Interuniversity Research Centre for Québec Literature and Culture (CRILCQ)

The CRILCQ provides an ideal environment for cultivating innovative projects, for participating in collaborative activities, and for finding support for one’s research initiatives. Rooted in a longstanding scholarly tradition and a wealth of expertise, the CRILCQ is a warm and welcoming academic community with an open outlook on the world and a finger on the pulse of Québécois literature and culture.

CRILCQ Director: René Audet, Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences

CENTRE DESCRIPTION

CRILCQ was accredited by Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQ-SC) in 2003 and today benefits from the synergies of its three branches at Université de Montréal, Université du Québec à Montréal, and Université Laval. It is recognized internationally as the indispensable authority in its field and is now the largest centre for Québec studies anywhere, with 54 researchers and close to 400 students and postdoctoral fellows at work on literature, theatre, dance, art history, architecture, music, song, television, radio, and film and practising both the formal analysis and historical interpretation of Québec’s literary and artistic works.

CRILCQ also contributes through its national and international partners to developing knowledge and spreading the word about Québec cultural life in all its diversity—an invaluable contribution to science and society.

STATISTICS AT 1 JUNE 2013

FOR THE THREE SITES (UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL, UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL AND UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL)

54 researchers 6 3 research professionals and 3 scientific coordinators 382 students

MISSION

CRILCQ furthers knowledge and understanding of Québec’s literature and culture by:

› Establishing and running open, interdisciplinary research networks.
› Supporting members’ research and creative activity as well as publishing and promoting their research findings and works.
› Having researchers participate in the education and training of students and young researchers and helping them become part of the research community.
› Promoting Québec studies in Canada and internationally.
CRILCQ never sleeps! The centre has been on a roll since it was founded ten years ago—or thirty for the Laval branch constituted in 1983 under the name CRELIQ—and is taking full advantage of its recently renewed FRQ-SC accreditation to pursue its work in the research fields that have made its name and break new ground for the researchers of tomorrow.

> CRILCQ promotes knowledge acquisition by offering graduate seminars for credit, which are led by CRILCQ researchers and explore aspects of the centre’s projects in a stimulating program of studies at the cutting edge of current research.

> CRILCQ supports research by offering research scholarships to assist students at various stages of their studies.

> CRILCQ helps students build their portfolios by organizing activities where they can enhance their research and by supporting student initiatives in the area.

> CRILCQ fosters student mobility by providing research and conference travel grants and hosting international students and research fellows.

> CRILCQ works actively to integrate students into the research community and devotes a significant share of its funding to hiring and training students and young researchers. These are just some of the ways that CRILCQ and its researchers make sure that students acquire the background and skills they need to succeed. The close ties among members and collegial dynamic, the presence of established research teams on campus, the ready access to labs, and the lively academic and social program that brings researchers and students together all foster idea and career synergies that make CRILCQ a unique learning community with a special sense of belonging.

Part of CRILCQ’s fundamental mission is to take an active part in the education and training of students and young researchers. Students are recognized as full-fledged CRILCQ members, called on not just to join in centre academic life but to pursue their own projects through comprehensive plans of studies developed by the centre.

Université Laval in the heart of Québec City is one of Canada’s top research universities, with nearly 230 graduate programs. A global leader in numerous cutting-edge disciplines, Université Laval educates tomorrow’s leaders and prepares them to face current and future challenges in every field of knowledge.

Learn more about Université Laval programs at ulaval.ca/futurestudents

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As the Dictionnaire des œuvres littéraires du Québec team prepares the ninth volume of its indispensable reference series for university and college-level instructors and the general public, those working on Penser l’histoire de la vie culturelle au Québec and two time Canada Prize in Humanities nominee La vie littéraire au Québec continue their original surveys of Québec’s literary and cultural history to build an incomparable map of Québec’s heritage for use by scholars and society as a whole.

From past to present, CRILCQ’s contemporary poetics and aesthetics research group sharpens critical visions of our own era and further advances our understanding of the artistic production issues now being considered in Québec—a thriving field of investigation largely opened up by CRILCQ and in which its researchers maintain a recognized position of prominence.

With groundbreaking initiatives such as the DÉCALCQ electronic archives project nearly complete, CRILCQ’s literary studies and technology lab Ex situ is putting the finishing touches on an extensive science and technology research data management and dissemination infrastructure that will make the Ex situ group and CRILCQ, in close partnership with the Université Laval library, an institutional leader in the field of knowledge management and enhancement in the humanities.

CRILCQ’s recently signed cooperation agreement with Sungkyunkwan University’s Department of French Language and Literature has brought South Korean researchers into its well-established international network, which encompasses France, Italy, Poland, Switzerland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, German, and England.