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Why choose McGill?

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The main things that attracted me to McGill were the quality of the faculty, the University's global perspective and international reputation, and the entrepreneurial spirit of the student body. I think the most rewarding thing about studying at McGill has been being exposed to so many passionate individuals working in so many fields.

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BCom'09, is a Management undergraduate from Mexico studying International Business and Global Strategic Management. She hopes to pursue a career in sustainable business development before returning to Mexico to work in environmental conservation.

McGILL AND MONTREAL – A GREAT UNIVERSITY, A SPECIAL CITY

McGill is one of the world's great universities located at the heart of one of North America's most appealing and cosmopolitan cities. Montreal is lively, sophisticated, fun and affordable.

With an international reputation for academic excellence, McGill offers innovative, flexible and interdisciplinary programs on two campuses – in the Arts, Sciences, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Law, Management, Languages and Music. Interested in environmental sciences, international development, astrophysics or Canadian studies? McGill has more than 300 academic programs to suit your needs and provide you with a world-class educational experience.

Montreal's 3.6 million people are renowned for their international flair and joie de vivre. The city has a thriving arts and cultural scene, and it is home to one of the largest student populations on the continent. It boasts a vibrant nightlife, the old-world charm of historic architecture set in a modern metropolis, and the multilingual, multicultural buzz of one of the world's great French cities.



BONJOUR MCGILL!

While McGill is an English-language university, about 6,000 of its students claim French as their first language – nearly 20% of the student population. At Macdonald Campus, 60% of students are francophone.

- Students have the option to write major papers and exams in French.
- McGill's First-Year Office has a special assistant for francophone students to help them adapt to studying in English.
- Studying in Montreal offers English-speaking students a wonderful opportunity to learn French, and courses in French as a Second Language are open to students in any program.

MONTREAL AT A GLANCE:

- Health care, TV, radio, museums, entertainment, shopping and most public services are readily available in French and English.
- Mount Royal Park is adjacent to the downtown McGill campus and features walking and jogging trails, skiing and cycling paths, a winter skating rink and more.
- Year-round, Montreal is a city of festivals, including the internationally acclaimed jazz, comedy and film festivals.
- Public transit in the city is affordable and efficient; it includes 189 bus routes and 68 subway stations on the Metro.
- The city features 30 kilometres (18.5 miles) of underground pedestrian walkways and an extensive network of bicycle paths.

MCGILL AT A GLANCE:

- The University was founded in 1821, thanks to the philanthropy of James McGill, a prominent Scottish merchant in Montreal.
- McGill has two campuses: a main campus in downtown Montreal and Macdonald Campus in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. There is a convenient inter-campus shuttle bus service.
- There are 11 faculties and 10 schools at McGill, as well as 8 affiliated teaching hospitals.
- McGill has approximately 24,000 undergraduate and 7,000 graduate students.
- McGill has over 150 student clubs that appeal to all interests: student newspapers, modern dance, chess, the McGill debating union, improv theatre, ski team, Engineers Without Borders, the McGill Choral Society, the Savoy Society and many more.

McGill opens doors around the world



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I have been fortunate enough to grow up in the backyard of an iconic academic institution that has consistently maintained an international reputation for excellence. I chose McGill not only to learn from those who have built this community but to give back to it as well.

ANTHONY RIZZUTO, MDCM'10, came from Champlain Regional College in St. Lambert, Quebec, to study Medicine at McGill. He is a volunteer at the Montreal General Hospital in his spare time and is learning Cantonese, his fourth language.

AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

McGill is recognized world-wide for excellence in teaching and research.

- McGill stands with the top dozen universities in the world, according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, which has placed it alongside Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, Yale and similarly prestigious institutions.
- For three consecutive years (2005-2007), McGill has placed first in Canada among medical-doctoral universities in the Maclean's University Rankings.
- McGill's students have the highest average entering grades in Canada. McGill has produced 128 Rhodes Scholars, more than any other Canadian university.
- McGill's outstanding faculty are internationally respected scientists and scholars. They include 126 members of the Royal Society of Canada, 163 Canada Research Chairs, and nearly 800 dynamic new professors who have been hired since 2000.

AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

McGill's reputation attracts students and faculty from around the world.

- Our students come from 160 countries.
- McGill research networks and international development projects reach out across the globe. There are over 100 international research and development partnerships.
- Study abroad and exchange programs, internships and field study programs all provide students with a wealth of opportunities to broaden their educational experience in another country.
- The McGill alumni network is nearly 200,000 strong, with contacts and opportunities nearly everywhere you go after graduation.

Learning from innovative research



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Many of my professors and teaching assistants have been inspirational through the passion with which they discuss their research and their enthusiasm for teaching. And studying in downtown Montreal has allowed me to be immersed in a vibrant cultural milieu without compromising my academics.

KAREN BODIE, BEng'11, is a third-year student from Vancouver studying Mechanical Engineering, and doing a minor in Biomedical Engineering. She has served as the Vice-President of the Engineering Undergraduate Society and volunteered for Engineers Without Borders, an NGO promoting human development through access to technology.

McGill has a long tradition of innovation, from Ernest Rutherford's Nobel Prize-winning research on radioactivity to the work being done today exploring nanotechnology or developing new treatments for cancer. And at McGill, research goes hand in hand with teaching. The same people who are on the leading edge of research in their fields are also at the front of your classroom.

Research-based learning is common in many areas of study. There are also great opportunities for participating in faculty research as an undergraduate. In the 2007-08 academic year, there were almost 2,000 undergraduate researchers at McGill.

Our professors lead the country with the highest average research funding and number of publications. Their pioneering work is helping to develop alternative fuel technologies, deepen our understanding of DNA and epigenetics, and revolutionize agricultural practices in sub-Saharan Africa.

**McGILL FACULTY AND STUDENTS
ARE PUTTING THEIR RESEARCH TO
WORK ALL OVER THE PLANET:**

- Advancing human rights law through the McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism
- Bringing different cultures together through programs like the McGill Middle East Program in Civil Society and Peace Building
- Improving health conditions for the most underprivileged in the world through the McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy
- Battling the risks of infection by “superbugs” in a joint research project between McGill and Oxford
- Promoting sustainable societies with the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law
- Working with colleagues at African institutions to reduce vulnerability to HIV/AIDS
- Encouraging the teaching and learning of biological evolution through the Evolution Education Research Centre, in partnership with Harvard



McGill research strengths span a wide range of disciplines, including neuroscience, cancer research, law, climate change, agricultural and environmental sciences, new materials, genetics, metals and mining, language research, aerospace, humanities, social sciences, artificial intelligence, indigenous peoples, chemistry and industry, and education.





Get ready to succeed

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I wanted a school that would immerse me both in my art and my outside academic and extra-curricular interests. McGill was by far the best place for that. I can't think of any other reputable music school that could provide such amazing opportunities in a culturally rich and cosmopolitan city like Montreal!

Actively involved at McGill in student activities after coming from North Brookfield, Massachusetts, to study at the Schulich School of Music, **SEAN WAUGH**, BMus'08, is the founder of the Schulich Ambassadors program, a group of undergraduates who represent the School to visitors, friends and prospective students. In 2007, he received the Opera McGill Award and an Elizabeth Wirth Scholarship in Music.

IN SCHOOL...

During your studies, you'll find a wide range of support services are available to ensure you get the most out of your time here. Faculty advising, tutorial services, language labs, study seminars: when you need help, there is someone available to lend a hand.

...AND AFTER GRADUATION

McGill prepares you for the real world. Not only will many of your courses give you the practical skills you'll need in the work environment, but we have the resources to help you design your career path before you leave. There is an impressive range of career advising available at McGill's Career and Placement Service, and many faculties offer their own career services.

Many McGill programs are set up to let you do an internship in the workplace for one or two semesters. Some internships are paid, others are for credit. Visit www.mcgill.ca/internships for details.

THE MCGILL LIBRARY – KNOWLEDGE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

McGill Library provides the information resource infrastructure necessary for leading-edge teaching, learning and research activity. Consisting of 13 branch libraries and special collections, the Library extends far beyond these branches with numerous on-line resources available to students. In addition to the millions of books, journals and special materials in its collections, the Library has dramatically expanded its collection of e-books, e-journals and other electronic resources.

- Hundreds of computers in e-zones are available in all branch libraries.
- The new Cyberthèque in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library combines study and learning spaces with technology and multimedia – wireless connectivity, large plasma and LCD screens with laptop connections, printing and scanning services, and an electronic classroom. All are available for individual and group study.
- Refurbished spaces in most branch libraries provide attractive spaces conducive to individual study and group learning.



- From course readers and textbooks to compilations of data and rare books, the collections support learning and research on topics ranging from art history to zoology.
- Resource discovery tools and classes show you how to find the information you need and specialized software helps you organize what you find.
- Friendly, knowledgeable staff are always available to help out in person, over the phone, via e-mail, through the popular on-line chat service, or a friendly avatar in Second Life.

STUDENT SERVICES

Everywhere you turn on campus, there's someone who can help you, whether you are looking for academic advice, have questions about health care or are interested in a career workshop. McGill's many services for students include:

First-Year Office	Counselling Services
Tutorial Service	The McGill Bookstore
Scholarships and Student Financial Aid	Daycare Centre
Assistance for Francophone students	Chaplaincy Service
International Student Services	First Peoples' House
Off-Campus Housing	Office for Students with Disabilities
Health Services	Ombudsperson
Dental Clinic	Career and Placement Service (CAPS)



Feel right at
home at McGill

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Coming from a small Quebec town made the prospect of moving to the big city and studying at a large, renowned university scary at first. The student population of Montreal, along with the resources and warmth of the McGill community, made the transition quite easy for me.

Faculty of Arts student **ASHLEY ZIAI**, BA'10, came to McGill to major in International Relations, with a double minor in Middle East studies and languages. She's not only comfortable with McGill and Montreal now – she's working as a student tour guide at the University during the summer.

DORMS, APARTMENTS AND SHARED HOUSES

The people you meet and the friends you make are an important part of your university life. Each year, McGill residences house approximately 2,200 new first-year students. Residences offer a variety of accommodations, reflecting the diversity of our student population:

- Downtown residences are located both on campus and adjacent to it in a variety of settings, from the mountainside location of our dormitory halls to neighbourhood streets that feature shared-facilities housing and apartment residences.
- The award-winning Solin Hall has three- and four-bedroom apartments just west of campus and is close to a bustling public market.
- Royal Victoria College offers women-only housing.

- Accommodations for First Nations students are available through the First Peoples' House.

- Macdonald Campus residences are located on the beautiful grounds in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and include Laird Hall and the EcoResidence, featuring environmentally-friendly living quarters.

Dormitory-style residences offer single or double rooms and include meal plans. Apartment-style residences and shared-facilities housing may be the right choice for students who enjoy cooking for themselves or have special dietary needs, as they do not include a meal plan, though any student can purchase meal cards for residence cafeterias.

If you prefer to live on your own, the Off-Campus Housing Office can help you find a place to live in a nearby neighbourhood.



Athletics for everyone



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WORK YOUR BODY, NOT JUST YOUR MIND

Join an intramural sports team, take fitness and recreation classes, or participate in an elite varsity sports program. Athletics is an exciting part of campus life at McGill.

State-of-the-art facilities include a fully-equipped fitness centre, two outdoor playing fields, indoor and outdoor running tracks, a hockey and skating arena, tennis and squash courts, swimming pool, dance studios, weight rooms and a sports medicine clinic. The McGill Sports Centre ranks among the best in Canada.

Among the 27 different intercollegiate sports offered are football, hockey, basketball, soccer, rugby, volleyball and cross-country running.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONS

In 2008, the McGill Martlets women's hockey team claimed the Canadian Inter-University Sport championship title, finishing the season undefeated.

- McGill has played a leading role in the development of North American sports. The first game of North American football was played on campus against Harvard in 1874. McGill students contributed to the rules of hockey, played the first indoor game in 1875 and organized the first hockey team in 1877. And in 1891, McGill graduate James Naismith invented the game of basketball.
- 103 McGill athletes have participated in the Olympic Games since 1912, winning a combined total of 24 medals.

