

# Grad Viewbook

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2024-25



McGill



# Made by trailblazers, risk-takers, and dreamers

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/ **#1** Canadian medical-  
doctoral university for  
**20** consecutive years

/ Among the top **29**  
universities *in the world*

/ **147** Rhodes Scholarships  
awarded to McGill students

/ **32%** of entering students  
are international

/ **26%** of McGill students  
are graduate-level

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*McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.*



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**For over 200 years, McGillians have made history, blazing new trails in virtually every field.**

McGill attracts some of the brightest minds from around the world. Our students win more national and international awards on average than their peers at any other Canadian university.

This success stems from a simple philosophy: we believe that ideas are made to be challenged. At McGill, we inspire each other to dream big, to try our best, and to achieve more than we ever thought possible.



# Discover Montreal

*Quartiers des spectacles*, just steps from McGill, hosts some of the 80+ festivals that pass through Montreal each year.

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# #1

## student city in North America

(QS 2025)

### Affordable, multilingual, and bursting with culture

Montreal is one of the safest and most affordable cities in the world. Ranked as one of Canada's top student cities and among the best internationally, Montreal is the perfect place for an unbeatable student experience.

### Montreal offers an incredible experience year-round

Explore Montreal's 21 vast city parks in the spring with friends. Hike the stunning Mont Royal mountain in the fall (just steps from our Downtown Campus!) or go ice skating on McGill's Lower Field in the winter. Attend one of the 100+ music and cultural festivals taking place across the city in the summer. No matter what sparks your passion, you'll find it here.

### Weather in Montreal



**SUMMER**  
17 C / 27 C  
62 F / 81 F



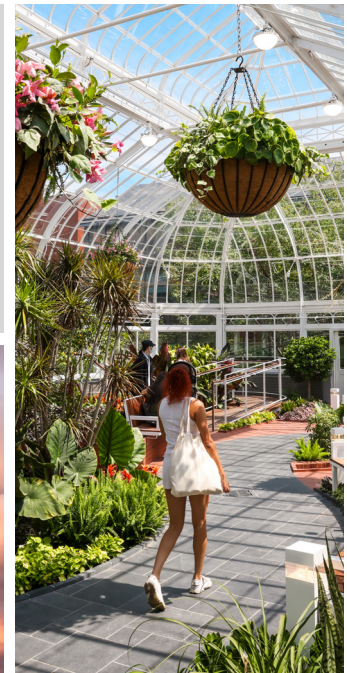
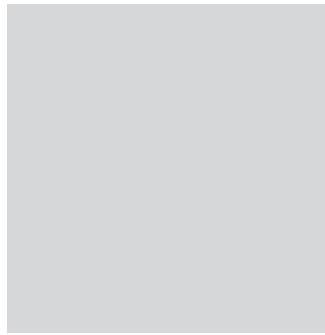
**WINTER**  
-12 C / -4 C  
10 F / 25 F



**FALL**  
5 C / 14 C  
41 F / 57 F



**SPRING**  
9 C / 20 C  
48 F / 68 F



Courtesy of Tourisme Montreal. Clockwise from top: Atwater Market © Jean-François Savaria; Plateau Montreal @Sylvie Li @ Shoot Studio; Botanical Gardens @Jean Francois Savaria; Parc Jean-Drapeau © Eva Blue; La Ronde © Jean-François Savaria



# Unique campuses to explore

From the heart of the city, to a serene campus surrounded by nature



## Downtown Campus

Modern buildings, historic architecture, and expansive green spaces are nestled in the heart of Montreal's main shopping district. Our Downtown Campus is a stunning place to explore - with cafés, world-class restaurants, and the city's best nightlife just steps away.



## Macdonald Campus

Just 40 minutes from the Downtown Campus, the stunning Macdonald Campus sits on 1,600 acres of waterfront property. "Mac" mixes high-tech and nature, with computerized greenhouses and culinary laboratories next to bike trails and Canada's largest arboretum. A free shuttle bus connects Mac to Downtown.

Visit our campuses  
in person or virtually [→](#)









# Cost and funding

Montreal is a safe, accessible, and affordable city with a low cost of living compared to other student cities like Toronto, Boston, Paris, and London.

Tuition at McGill is also very affordable. For research programs, tuition in Québec is the lowest among our Canadian peers.

These factors make McGill an accessible option to pursue graduate studies in one of the top universities in the world.

**Cost of attendance** →  
Future Graduate Students

**Student Living Costs** →  
I choose Montréal  
([jechoisismontreal.com](http://jechoisismontreal.com))

**Graduate Fees** →  
Student Accounts





## Funding

McGill recognizes that its continuing success in attracting top students rests on its ability to provide competitive graduate student financial support. Adequate funding allows our students to focus on their studies and research and thrive during their time at McGill. McGill graduate students received more than \$184M in funding in 2022/2023, an amount that is expected to increase yearly.

Students accepted to our thesis-based graduate degree programs receive a funding letter with their offer of admission. Funding levels vary by Faculty and program.

Find more information about funding expectations:

[How Graduate Funding Works | Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies - McGill University](#)

## External Awards

McGill prides itself on recruiting top graduate students who go on to win prestigious external awards such as the [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#) and the scholarships from the [Fonds de Recherche du Québec](#). We provide extensive application support for these and other [funding opportunities](#). We also provide ample opportunities for complementary funding, such as the [Graduate Mobility Award](#) for travel outside of the province of Québec, and funding for [graduate internships](#).

Average rent per month for 1 bedroom apartment:	New York:	Los Angeles:	Vancouver:
	\$4,757	\$3,942	\$2,945
	Toronto:	London, UK:	Montreal:
	\$2,572	\$2,500	\$1,712

\*All figures in Canadian dollars. U.S. data based on an exchange rate of \$1.25 CAD to \$1 USD.



# Get the most out of your graduate experience

McGill grad students know how to balance work and play. Our rich campus culture makes it easy to develop your skills, meet new people, and get involved.



First Peoples' House



Black Students' Financial Society

## Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) and Post-Graduate Student Associations (PGSAs)

Meet other graduate students from across the university by participating in PGSS events, or relax with friends at Thomson House, PGSS' restaurant and bar for graduate students.

Interested in contributing to graduate student life? Join a PGSS committee or get involved with one of the many vibrant departmental [post-graduate student associations](#) at McGill.

## Learn a new language

There are many ways to learn French for free in Québec – from government-sponsored programs to online and peer learning.

McGill offers tons of language classes, including *French for Professional Communication* through the School of Continuing Studies.

Whether you're new to a language or looking to improve your skills, we've got you covered.



## Build skills for your career

**Graphos:** Offers courses, workshops, and peer writing groups to help with everything from scholarship applications to your thesis.

**myPath:** Supports students by helping them establish meaningful goals using research-based approaches and exercises.

**SKILLSETS:** Enables students to achieve these goals by facilitating skills development in various areas, including project and finance management, presentation skills, funding applications, and mentorship and supervision.

**Three Minute Thesis (3MT):** A university-wide competition where graduate students share, in English or French, their cutting-edge research with a live-audience in three minutes and a single slide. Winners advance to regional and national competitions.

**Career Planning Service:** Offers workshops, programming, and individualized career advising tailored to the unique needs of graduate students to help you prepare for jobs both within and outside academia.



## Find community and support

**Black Students' Network:** Offers social and political events, mentoring, and resources by and for Black students.

**Queer McGill:** Offers social, political, and informational support services by and for queer students, including events and resources for 2SLGBTQ+ students.

**First Peoples' House:** Provides a sense of community and a voice to Indigenous students, including those who have left their home communities to pursue higher education. They offer academic support, scholarships and bursaries, mentorship, and also host student groups.

**Student Accessibility and Achievement:** Offers services for students with disabilities, helps to facilitate the inclusion of diverse learners, and supports students who have faced barriers to education.

**International Student Services:** Provides support for international students through all stages of their McGill journey. This includes obtaining and renewing immigration documents, health insurance, and work permits.

**Student Wellness Hub:** Provides access to clinicians and a variety of health resources, including a [Local Wellness Advisor](#) dedicated exclusively to supporting graduate students. Their specialized team includes nurses, doctors, psychiatrists, counsellors, and dietitians.

**Office of Religious and Spiritual Life:** Offers workshops, events, publications, and a free lounge and meditation space. All students are welcome, from any faith and religious denominations – including those with no religious affiliation!





# Faculties and programs

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Choose from over 450 graduate-level programs, including graduate certificates and diplomas, Masters (thesis and non-thesis), and PhDs.

Research conducted at McGill is often interdisciplinary and cuts across programs and academic units (departments, schools or institutes).

**Cotutelles** are offered at the doctoral level for students interested in pursuing a PhD degree under joint supervision between McGill and a partner institution abroad.

Although renowned as a research-intensive university, McGill also offers a wide variety of professional programs (e.g., non-thesis) which are not research-based.

**Find your program** [→](#)





## Faculty of Arts

[McGILL.CA/ARTS](https://mccgill.ca/arts)

Develop the communication, analytical, and critical thinking skills you need to debate, find creative solutions, and share your ideas.

**Study topics like:** English, languages, history, philosophy, and sociology



## Faculty of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

[McGILL.CA/MACDONALD](https://mccgill.ca/macdonald)

Help build a more sustainable world by ensuring that humanity's need for food, health, and natural resource are met, all while protecting the environment.

**Study topics like:** agricultural, nutritional & environmental sciences, dietetics and bioresource engineering



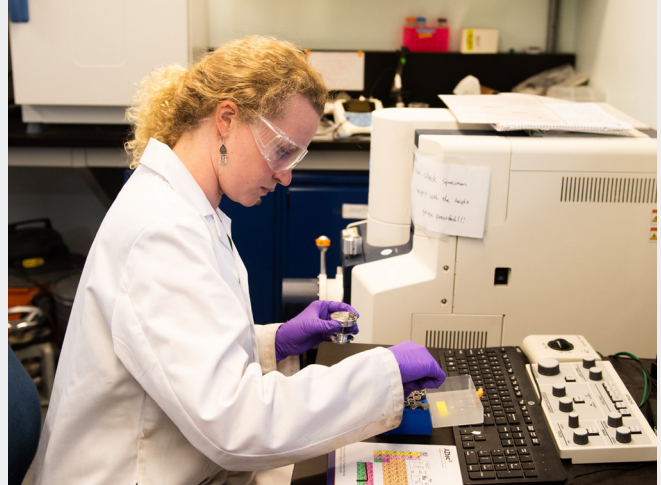


## Faculty of Education

[McGILL.CA/EDUCATION](http://McGILL.CA/EDUCATION)

Help shape the future of education and human development alongside leading researchers.

**Study topics like:** integrated studies in education, kinesiology & physical education, and educational & counselling psychology



## Faculty of Engineering

[McGILL.CA/ENGINEERING](http://McGILL.CA/ENGINEERING)

Develop core fundamentals in math, science, and technology while taking specialized courses relevant to your research area.

**Study topics like:** civil, software, chemical, and electrical engineering, as well as architecture



## Desautels Faculty of Management

[McGILL.CA/DESAUTELS](http://McGILL.CA/DESAUTELS)

Study at one of the world's top international business schools and build your critical, creative thinking, and problem solving skills.

**Study topics like:** accounting, finance, marketing, retail management, and human resources



## Schulich School of Music

[McGILL.CA/MUSIC](http://McGILL.CA/MUSIC)

Experience the highest international standards of excellence in musical training with 200+ professors, ensembles and performance opportunities, and programs in research and technology.

**Study topics like:** orchestra, jazz, composition, and music science & technology





## Faculty of Science

[MCGILL.CA/SCIENCE](https://mcgill.ca/science)

Find solutions critical to economic and human development by exploring key questions in the natural sciences, new materials, and new technologies.

**Study topics like:** chemistry, physics, computer science, psychology, and neuroscience



## Faculty of Law

[MCGILL.CA/LAW](https://mcgill.ca/law)

We offer a distinct approach to law as a pluralistic, social, and interactive discipline. Work towards a Master of Laws (LLM), Doctor of Civil Law (DCL), or Graduate Certificate (GC).

**Study topics like:** dispute resolution, legal pluralism & human rights, legal theory & comparative law, public policy, and business law



## Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences

[MCGILL.CA/MEDHEALTHSCI](https://mcgill.ca/medhealthsci)

Help improve the health of populations worldwide alongside leading health professionals and scientists, doing just this since 1829.

**Study topics like:** biochemistry, epidemiology, family medicine, microbiology & immunology, nursing, oncology, and psychiatry



## Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences

[MCGILL.CA/DENTISTRY](https://mcgill.ca/dentistry)

Learn the latest developments in research, innovation, and education for oral health and well-being from top practitioners.

**Study topics like:** pain & neuroscience; biomaterials, nano-biotechnology & tissue engineering, and population oral health



# Interfaculty programs

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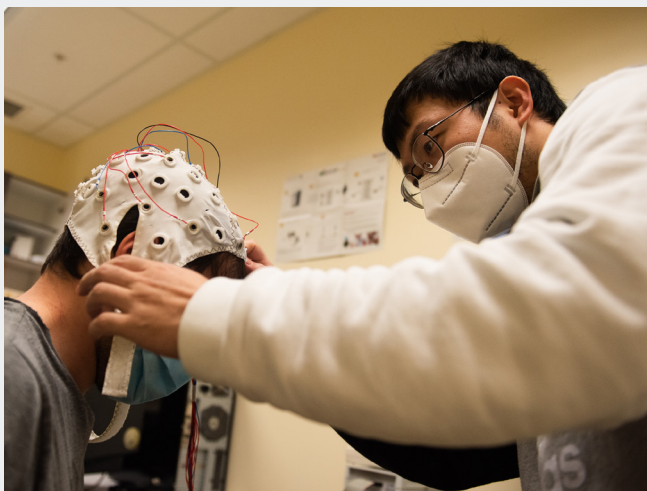
Interfaculty programs respond to the growing demand for interdisciplinary research, leveraging research clusters and faculty collaborations across disciplines. Study with leading scientists and acquire the tools necessary to conduct cutting-edge research.



## Biological and Biomedical Engineering

[McGILL.CA/BBME](https://mccgill.ca/bbme)

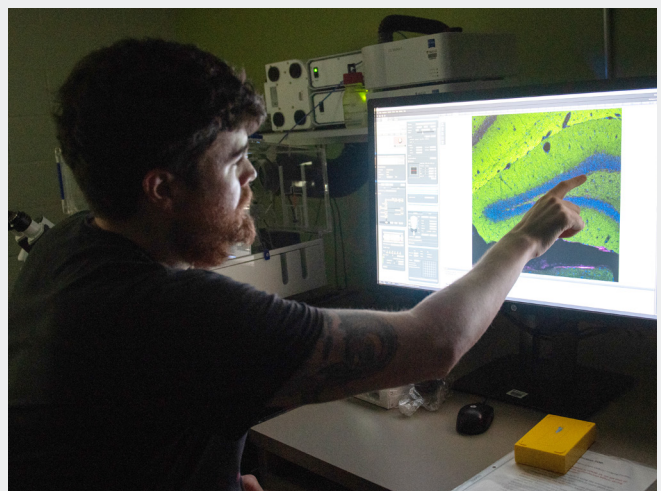
Choose from a research-intensive Master's (thesis) program, a Master's (non-thesis) program with a concentration in biomanufacturing, or a Doctoral program that integrates quantitative concepts and engineering tools for the study of life sciences and/or patient care. BBME programs prepare students for careers in industry, academia, hospitals, and government.



## Integrated Program in Neuroscience

[McGILL.CA/IPN](https://mccgill.ca/ipn)

Execute cutting-edge research in diverse fields of neuroscience, ranging from cellular and molecular, to behavioural and cognitive. IPN is the largest graduate neuroscience program in North America.



## Quantitative Life Sciences

[McGILL.CA/QLS](https://mccgill.ca/qls)

Address the most important and challenging problems in life sciences fields such as biology, medicine, and the environment, and help solve them by building and implementing the latest mathematical, statistical, computational, and/or quantitative approaches.







# Join a welcoming international community

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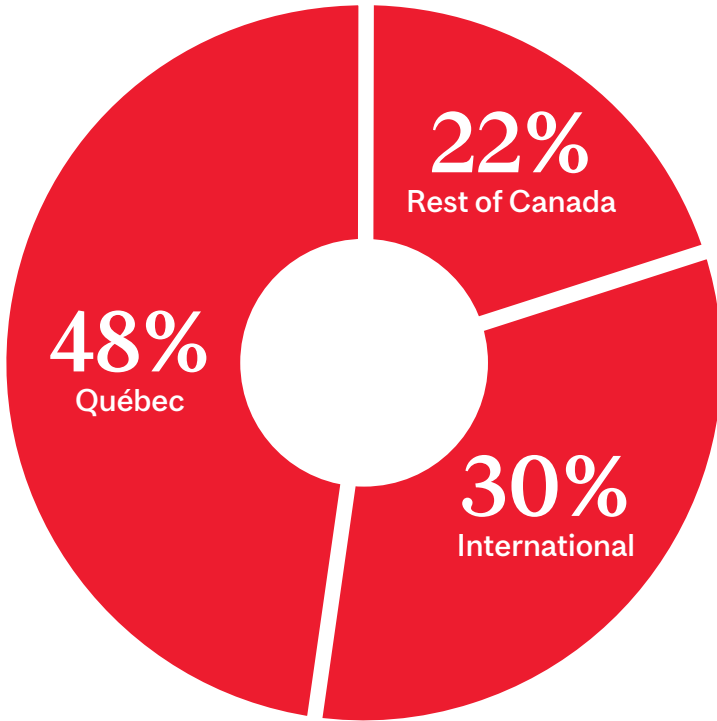
McGill's 39,000+ students come from more than 150 countries and territories around the world.



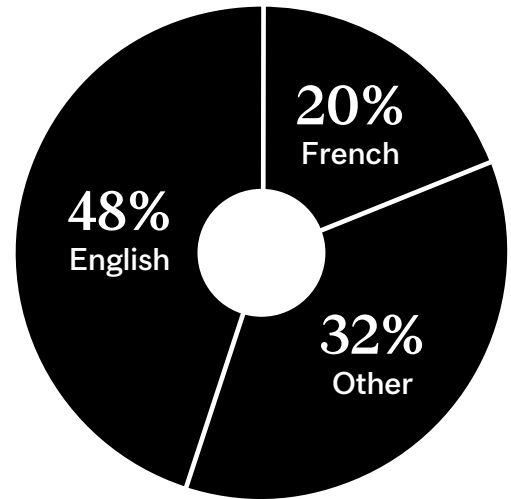


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McGill has **the most internationally diverse** student population of any university in Canada.



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE**



**MOTHER TONGUE**

All figures based on 2023 enrolments







# Experiential learning opportunities

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## Graduate Internships

Internships provide valuable learning experiences, potential career paths, and continuous networking opportunities. The high-level skills and knowledge you have earned during your graduate studies give you the flexibility to explore a variety of industries and organizations. McGill offers support to pursue internships for master and doctoral students through programs like the Doctoral Internship Program and the Graduate Internship Program for Engineering and Science.

**Graduate Internship Program for Engineering and Computer Science Testimonials** →

## Graduate Mobility Awards

Graduate students can benefit from the [Graduate Mobility Award](#) to engage in mobility for research activities such as field work, archival work, visits to specialized labs or collaboration with international partners. Launched in 2016, the program has grown in popularity and in 2022/23 disbursed a record \$1M in graduate mobility awards and has funded over one thousand students to conduct research in over 80 countries around the world.

**Doctoral Internship Program Testimonials** →



# Outreach programs

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As a McGill graduate student, you have many opportunities to go beyond the classroom and get involved in your community.

## Outreach programs:

- [Branches - McGill's Community Outreach Program at Enrolment Services](#)
- [AES](#)
- [Engineering](#)
- [Indigenous students](#)
- [Law](#)
- [Medicine and Health Sciences](#)
- [Neuroscience/BrainReach](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Steinberg Centre for Simulation and Interactive Learning](#)



Engineering - Water filtration activity hosted at the Kahnawà:ke Youth Center



# A degree recognized across the globe

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Around the world, employers know the value of the McGill experience. McGill ranks as a top university worldwide for graduate employability.<sup>1</sup> No matter where your dreams lead you, a McGill degree will open doors.

1. Times Higher Education, 2022

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McGill boasts a network of over 300,000 alumni, working and living in 180 countries. Through history, we've counted among our graduates:

/ **3** Canadian Prime Ministers

/ **5** Astronauts

/ **4** Pulitzer Prize winners

/ **12** Supreme Court of Canada Justices

/ **9** Academy Award winners

/ **156** Olympians





# Bringing new tools to cancer research

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## Matthew Salaciak, Experimental Medicine

Matthew was working on his BSc in computer science and computational arts when he learned of his mother's cancer diagnosis. Spurred into action but lacking a background in the life sciences, Matthew applied to a graduate program in Experimental Medicine at McGill, which allowed him to use his expertise in computer science to help solve problems in the field of cancer

research. Now a volunteer at the McGill student-founded Intensive Care Unit Bridge Program - which offered him support during his mother's treatment - Matthew has found a new purpose for his academic career: "Everything that I'm trying to do [with my research] is to improve patient care - even if I'm not part of a healthcare professional team, I'm also contributing."

**Learn about Matthew's journey** [→](#)







# How to apply

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## Find your program

Choose from over 450 programs, across two campuses and 50+ research centres and institutes. Can't decide between two programs? Apply to both! The application lets you enter up to two program choices. You will be considered separately for each one.

[Find your program](#)

## Know your deadlines

Mark your calendar with important dates regarding your application. Deadlines vary depending on your citizenship status (domestic or international) and the program(s) you're applying to.

## Familiarize yourself with admission requirements

Minimum admission requirements include a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent as recognized by McGill) in a subject closely related to the one selected for graduate studies, and proof of English proficiency. Carefully review program-specific requirements as they may vary.

[Learn about requirements](#)

## Contact your department

The Graduate Program Coordinator will be your main contact for questions about the program.

[Contact your department](#)

## Identify potential supervisors

**Master's Thesis** and **PhD** applicants should search and view faculty member profiles for the department they are applying to in order to identify potential supervisors with similar research interests.

## Consult funding opportunities

McGill University is committed to providing financial support for graduate education. Learn more about [how graduate students are funded](#) and what [external funding](#) may be available.

**Consult the guide** 



# Keep in touch

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Ready to join our community of trailblazers, risk-takers and dreamers?

Connect with us to stay on top of deadlines and receive invites to info sessions about graduate studies at McGill.

Don't miss out. Start your McGill journey today.

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