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SUPER EXPO-SCIENCES HYDRO-QUÉBEC, QUEBEC FINAL 2025

Hydro-Québec First Prize awarded to the project *F.L.E.X.* by Mateo Jarquin

Montreal, April 13, 2025 – At the close of the **2025 edition of the Super Expo-sciences Hydro-Québec**, held this weekend in collaboration with the Cégep du Vieux Montréal, the members of the jury awarded the highest distinction, the **Hydro-Québec First Prize**, to the project **F.L.E.X.**, by **Mateo Jarquin**, a pre-university student at the Champlain College Lennoxville (Estrie). Mateo walked away with a \$1,500 bursary, a trophy and a trip for two to Baie-James.

Mateo sums up his conception project as follows:

"I have designed and created a robotic hand capable of using a camera, from anywhere, to remotely control a robotic hand of my own design. This project accurately responds to your hand movements in real time and uses simple coding that could one day be applied to service people, corporations, or the planet in many ways. This project is a demonstration of hands-free technology, as well as design, 3D printing, coding, and robotics."

In addition to the Hydro-Québec First Prize, the winner also received the following awards:

- Participation in the 2025 Canada-Wide Science Fair
- Réseau Technoscience College Gold Medal, accompanied by a \$300 bursary from Réseau Technoscience
- Université du Québec Award Bursary for the next generation of scientists, which
 covers the tuition fees for a bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in a
 program offered at one of the institutions belonging to the Quebec Universities
 network, at the choice of the recipient.

The awards ceremony also rewarded the work of many other participants by distributing over \$150,000 in prizes and bursaries.

The adventure continues for the **8 winners behind the 7 projects** selected in the Quebec final, who will be attending the **Canada-Wide Science Fair 2025**, to be held in New-Brunswick from May 31 to June 7. It will be an opportunity for this talented up-and-coming generation to fly the flag for Quebec.

Summaries of the projects presented at the Super Expo-sciences Hydro-Québec, Quebec final 2025 are available at <u>technoscience.ca</u>.

Photos from the event are available <u>here</u>.

<u>Catch the replay</u> of Thomas Milan's Twitch livestream of the event on his channel *Sciences à la carte.*

The awards ceremony webcast is available on <u>Facebook</u> and on the <u>Réseau</u> <u>Technoscience YouTube</u> channel.

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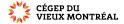
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About Réseau Technoscience

With members across Quebec, Réseau Technoscience's mission is to stimulate and transmit a passion for science, technology and innovation among young people, while encouraging the emergence of the next generation of scientists. Each year, nearly 150,000 young people at primary, secondary and college levels are reached by its various programs: Expo-sciences, Défis technologiques, Les Débrouillards – Animations scientifiques, l'Odyssée de l'objet and Innovateurs à l'école et à la bibliothèque. Réseau Technoscience also distributes a number of science teaching kits and activities for primary and secondary schools. Réseau Technoscience programs are financially supported by the ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie, through the NovaScience program.

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This program is designed to promote a greater understanding of science and technology among young people and the general public, and the development of the next generation of scientists and technologists.