
Social Innovation Broker

for the reinforcement of CRIR's services

What is an innovation broker?

An innovation broker is a local contact and support for CRIR researchers regarding the mobilization and application of their research projects results.

This service is a joint initiative of [Axelys](#), *Université de Montréal* and its affiliated institutes, centres and schools, including CRIR.

What is the commercialization of research in the context of CRIR's activities?

It is the mobilization and application of the results of research conducted at CRIR in order to have a positive impact on the health of populations and society more generally. In the context of CRIR, particular attention will be paid to the mobilization and application of research results leading to social and techno-social innovations. This refers to any new approach, intervention, cutting-edge practice or technology aimed at having positive impacts on the sensory, motor and cognitive functions and activities of people with physical disabilities and on their participation and social inclusion. This also includes the evaluation and implementation of best clinical and organizational practices in rehabilitation services.

Why use this service?

- ☞ Because you want to develop concrete impacts of your research on the health of populations and their benefits for society in general.
- ☞ Because you want to develop collaborative research with external partners and you have questions about the various elements to consider in the development of such projects, including intellectual property issues.
- ☞ Because you want to explore the possibilities of an idea, a research axis or project and you are looking for partners.
- ☞ Because you have questions or need information on funding opportunities related to mobilization and application of research results.
- ☞ Because you need personalized support:
 - For the set-up or development of a new project or activity mobilization and application of research results (including intellectual property aspects).
 - For the follow-up of an ongoing project mobilization and application of research results (including intellectual property aspects).
 - To develop a business model or a value proposition related to your research.

These services are complementary to those offered by **Alida Esmail**, Partnership and Knowledge Mobilization Coordinator (partenariat.crir@ssss.gouv.qc.ca).

Do not hesitate to contact Thomas and Alida simultaneously if you are unsure about a request.

Requesting services and making an appointment

Every Tuesday morning, **Thomas Gulian** will be available at the IURDPM from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. He will be available to meet with you in person or, if you wish, a Zoom meeting can also be offered during this time.

Thomas Gulian will also be available between Tuesday afternoons and Fridays for a virtual meeting (by Zoom).

Information, contact:



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Social Innovation Broker

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