



uOttawa iGEM integrating business and science

University of Ottawa iGEM 2009



This year's team has put a lot of emphasis on the convergence of science and business. For starters, the uOttawa team has put together a fundraising team which raised over 30000\$. Through this, students gained great communication skills and professionalism. This also provided the team with the opportunity to do a whole lot of networking by attending numerous conferences such as the Montreal biotech, Biotechnology week at the University of Ottawa, the Museum of Science and Technology, etc. These conferences taught the team how to approach and address different businesses.

As of this year, the uOttawa iGEM team was awarded *The Fund for the Development of Initiatives on the Quality of Learning and the Student Experience* which is designed to help implement innovative projects aimed at improving the quality of the student experience through intervention in one or several of the identified areas: level of intellectual challenge, active and collaborative learning, professor-student interaction, promotion of an educational environment and the social environment and professional relations.

Our future goals involves joining the Technology Venture Challenge (TVC), which is “a not-for-profit competition run by volunteers from the educational and business community and is supported by sponsors.”

The 'TVC' is Ottawa's most prestigious competition for encouraging post-secondary students to act on their innovative ideas. Students who participate in the TVC benefit by meeting Ottawa's top technology entrepreneurs, investors, and business professionals. The top three proposals will demonstrate their innovation proposal to an esteemed audience for a grand prize of \$10,000.