## Institut quantique

Driving the quantum revolution

## A focus on student empowerment

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Le Lab Quantique Meetup - April 2, 2020



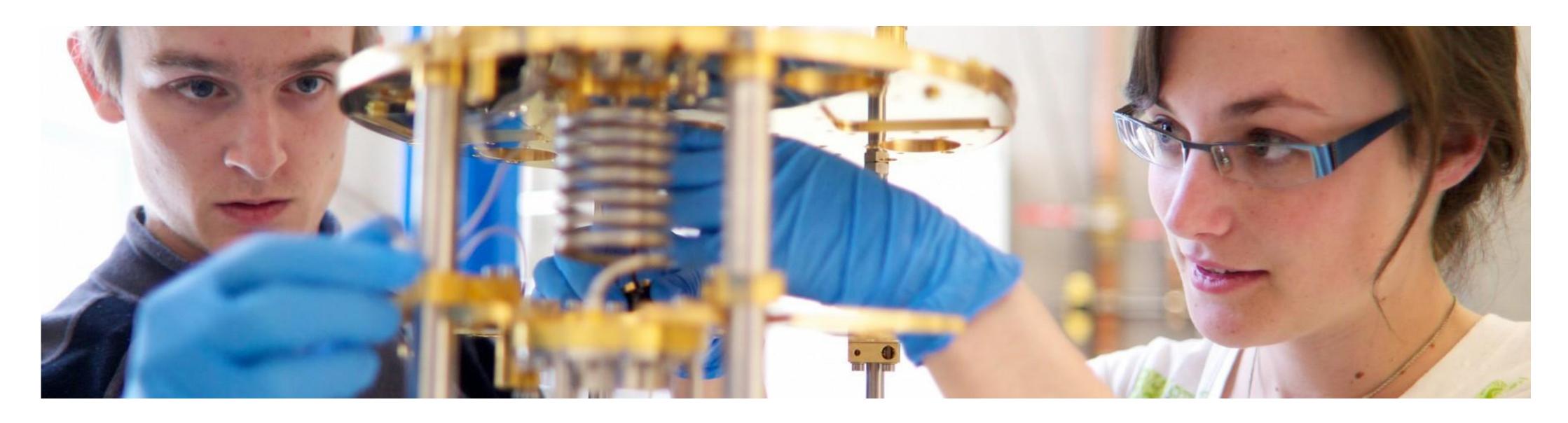


#### Our Mission



Place students at the centre of research in an open and collaborative environment to accelerate the transition from science to quantum technologies.

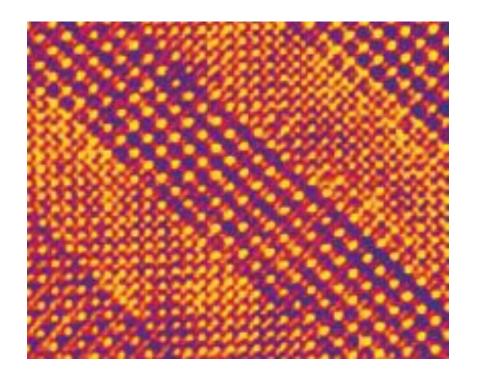
We train leaders who have the skills and critical thinking essential to creating knowledge relevant to a changing society.



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#### From quantum science to quantum technology





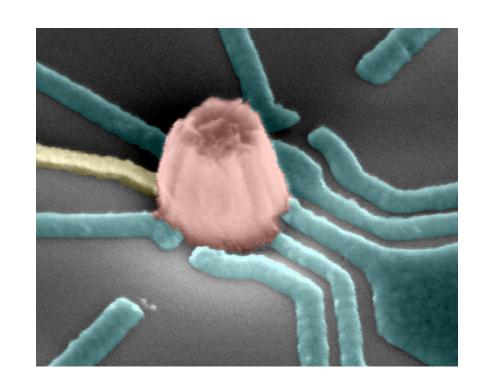


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Ultrafast single-photon detectors

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#### Partners

















Centre de Collaboration

MiQro Innovation

















































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# Emerging Eastern Townships ecosystem in quantum research and innovation





Innovations technologiques

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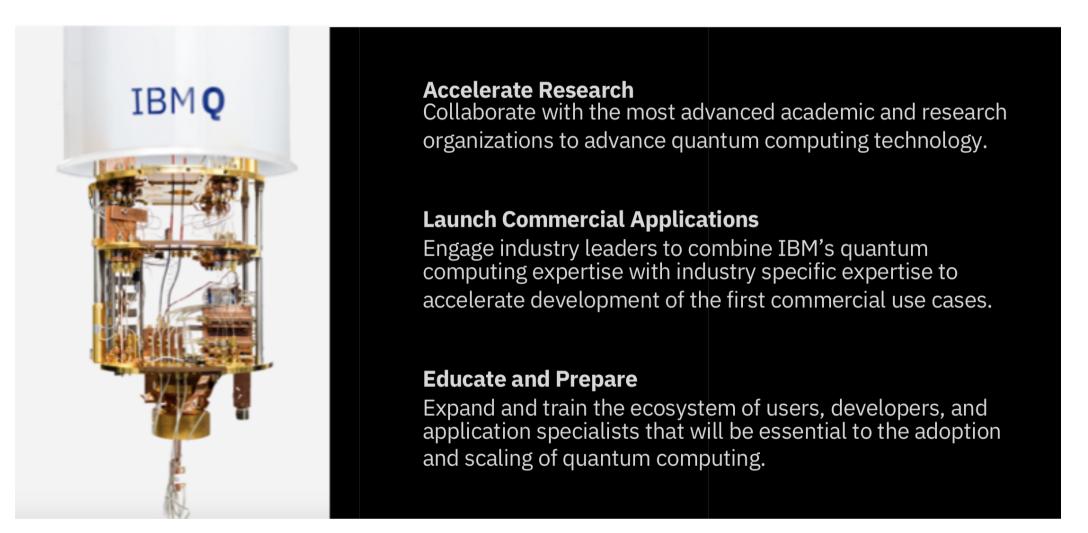
1QBit ouvre un bureau à Sherbrooke en partenariat avec l'UdeS



L'entreprise 1QBit, un des chefs de file mondiaux de l'optimisation d'équipement et de logiciels d'informatique quantique, étend ses activités au Canada en ouvrant un bureau à Sherbrooke afin

## IBMQ

IBM **Q** Network: Mission



### **Innovation Zone**

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## The New York Times

## The Next Tech Talent Shortage: Quantum Computing Researchers

By some estimates, only 1,000 or so researchers can claim to understand the technology. Finding more could become 'In a type of artificial

Oct. 21, 2018

'In a type of artificial intelligence called deep learning, for example, fewer than 25,000 people, by some estimates, can be considered genuine experts.'

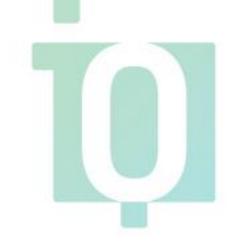


Beyond the technology, the biggest quantum advantage today is talent.



## The IQ Experience

More opportunities, more perspectives



Seed funding program open to students (since 2016, 22 student-led projects)

Support student-driven initiatives and student entrepreneurship

New training opportunities in quantum science

- 1. CREATE program QSciTech
  - Training targeted to non-traditional careers
  - Internship at one of our industrial partners
- 2. Master's microprogram in quantum science and technology
- 3. Undergraduate program in quantum science

### Q2 initiative





#### Premise

Deep tech physics startups and entrepreneurship are not part of the culture

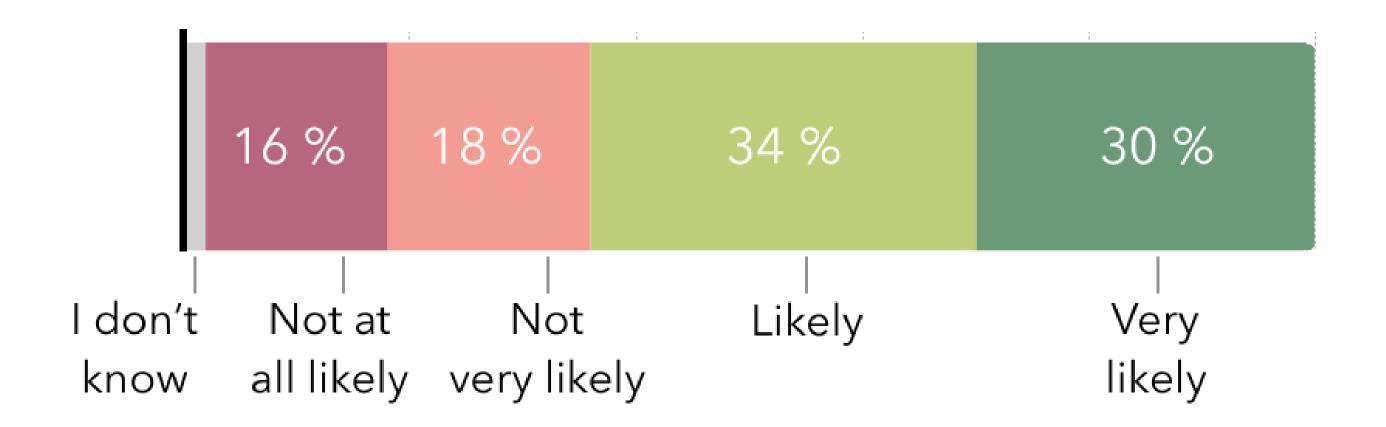
#### Project

Determine why and create a plan for the IQ to move forward

## A 2015 Nature study



How likely are you to pursue an **academic** career after you finish you programme?

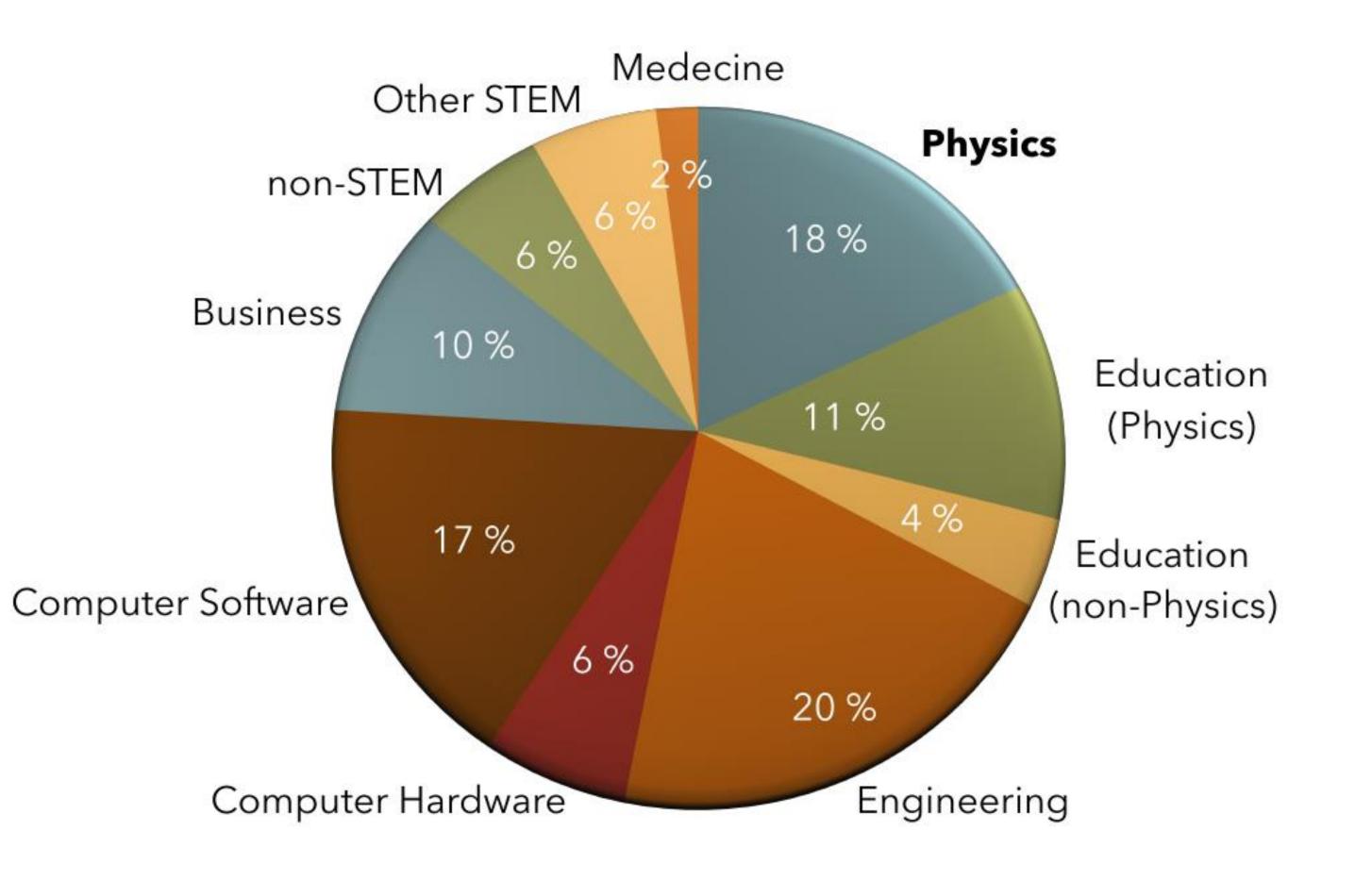


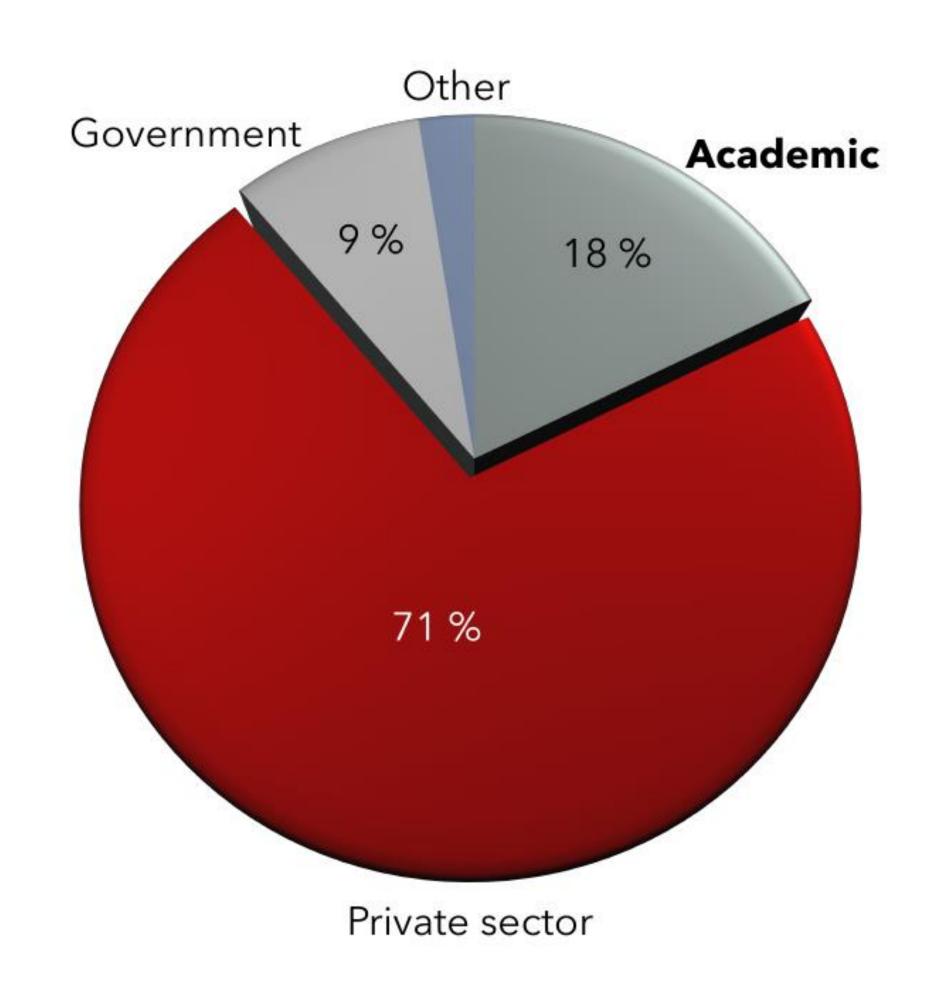
Most physics graduates believe they can get a job in academia.

The same is true in Sherbrooke.

Employment **fields** for new physics PhD recipients in *potentially permanent positions*, classes of 2011 through 2016

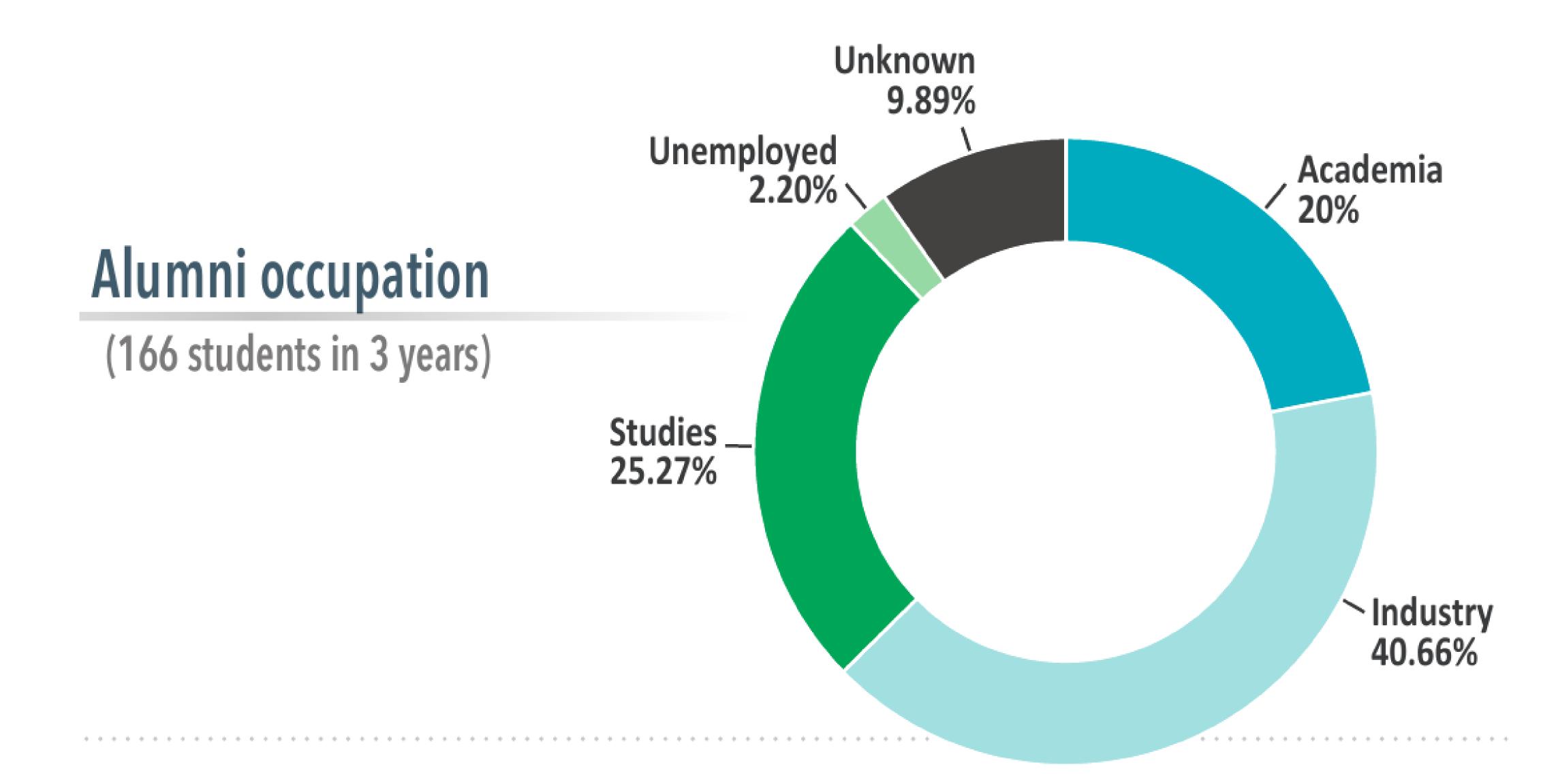
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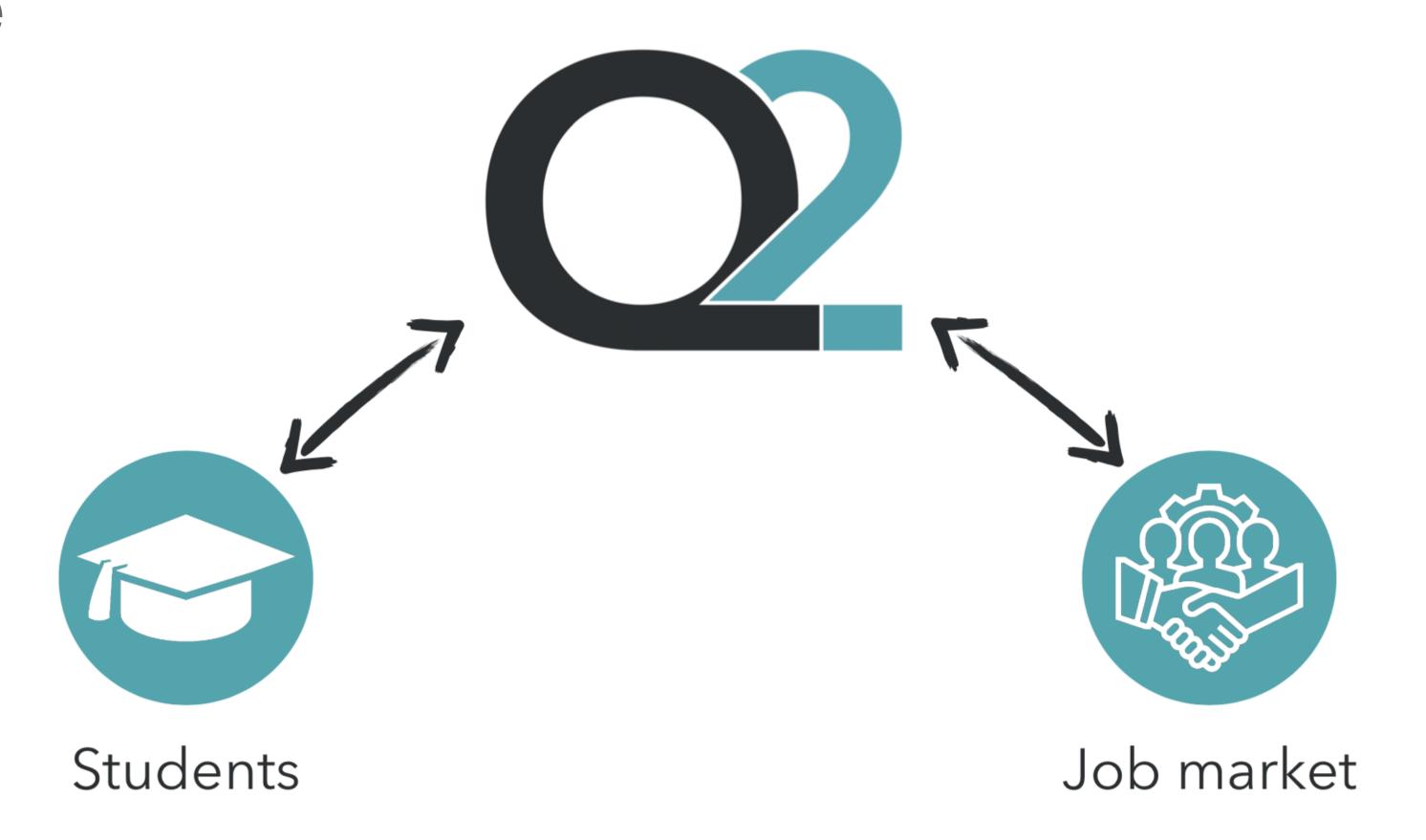
## Career after IQ





### Q2 initiative





A students-for-students IQ initiative aiming to steer the graduate training towards a better student-job-market fit.

Providing assistance, support and information on employment in the quantum technology sector in Quebec and elsewhere by creating links with the industry and promoting entrepreneurship.

## Horizon IQ – by students for students



Alan Aspuru-Guzik October 8th 2019



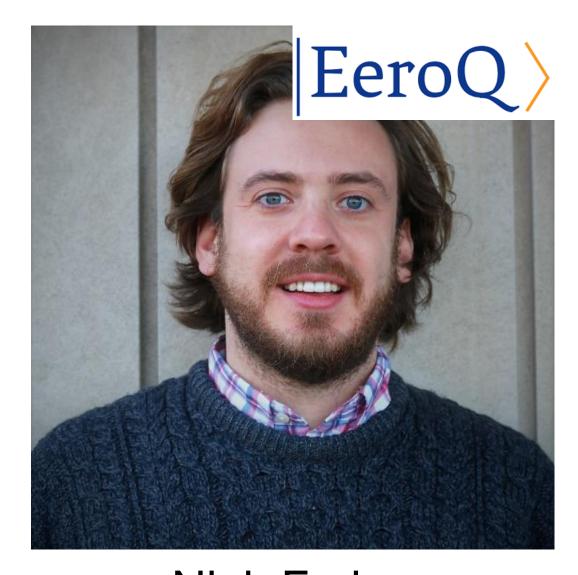
Christophe Jurczak January 14th 2020



Pierre-Luc Dallaire-Demers November 19th 2019



DiPhUS - Workshop on conflict resolution and available help ressources at UdeS February 25th 2020



Nick Farina December 12th 2019



Canceled – March 26th 2020

- CDL Toronto + alumnis
- Quebec quantum incubators consortium

## Entrepreneurship and tech transfer

#### **Tech Transfer**

- 17 patents since 2015
- Quantum Numbers Corp.

#### **Students Startups**

SB Technologies
Quantum Sensing





Nord Quantique Quantum Computing



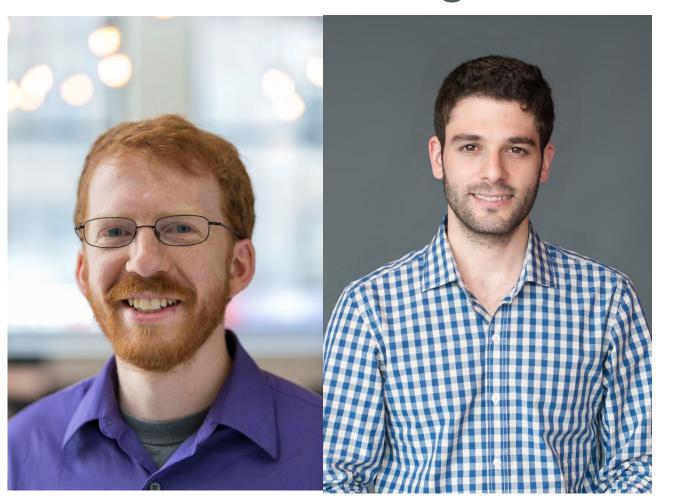


Qubic Quantum Sensing





Quentelechy
Quantum Information
Processing



## Entrepreneur in residence – pilot program









### The team



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Karl



Patrick







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## Thank you for your time!



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#### Horizon IQ activities:

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