

MEDIA ADVISORY

uOttawa joins forces with Kanata North to drive innovation

November 6, 2018 – Ottawa, ON – The University of Ottawa announces a new venture to join forces with Kanata North industry to create Ottawa's new epicentre of innovation.

To launch this initiative, uOttawa is working very closely with the Kanata North Business Association, which has been leading industry involvement in the project.

Bridging the gap between academia and industry, this initiative will provide local companies with access to more of the skills, programs and resources necessary to compete and grow. More specifically, the uOttawa X Kanata North initiative will:

- Stimulate knowledge transfer and facilitate access to uOttawa talent, researchers and educational programs by setting up a physical presence in Kanata North
- Help foster innovation through joint research projects
- Offer seminars, workshops and classes that meet the specific needs of the Kanata North community and make the University's research capacities better known
- Connect industry and students through co-op placements, internships and alumni

KNBA welcomes uOttawa to the Kanata Tech Park as a much-needed element in a successful technology ecosystem, where industry-driven solutions flourish and research breakthroughs become commercial realities. The University will take advantage of this new venture to mobilize its 5,000 alumni active in the high-tech industry by creating a regional council in Kanata North.

The evolution of the long term collaboration with the Kanata North Business Association has culminated in this announcement. For KNBA the last 6 months has been a tactical phase of a strategic collaboration that saw the formation of the Governance Committee and Programs Committee. Real vision to action! KNBA feels strongly about its role in making this formal presence happen and will ensure to support UofOttawa in this new epicentre of innovation to grow, scale, attract and retain talent in Canada's Largest Technology Park, Kanata North.

Members of the media are invited to attend the launch of the uOttawa-Kanata North initiative.

What: Wesley Clover Foundation's Tech Tuesday event

Who: Sylvain Charbonneau, vice-president, research, at the University of Ottawa
Hanan Anis, professor and director of the Chair in Entrepreneurial Engineering Design,
Faculty of Engineering, University of Ottawa

Jason Millar, assistant professor, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science,
Faculty of Engineering, University of Ottawa

WHEN: Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 5 PM to 8:30 PM

WHERE: The Marshes Golf Club, 320 Terry Fox Drive, Kanata | [map](#)

NOTE TO MEDIA: Jacques Beauvais, dean of Faculty of Engineering, University of Ottawa, and Veronica Farmer, acting director of operations for the Kanata North Business Association, are available for interviews prior to the event.

Quotes:

“Nationally, it is an opportunity to solidify Ottawa’s position as Canada’s leader in technology and business development, but the ultimate goal is to have Kanata North recognized globally as an international research park.”

- Jacques Frémont, president and vice-chancellor, University of Ottawa

“The most successful technology ecosystems around the world are defined by the close integration of industry and universities. With the uOttawa-Kanata North initiative, there are countless opportunities for the University of Ottawa to lend its research expertise to help companies grow. Conversely, we stand to benefit from the business savvy of those companies, to turn research breakthroughs into commercial reality.”

- Sylvain Charbonneau, vice-president, research, University of Ottawa

“Kanata North has been at the centre of Canada’s technology sector for decades but until now, it has lacked the academic component that is so integral to building successful, self-sustaining tech ecosystems.”

- Amy MacLeod, chair, [Kanata North Business Association](#)

“The Kanata North area has been home to some of my most successful companies, including Mitel and Newbridge Networks. And the industry here continues to thrive. As part of that growth, I am pleased to see the University of Ottawa taking steps to develop a stronger local presence.”

- Terry Matthews, technology entrepreneur

Learn more about the initiatives on the follow web pages :

EN: <https://research.uottawa.ca/special-projects/kanata-north>

FR : <https://recherche.uottawa.ca/projets-speciaux/kanata-nord>

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