

DawaSwift Technologies Inc.

Acquired by HealthBank

Fellow

Acquired by RenoRun

Lenders API

Acquired by the Canadian Lenders Association

Macromasures

Acquired by StatSocial

MicroPredictome

Merged into Phyla

MoveMate

Acquired by MovingWaldo

MustBUS

Acquired by SSMU

Mygnesium Technologies

Merged with Alpha Iota Alloys Inc.

Peko Produce

Acquired by Fresh Prep

PostUp (fka AdUp)

Acquired by Upland Software

ShieldXTech

Acquired by VentureLabs

SquareFeet.ai

Acquired by CAP Immobilier and Novea

Sweater Planet

Acquired by Bossy Panda
(fka The Sweater Guys)

The Hot Plate

Acquired by Tag

Valence Discovery

Acquired by Recursion

Taiga Motors

Public Exit

Our Dobson Startups by Stage

Ideation

- Académie Mentra
 - AMPD
 - Adelle
 - African Bureau Stories
 - Alenomer
 - Amphoral Solutions
 - Anato Me
 - AnemoSwab
 - Apartsy
 - Apeti
 - Apex Software
 - App Connect Perspective
 - Artemis
 - Artizanko
 - Atlas Medical Tourism
 - Audience
 - BinWin
 - BioImpactAI
 - BioSim Dynamics
 - Biots
 - Bite
 - BLes Therapeutics
 - Bokk
 - Bounty Hunter
 - Breamy
 - Breath R
 - Bridges & Beyond
 - Butterfly Effect App
 - BUZZ
 - Cactus Mama Telemental Services
 - CADeau
 - Caffinated
 - Cameroon's Jewels
 - Camwood Carats
 - CAOACAB
 - Carb Detect
 - Cardielle
 - CataLum
- Cell-E-Dish
 - Cervolve
 - Chem-Sense Technologies
 - Chillpower
 - Circular Diamonds
 - ClassConnect
 - Cloud.FE
 - Co-Creators
 - CognoMind Technologies
 - Coinverse
 - Colloco
 - Condensave
 - Connect Health Services
 - Cook Up
 - CozyCat Games G.P.
 - Cravo
 - Cruel Summer
 - CS Nanotech
 - Cura
 - DAM Housing
 - Dash
 - DiscoveryRX
 - Douceurs Solidaires
 - Dovegeene
 - DueDeal.ai
 - DynaMeet
 - EcoMeasures
 - EdProvate
 - EvoSprk
 - ExpectEase
 - Eyespresso Eyewear
 - Farming Around the World
 - Favens
 - Feminatopia
 - Fenix
 - Finalytics
 - FirstLaw
- FlinchNot
 - Flotation Metrics
 - Foursight Medical
 - Future Lawyers
 - Gáamai
 - Gardelink
 - GenieHive
 - Going Out
 - GoTools
 - Grit Circle
 - Heritage Hubs / Vestige & Vision
 - Hibho
 - Hidera.AI
 - Hobby Hop
 - Home Peace
 - Horizon 360 Solutions
 - Hydrofinité
 - HydroVert
 - Hypnosand
 - InfiniteLove
 - iSMART
 - Just Imagine
 - Kanyr + Pharma
 - Kawafa
 - Keatty
 - KeyBryze
 - Kumo
 - LawCuna
 - LeafTown
 - Lingdi Gamelabs
 - Lingoverse
 - Liquid Diagnostics
 - Live Map VR
 - LiveLines
 - Ludo Ludo
 - LuminaCare
 - Marine Sci Expedition
 - Markit
 - Markovian AI
- MaternaSense
 - Mbombo
 - MBrain Bio
 - McGill Skillmatch
 - Med Safer
 - Medic Pub
 - Megg bites
 - Mentoria
 - Microgigs
 - Midnight
 - Mod Peanut
 - MontAI
 - Mora Mora Chocolate
 - Muse
 - My Sustainable Closet
 - Mycelium
 - Mycelium Projet
 - Mycho
 - MycoNurseries
 - myevents
 - NanoCoat Batteries
 - Naviomics
 - Neoki
 - NeuroMap Depression Initiative
 - NeuroMedix
 - NextGen Education
 - NoctuSense Health
 - Nodexys AI
 - NOMA
 - Nouveau Alz
 - Nurture Prosperity
 - NutriDanesh
 - Obliq Design
 - Ocean Shield Inc.
 - OFFR Grocery
 - Oncohale
 - OncoVira
 - OneDX
 - OpsFlow
- OptoGenZ
 - Oriental Premium Tea
 - Pagato
 - PalmTree African Initiative
 - Panacea
 - PapaPays
 - Paso
 - PathFinder
 - Pédagogie Nature Active Inc.
 - Persistent Care Monitor
 - PetGuardian
 - Petsev
 - Physiosparks
 - Piave
 - PickPocket
 - Piggy Bank
 - Pill Pals
 - PocketLab Testing
 - Progenitek
 - QEXA AI
 - Quinte Scent Heritage
 - Radiant Intel
 - RadQuest
 - Raiv Computers
 - Rapid Depression Detection
 - Rayn Family Farm
 - Real Estate Database
 - Reference Free
 - Rentify
 - Respire
 - Revaiva
 - Rhythm
 - Romagotchi
 - Ruffian
 - RxChange
 - Sama Sama
 - Samantha Authentic
 - SciWire
- Scoop Therapy
 - Seat2Study
 - Second Chance Meals
 - SmartFind
 - Sobremesa
 - SoftenGravity
 - Soléa
 - Spacemyx
 - Spectra Food
 - Speech Sprout
 - SpotME
 - SpyLinked Symbionts
 - SREDSimplify
 - Stat Labs/Rebrief AI
 - StopLLMs
 - Strategyk Konsult
 - Student Cell Repair
 - Suicide Risk evaluation
 - Summara
 - Sustainable hygiene innovation
 - SwavAI
 - Synergi
 - Tawa
 - The Brain Garden
 - The Car Math
 - The S'mores Box
 - Ticket Sphere
 - Time Optimize MD
 - Together
 - TrackWear
 - Transcriptomics Solutions
 - Tres
 - TRUSTi
 - TumorTrack
 - Unseen Africa
 - Utu Health Inc.
 - Value Healthcare Systems (VHCS)
 - Velle
- Vena
 - Vertidios
 - Visionary
 - VitaX
 - Voix IA
 - W
 - Walk-AI
 - Watoga Technologies
- WeKare
 - Whiplash
 - Wild
 - Xchange
 - Xposure Technology
 - ZimDigester





Validation

- Acuri
- Aecho Biotech
- Agora
- AgriConn
- AiVALON Health Technologies
- Athletic Technologies Ltd
- AMR Action Hub-Nigeria
- Annylex
- Applaud
- Axon
- Axvia.ai
- Bazard
- BeaCoPure
- BeMall
- Beyond High School Academy
- BOF BioGrow Solutions Ltd
- BreakBuddy
- Brick by Brick
- Brighten
- BroccoLife
- BudPal
- BuddyRide
- Calderyn
- Cameroon's Jewels
- Caribou Health
- Caring for Girls
- Checkmate
- Classwise AI
- Co Teacher Advantage
- Co-like-it
- Collectif Commun'Art
- Collough Cares
- Colorful Zone
- CommunityConnect
- Compos Mentis
- Concord CAD Systems Inc
- ConeX
- CoolBox
- Corral
- Course Lnk
- Credit Jambo Ltd
- Crew Sync
- Current Finder
- CycleNEO
- Deep Search Security
- DEHY Crops
- Didomi
- DooYoo Cosmetics
- DueDeal
- Eco Discuss
- Ecopoto
- EduPay Ltd.
- EdviroCraft
- elerGreen Industry
- EmergQ
- Empor
- Ensemble Technologies
- EPRS cluster
- Equo AI
- Euphoria Initiative
- Evolufy Africa
- EvoWoman
- Exsia Technologies
- Farmarvest
- FarmicleGrow
- FibraVerde
- Field AI
- FieldComplex Inc.
- Floe
- Fondation EsengO
- FORUFEDA
- Friends Career Centre
- Frontal
- Galdun
- Gamified STEM Education
- Genius Arena
- Geo Watt Solutions
- GetLit
- GiftWells
- GigPark
- Glee Factor
- Go Nature Contact
- GoCerise
- GRIDLEAP INC.
- Gro Bikes Inc
- Groundit
- GymTonic
- GymVision
- Gynoteck
- GyroClear
- HappyDel
- Hausberg
- Hearth
- Héra Care Solutions
- HomeRoom
- Hooloo Shipping
- Hortus
- Housing Hawk
- Ikei
- imiGoose
- Immigrant Health & Legal Compass (IHLC)
- Inti Aerospace
- Intuitive Ultrasound
- IT Access
- Job-To-Go
- JobSlide
- Joyn Technologies
- juicebox
- KanGx Bio
- Kibysis Technologies
- Kikao Invest
- Kinx
- KlooC
- Koan
- Kooky Koffee Ltd.
- KrypticHealth
- Kuapa Solar Enterprises
- LabGiant
- Lambar-Qabso
- Le Bon Bac Inc.
- Libravos
- Lightbeans Technologies
- LineIQ Inc.
- Loak
- LockBox
- Lodavo
- Ludicari
- Malyus
- Maram source
- Materia Bioworks
- Mechtech App
- MediLink
- MedReqs
- Mellions
- Micro to Nano Solutions
- MiNutrition
- Mkono
- Modul'eau
- Modus Inc
- Monitrix
- Monstrash
- Morphic Hydroponic
- Music Demixer
- myIBDcompass
- MyFoodprint
- MYO Engine
- NanoHeme
- Naree
- Neophyto Foods
- NetCash Analytics
- Neverguess
- NIA AI
- Nightly
- NoteBinge
- Nova Nutraceuticals
- NuReDCo
- Observe Agriculture
- Okin Studios
- OmniPlane
- OneBite
- One Step Direct
- OpenDx
- Oral-i
- Ori Technology
- OPSIS
- OstoMentor
- Outsmark
- Oxkair
- Panko
- Panthalida Technologies Limited
- Paperminds
- Peera Inc
- Peri-Op Tech.
- PhoneHost
- PHIRE
- Photofund
- Placify
- Plazio
- PleJur
- PN Labs Electronics
- Ponti Home
- Pop Shots
- ProGuard AI
- ProTech
- Qobalt.app
- QuHeartz
- Quickee
- Racine Creations 3D (UCrea)
- RAINLAB Quantum
- Ramble Technologies
- Receipro
- RecoVR Sports
- ReliefAI
- ReSciCler



Acceleration

- RescueBites
- Respite
- Restoply
- Rokulo
- Rosa
- Rumblebio
- Rural Climate Solutions
- Safe Environment Hub - Kenya
- Safe Kasupe Limited
- SaHera Soins Solutions
- Sapinova
- Scala Medtech
- SeeForMe
- Selva
- Sentia
- Sentry Labs
- Settle Well
- SheaME
- ShookBuds
- Shubber
- SitFitt
- SketchTube
- Sleek Stove
- Slideln
- Smart Innovation Hub
- Smartess
- SnackTOP
- Snowdon Partners
- SocratesLab
- SofaCircuit
- SokoMtaani
- SomaBiome LABS
- Someone
- Somno Engineering
- Spectra Tech Corp.
- Spex Africa
- Spentra
- Spotter
- Starlight Industries
- Starting Blox
- Stay Pro
- Stiila
- STITCHING FUTURES
- Stomex
- Storylo
- Street School Africa
- Strength Protocol Inc.
- SubVU
- SURIV
- Sutton
- Swamicus
- SweatLogix
- SweetData.io
- SYNFI
- Tempo Technologies Inc
- The Levaré Foundation
- Thinkwire
- Thriving Age
- Toro Matcha Inc
- Tote
- Tracheo-Sure
- TrackWear Medical Systems
- TranscendFinals INC
- Tranquilo
- TravelBudd
- TreeMaTech
- TrendMart
- Triagify
- True Competency
- Ubenwa Innovations
- Ugly Harvest
- UltraSense
- Umamix
- Un Earth
- UnblAsed.Rx
- UniCycle
- Underwear Worker
- UniEC Group Inc.
- VAE Labs
- VascuBio
- VentureCircle
- Vehx
- Verde Hub
- Vins Prose
- Vision Wear
- VisualFlow Analytics
- Vizio
- W Sportswear Inc.
- Way with Words
- Where2Find
- Wiyaka Beauty
- Woshi
- Y-up
- Yonja
- YourCourses
- Yuma
- Zapper
- Zipper
- AeroCardia Inc.
- AeroNova Advanced Materials
- Awake AI
- BrainScores
- Commit
- Curb Cut
- Denchero Tech
- elle FA
- EqualDocs
- Fanstories
- FormSpace
- Garde-Robe
- GEEK-IT!
- GroupLabs
- Gualtieri Innovations
- Guzzo Nano Research Corp
- GymBros
- GymTonic
- Hepius Medical
- Hydral Energy
- Independent Robotics
- InfranovAI
- Keenoa
- Live Cell Technologies
- Lottus
- Lunch Box
- Maneico
- Mascotica ID
- Moorcheh.ai
- Myo Devices
- Nanofacile
- Neiges Biotechnologies
- OcuVistaSolutions Inc.
- OpAI Innovations
- Paire
- Parados
- Pelcro
- PetitVR
- PhantasiAI
- R3ACH
- Reconsolidation Therapy
- Remote Optical
- Safeage Analytics
- SiRP
- SMS Job Construction
- SomaBiome
- Spirufoods
- Stocate
- Sylvita
- tO.technology
- TaskNow
- Telescope Therapeutics
- Voyant Media Solutions
- VYVEN
- Zenext AI
- Zippy Wash





Fundraising

- GUSH
- AbsTech
- AeroportAI
- AIM Colours
- Arvo AI
- BoundaryAI
- Circulus Agtech
- ClicCash
- CoLab Education
- Eternal Gardens
- ex-able
- Fulcra
- GoKidu
- GrayOS
- HisTurn
- Hivelighter
- Hydrolux
- Leedana
- Material Legal
- Mohana
- Momentum Health
- Moorcheh.ai
- Nospharma
- Novagrow
- NURA Medical
- Nurau
- Precare
- PurelyBiome
- Qalam Health
- Simmunome AI
- Sonaro
- Stenoa
- Tinybox Systems
- TissueTinker
- TRAQC
- Tuuli
- Typha Co.
- Vital Tracer
- VLVLT
- Vopemed



Healthybud



Qalam Health Solutions



Dobson Graduates

- 2ship
- 3.D.E
- 7 Square
- Acesis Biomed
- Acrylic Robotics
- AFX Medical
- Aifred Health
- Alter Climate
- Ananda Devices
- Anomera
- AUM BioTech
- Avanta Orthopaedics
- BIOS Santé
- Blue City AI
- Buddha Brands
- Carbicrete
- Centerfold Gallery
- Chargelab
- Chatler
- Cleanster.com
- Cupp
- Curious Neuron
- Dawa Swift
- DECAP
- Dentastic App
- Dev4X
- Dyme Fitness
- ecova
- Eduwise
- eeva
- EntOMix
- Fellow
- FemTherapeutics
- Flowbo
- Galavanta
- Ghoul RIP Inc
- Gynaware
- Haply Robotics
- Healthybud
- Heka Health
- Invicare
- Keen to Help
- Key2 Access
- Laurent Pharma
- Local Logic.co
- LOOP
- Ludica Health
- MicroPredictome
- Mimetogen Pharmaceuticals
- Mission Barns
- Mixonset
- MoveMate
- Must BUS
- MUthins
- Mygnesium Technologies
- Nomic Bio
- Paper
- Peko Produce
- Projet Bleuët
- ProVivoX
- Railvision Analytics
- Ravenquest Biomed
- Sonder
- SWITCH
- Taiga Motors
- The Hot Plate
- UGo Smoothies
- YaaX



Acrylic Robotics

Our 2025 Dobson Fellows



Since 2022, the Integrated Management Student Fellowship (IMSF) has been one of the Centre's most impactful partnerships. Student Fellows bring curiosity and a willingness to challenge established practices, while gaining firsthand experience in building an entrepreneurial ecosystem and applying academic frameworks to complex, real-world problems.

In 2025, Dobson welcomed four IMSF Fellows who contributed to impact measurement, venture analysis, strategic research, and reporting. Their work continues to strengthen the Centre's analytical capacity, generating robust, evidence-based insights that inform internal decision-making and support partners, funders, and the wider innovation ecosystem.

Natalia Absar (BCom 2026)

My fellowship at the Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurship has been a deeply meaningful and enriching experience. I was drawn to the Centre because of my interest in entrepreneurship as a powerful way to create meaningful social and environmental impact, and for Dobson's role in supporting founders who are turning ideas into real startups. Contributing to the 2025-2026 Impact Report allowed me to lead and analyze founder interviews, assess impact through an SDG-aligned lens, and translate complex insights into clear, accessible narratives about startups' contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. I particularly appreciated the behind-the-scenes exposure to how impact is measured, interpreted, and communicated within an entrepreneurial ecosystem grounded in purpose, mentorship, and collaboration. The collaborative and empowering nature of the Dobson team made this fellowship both engaging and impactful, and I am grateful for the mentorship and learning it provided.

Orlane Donkpeḡan (BA 2026)

My fellowship at the Dobson Centre became a turning point that helped me bridge my liberal arts background with a more data-driven, analytical way of thinking. I chose Dobson because it offered a unique opportunity to apply critical thinking to real-world business problems and cases. Through this experience, I gained a clearer understanding of how rigorous analytics can help de-risk venture decisions while still preserving the social impact values that originally drew me to development work. My work at the Centre equipped me with the technical skills and strategic perspective needed as I prepare for a career in analytics-focused venture capital or consulting. I leave this fellowship grateful for the foundation it provided to pursue responsible investment and social value creation.

Bruna Battaḡlia (BCom 2027)

From the start, my time at the Dobson Centre has been incredibly rewarding. I was especially excited by the opportunity to explore my interest in finance while gaining a closer look at how firms operate and how the Centre helps set startups up for success. Working with real-world research and contributing to projects with visible impact made the experience feel meaningful, particularly getting a behind-the-scenes view of how startups take shape and grow. I also had the chance to work on several government grant applications this year, which was both fascinating and eye-opening, as it exposed me to processes I would not have encountered elsewhere.



Natalia, Bruna, Orlane, and Antonia

Antonia Voḡt (BCom 2028)

What initially interested me in the Dobson Centre was its close work with early-stage startups and its role in supporting a dynamic entrepreneurial community. During my fellowship, I worked with program data to help show the real value Dobson provides to founders. This experience gave me a better understanding of the startup landscape and the important role incubators play in helping ideas grow into viable ventures. Along the way, I built my analytical skills and learned how impact is measured and communicated in a purpose-driven, innovation-focused environment. Just as importantly, the collaborative and supportive team culture made this fellowship a genuinely positive and rewarding experience.

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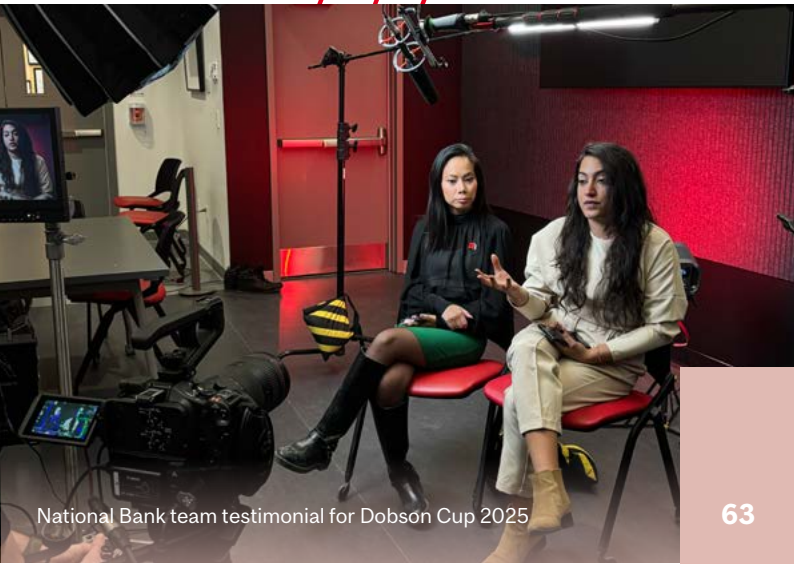
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