

RULES OF THE AWARDS FOR GREATER MONTRÉAL COMPANIES WITH AN INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

INTRODUCTION

As part of the Strategic Forum on International Exchange at the Heart of Economic Growth, for the second edition of the Internationalization initiative, the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, Montréal International and Investissement Québec have decided to organize an awards ceremony to honour companies that contribute to Quebec's influence and growth here and abroad.

This award ceremony will be held during a business luncheon.

Award categories

Four awards will be presented to companies that have distinguished themselves in the following categories:

1. Best Export Strategy
2. Best Foreign Investment Strategy
3. Best International Talent Attraction and Retention Strategy
4. Best Digital Data Management Strategy

These categories represent the four areas analyzed in the study on international exchanges and are also the four themes of our Strategic Forum.

PARTICIPATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Candidates

All companies and organizations established in Greater Montréal are eligible for the competition. They must complete the application form by the deadline of Friday, December 13, 2019, to be considered for this competition.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS AND WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Selection process:

Companies are invited to complete the form in the category in which they wish to apply. Companies may apply in more than one category. Completed entry forms will be submitted to a jury of independent experts.

Jury

The jury members will be announced shortly.

The jury will select three or four finalists for each of the four award categories. The same jury will then select the winners in each category from among the finalists.

The deliberation process will be confidential. The decision of the jury is final and without appeal.

Each member of the jury will sign a confidentiality agreement (NDA).

If there is a conflict of interest with a member of the jury in a category, the jury member will have to withdraw from judging that category.

Rewards

The winners will be announced on January 31, 2020, at the business luncheon in honour of companies with an international focus. This event will bring together approximately 400 influential people from the institutional, political and business communities, including foreign companies that have recently established themselves in the city.

At the event, each finalist company will be named with a screen-projected animation to highlight why they were selected as one of the four finalists.

The winners will receive a trophy and will be invited to say a word of thanks on stage.

All finalists selected in each category will benefit from a promotional campaign through the networks of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, Montréal International and Investissement Québec a few weeks before January 31, 2020, when the winners will be announced.

The finalist companies in each category undertake to participate in the award ceremony. One representative per finalist company will be offered a place free of charge. Finalist companies will also have the exclusive opportunity to purchase a table or other individual tickets for this event.

The winners will also win a pair of tickets to the Artificial Intelligence Forum on February 24, 2020.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Communication

Winners agree to all communications on their achievements contained in their submission, with the exception of items that have been identified as confidential.

In order to compile a collection of testimonies and experiences, the winners undertake to grant free use of their names and the writings submitted in the application file.

Confidentiality

The Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, Montréal International and Investissement Québec undertake to ensure that the information provided in application files that is expressly stipulated as confidential remains limited to the exclusive use of the jury members.

Finalist companies may ask the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, Montréal International and Investissement Québec to sign a confidentiality agreement (NDA).

Truthfulness

Candidates certify that the information provided is true to the best of their knowledge.