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Unit Location:

- City: Sherbrooke
- State/Province: Québec
- Country: Canada

University:

1. Université de Sherbrooke

Current Active Fields:

1. Remote sensing
2. Civil engineering
3. Electric and Informatics engineering
4. Nuclear Sciences
5. Pharmacology
6. Mechanical engineering

Availability of Financial Aid and Grants

University grants could be available as a fellowship when the student is already registered.

Industry can financial contribute through professor's projects when it is available Industrial training is available of the graduated (2nd and the 3rd cycles) if it is in the student program.

An Egyptian – Québec contract allow the Egyptian student to have exemption of international students fees.

City Information:

- Sherbrooke is located in the south-east of the province of Quebec and covers approximately 500 km² (193 mi²), Sherbrooke is a mid size city.
- It has a population of 145,000 inhabitants. The population of the Sherbrooke area increased by 4.2% between 1991 and 1996, compared to 3.5% for the province of Québec. People specially the young generations have good attitudes with Egyptians, old people didn't give all their trust to the foreign, even before 9/11.
- Sherbooke is 90 minutes south of Montréal. It is also not far from the US borders.

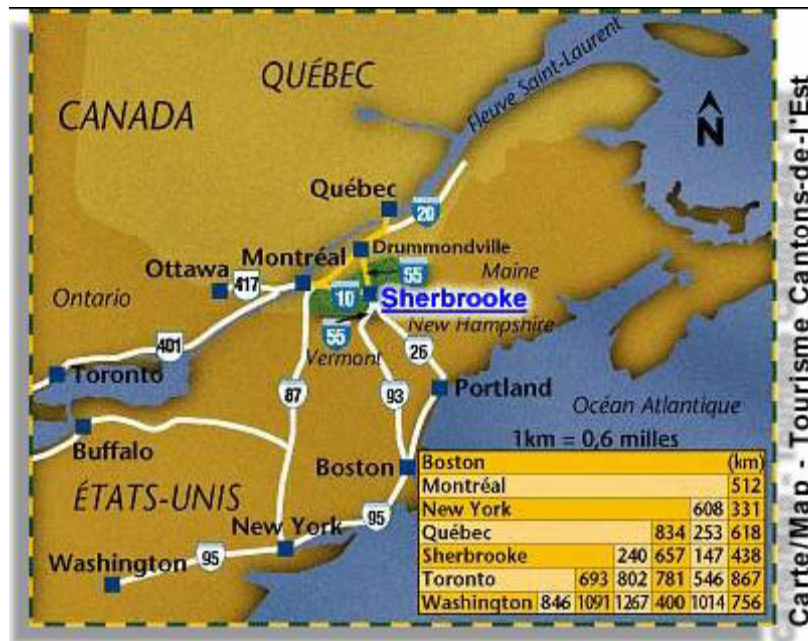


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- Living expenses are cheaper than big city as Montreal, but not all the facility are here. Housing is cheaper relatively to other city, it coast between 350-500can\$ depending on the size.



- Sherbrooke is a French city. However, due to the fact that a large portion of its residents are students in the University, you will not find a difficult to communicate in English.

Knowledge of Official Languages	Number	Proportion (%)
English only	2,325	1,7
French only	79,240	58,6
English and French	53,340	39,4
Neither English nor French	390	0,3

Sources : Statistics Canada. 1996 Census

Mother Tongue	Number	Proportion (%)
English	7,595	5,7
French	122,500	91,4
Non-official languages	3,940	2,9

Sources : Statistics Canada. 1996 Census

Weather conditions:

very windy and snowy in the winter, temperature can easily reach -45 °C, rainy (good shower) in the autumn and spring with temp between 5-15 °C, short summer with hot temp and humidity can reach +28 °C or more.

People enjoy this variation by practicing different activities that fit every season. Maybe you will find it hard at the beginning, but you will get use to it –and most probably you will enjoy it- with the time.



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City Attractions :

The city of Sherbrooke, capitol of the Eastern Township region, possesses a wealth of treasures just waiting to be discovered. Sherbrooke, a city with a fascinating and eventful history, is known for its great hospitality. In the downtown area, you will admire the murals and get acquainted with the many interesting features of this part of the city.

Montreal and Quebec city are near Sherbrooke about 2-2.5 hrs by bus. Very beautiful landscape and nature, 2 rivers and small lake, good occasions in the summer to make some external activity. Very good university and excellent library and good studying facility

Discovering Sherbrooke as well as its natural setting comprising lakes, rivers, mountains and forests, will certainly contribute to making your stay here richer and more memorable.

Education system:

The city offers two parallel systems of education, in French and English, extending from primary to university levels. Sherbrooke is home to two reputable universities: l'Université de Sherbrooke (1954) and Bishop's University (1843).

Sherbrooke University (Université de Sherbrooke)

- 45,000 students
- The teaching staff: 3,000 professors and TAs
- Employees: 5,600 persons
- The University has two campuses. The main campus is located at Sherbrooke, while the health campus is located in the Fleurimont sector. Each one of these two campuses is equipped with residences being able to accommodate on the whole 1220 students.
- For the 3rd consecutive year, Université de Sherbrooke is ranked **the best university in Québec, and one the best 3 universities in Canada**. It is also the **best in Canada** regarding the quality of the services it offers to the students, and their preparation to the profile appropriate to their future career.
- One of the great services the University offers its students is the **free access to the common transport system** using the student card. This service aims reducing the pollution and traffic bottlenecks (which actually doesn't exist)



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City Drawbacks

Hilly city, so u should walk for the slopes carefully specially in the winter. Studying city, no big entertainments, It is a small quite city. Some Egyptians find it too quite. Others say that it is *the village with town facilities*.

U should have a good French to communicate with peoples not all of them speak in English, and even they know the English they insist to use their mother tongue. A slightly difficult dialect, and could be tame. Not all facilities are accessible to English spoken persons.

Some Egyptians encounter communication and integration problems due the French language barrier. The special French accent of the residents of the region makes the communication task even harder.

Size of the Egyptian Community: small Egyptian community, about 25 students, some family, someone of them is very helpful. it is continually growing. However, there is a big Muslim and Arabic community, especially from French speaking countries like Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia.

Advices for new comers:

Learning French before coming to Sherbrooke will make your stay much easier and advantageous. Even a basic level with French will help a lot. People here are very opened to other cultures. If they notice that you don't speak French very well, they will try to help you, and in the same time they will appreciate you effort to speak French.

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