Through research conducted by its regular and student members, CELAT seeks to understand different ways of living together and develop tools and strategies for dealing with diversity issues in Quebec and elsewhere. The centre establishes cooperation agreements with public bodies in order to pursue its own scientific objectives while remaining attentive to the needs of society.

CENTRE DESCRIPTION

CELAT was founded in 1976 to study the various ways people live together in Quebec’s increasingly diverse society. One of Quebec’s oldest social sciences and humanities research centres, it has built an international reputation as a centre for excellence, especially in the last 15 years. Its staying power speaks to its willingness and ability to constantly reinvent the way it observes and analyzes cultural identities.

CELAT owes its capacity for scientific innovation to its resolutely multidisciplinary approach. The centre not only brings together scientists from different disciplines, but also encourages them to work together on shared challenges. This interuniversity centre has three main sites: Université Laval, UQAM, and UQAC.

RESEARCH CENTRE AT UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL

Centre interuniversitaire d’études sur les lettres, les arts, et les traditions (CELAT)

CELAT contributes to Université Laval’s academic life and standing as a regional, national, and international leader through its work on culture, arts, collective memory, and heritage. The centre provides a unique environment where various disciplines and perspectives come together, drawing on a talented team of professors, students, and postdoctoral fellows to tackle highly topical issues.

MISSION

30 researchers
2 research professionals
181 students
CELAT received special recognition in 2013 when it was cited as a model in the participant guide distributed at the government conference on research and innovation to define Quebec's new research and innovation policy (PNRI). CELAT has strengthened its international reputation and contributed to advances in research through various scientific activities. Its annual symposium brought nearly 100 attendees at the ACFAS Congress in May 2013 to discuss the issue of living together in a context of “places in between.” The centre used the opportunity to shoot a series of video clips on the theme of “What does living together mean to you?” The videos can be viewed at CELAT’s website (www.celat.ulaval.ca). CELAT also established a first-of-its-kind partnership in Quebec with Musées de la civilisation to create an international summer school, now in its second year.

Since 2011, centre members have been recognized many times over.
> Trudeau, Vanier, and William E-Taylor fellowships for three students
> Publication awards (Luc-Lacourcière Medal, Governor General's Award, Prix Spirale)
> FROSC Étudiants-chercheurs études designation for two students
> Appointment of a member to the Royal Society of Canada
> Appointment of another member to the Perelman Chair for legal philosophy, theory of argumentation, and the history of ideas at the Free University of Brussels
> Another member elected president of the 2013 ACFAS Congress

In the past two years, our members have authored more than 500 publications, given more than 700 papers, and received funding for over 100 research projects.