IDÉA director: Luc Bégin, Faculty of Philosophy

INSTITUTE OF APPLIED ETHICS (IDÉA)

IDÉA is a stimulating workplace where researchers, students, and professionals from different disciplines work side by side.

It is a place of collaboration in all its shapes and forms—from symposiums and conferences to closed seminars—and a window on the latest developments in ethics research and practice.

INSTITUTE DESCRIPTION

The Institute of Applied Ethics (IDÉA) is multidisciplinary group of professors, researchers, and graduate students active in ethics research and practice.

IDÉA works to bridge the gap between society’s needs for ethics education and training, consulting, and guidance and the realm of academic ethics research.

IDÉA’s work focuses on three main fields of research and practice:

> Public, organizational, and professional ethics
> Social and economic ethics
> Ethics and health

IDÉA is funded by the Office of the Vice Rector of Research and Innovation of Université Laval as well as six faculties: Law, Medicine, Philosophy, Business Administration, Social Sciences, and Theology and Religious Studies.

MISSION

The Institute of Applied Ethics (IDÉA) has the following mission:

> Contribute to the advancement of knowledge in applied ethics through a multidisciplinary approach
> Create a scientific environment conducive to training and integrate the various subdisciplines of applied ethics research
> Respond to requests for ethics advice and training
> Provide a space for research projects that extend beyond department and faculty structures
> Help develop and ethical research culture at Université Laval

INSTITUTE STATISTICS 1 JUNE 2013

27 researchers
1 research professional
17 students
In recent years, the institute has helped raise public awareness and guide public debate on ethical matters. One way it does this is through the journal Éthique publique, edited by Luc Bégin. The full text of Éthique publique is now available online at revue.org, four months after the paper version is released, which has raised the journal’s profile.

IDÉA members have also been invited to appear before parliamentary committees, and frequently appear in the media to comment on ethical issues in the news.

In 2012 IDÉA launched an organizational ethics summer school. The school’s three-day program, to be offered every summer, brings together participants from a wide range of backgrounds for courses taught by experts from several different universities.

IDÉA has also organized an international conference on the theme of ethics practice, garnering attention for the Quebec approach to public and organizational ethics.