McGill University is located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. McGill honours, recognizes and respects these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

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✓ Apply for financial aid

McGill offers need-based bursaries to newly accepted, first-year, first-degree students from low to medium-income families. The application deadline is 30 days from the date of formal acceptance to the university or June 30 (whichever comes first). Apply through Minerva > Financial Aid

✓ Accept your offer

Let us know you’re coming before the deadline given in your letter of acceptance through Minerva > Application Status > Application > Accept this offer. You’ll have to make a deposit by credit card. If you don’t respond by the deadline, your place may be given to the next person on the waiting list – so be sure to confirm on time!

✓ Apply for your CAQ & Study Permit

If you are an international student, you should begin the process of applying for your CAQ and Study Permit as soon as you receive your letter of acceptance. You’ll need to submit these to McGill as part of your legal documents (see “Send us your legal documents” for more information). Citizens and permanent residents of Canada do not need to apply for a CAQ or Study Permit.

✓ Find a place to live

Residence spaces at the downtown campus are assigned to students who have confirmed their room reservation prior to midnight, Montreal time (EDT), on June 2. Rooms are assigned through a lottery system. Students receiving Major Renewable or Basic Entrance Scholarships from McGill are guaranteed one of their first two choices of residence halls. Students receiving major scholarships are guaranteed first-choice residence.

Log on to Minerva before the deadline and:
- rank your choice of hall assignments
- fill out the questionnaire
- pay your room reservation deposit of $1500 along with a $30 residence application fee

For more information on Macdonald Campus housing options, please visit mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus

Not staying in a McGill Residence? If you’re looking for an apartment or for tips on renting in Montreal, visit mcgill.ca/students/housing/oncampus

✓ Register for courses via Minerva

BEFORE course registration opens:
- Review the requirements for your program to help you plan your course selection. mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/register
- If you still have questions about what courses to register for, pre-registration advising is available. You’ll find advising contacts on the above website.
- Do you qualify for transfer credits, advanced standing, or exemptions? Visit mcgill.ca/transfercredit/prepective

Registration dates for new undergraduate students:
- If admitted from Quebec CEGEP: June 5 for scholarship recipients and June 6 for all other students.
- If admitted into year 1U (this includes students who will be completing A-Levels, CAPE, French Baccalaureate and the International Baccalaureate Diploma): June 12 for scholarship recipients and June 15 for all other students.
- Scholarship recipients admitted into year 1U (Freshman): June 12.
- All other new students admitted to Arts (including Social Work and Religious Studies), BA & Sci., Education, Management, and Music: June 16.
- All other new students admitted to Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, Engineering (including Architecture), Nursing, Physical and Occupational Therapy, and Science: June 17.

Note: You must register for at least one course by August 14 to avoid paying a late registration fee.

✓ Send us your final marks

We will need your final official marks and your confirmation of graduation.
- CEGEP students and Ontario high school students with an OUAC number are not required to send documents. McGill will receive this information electronically.
- Canadian, U.S. and international high school students must ensure that their school, or the Ministry of Education in their home province or country sends this information to McGill.
- International Baccalaureate, Advanced Levels and AS or CAPE examination results must be received directly from the appropriate Examination Board.
- Advanced Placement results with a score of “4” or better or courses considered university level must be declared. Results must be received directly from the College Board or institution.

✓ Discover your community

During Orientation Week, you’ll have a chance to meet new friends, get a taste of university life, and learn more about your new school and city.
- August 22 - 23: Residence Move-In Days (Date depends on the Residence to which you’re assigned)
- August 27 - 30: Orientation and Fresh Events (Dates may vary depending on your program)
- September 2: Classes Start!

✓ Find your next challenge

McGill students are determined, passionate, and always ready for a new adventure. We have over 300 clubs, student groups, athletic teams and volunteer opportunities for you to discover.

Engage at McGill - mcgill.ca/engage - is your guide to getting involved on either campus.

Learn by doing. Because some knowledge can only be gained through experience. We can help you study in another country, find an internship to kick-start your career, or both! Visit mcgill.ca/undergraduate-admissions/student-life/learn-doing to explore McGill’s extensive Study Abroad, Internship and Research programs.

International Students

Visit mcgill.ca/internationalstudents and learn more about:
- The Buddy Program
- Pre-Arrival Orientation and Post-Arrival webinars, workshops and events
- Airport Reception Service
- Arriving at Customs and Immigration
- Life in Montreal (weather, culture, language, neighborhoods...)

Before you arrive, please read the essential immigration and health insurance information provided in our International Student Pre-Arrival Guide at mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival

McGill requires all international students and their accompanying dependents to participate in the compulsory McGill International Health Insurance Plan which is administered by International Student Services.

Student Pre-Arrival Guide at mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival

Visit mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival

Join the McGill University Entering Class of 2020-21 group: facebook.com/groups/mcgill2020

Keep up to date with events for newly admitted students: @mcgilladmissions

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