



McGill

Graduate
and Postdoctoral
Studies





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What are
you
thinking about
right now?



If you're reading this, you're probably considering which school is best for you. Maybe you're wondering:

What kind of university environment will allow me to thrive academically and personally?

Where can I study with the best researchers in my field?

Where will I feel at home?

We'll do our best to answer your questions, and we'll tell you why we think McGill is your best choice for graduate studies.

McGill ranks as one of the best universities in North America, and one of the top 25 in the world. In choosing McGill, you'll join a distinguished community of more than 8,000 graduate students and postdoctoral scholars from across the globe, making connections that will last a lifetime. You'll study with some of the world's foremost teachers, researchers and scholars, in both disciplinary and interdisciplinary settings.

McGill offers you an array of programs (250 +), each one presenting wonderful opportunities for research, innovation and exploration. Your ideas and research will flourish in an environment that both supports and rewards excellence.

McGill has always focused on discovery and positive transformation, recognizing that research areas are constantly evolving in response to change. As a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow, you will be encouraged to pursue your area of interest with passion. A McGill graduate education will prepare you to become a leader in your field and in the world.

At McGill we're always striving to better understand the world, to achieve more and to make a difference.

Where will you take us?

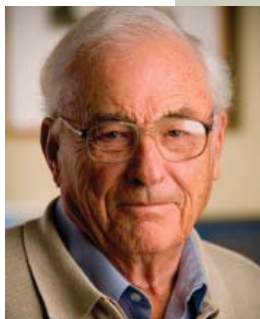
Extraordinary Achievement



Kristina Kasparian, a doctoral student in Communication Science and Disorders and a recipient of a prestigious Tomlinson Fellowship, is conducting research on second language acquisition and native language loss in minority-language speakers in Montreal.



McGill alum Willard Boyle, BSc '47, MSc '48 and PhD '50, was awarded the 2009 Nobel Prize for Physics for his part in the invention of the charge-coupled device (or CCD), the technology behind digital cameras.



Dr. Paul Yachnin is the Chair of the Department of English here at McGill. His ongoing work focuses on Shakespeare, law, and animality, and his books include *The Culture of Playgoing in Early Modern England* and *Making Publics in Early Modern Europe*. He has edited Shakespeare's *Richard II* and *The Tempest*. His book-in-progress is called *A World Coming Out: Making Theatrical Publics in Shakespeare's England*.

Extraordinary research happens at McGill.

Just ask these folks!

Do **you** want to **change** the world?

At McGill, you'll be in good company. Our esteemed alumni, which number more than 200,000, include heads of state, astronauts, doctors, Oscar winners, Nobel Prize recipients, entrepreneurs and a wide variety of innovators in a multitude of fields. Dozens of alumni have been appointed to the Order of Canada, the nation's highest honour. These men and women speak to McGill's power to equip its students for success. Do you want to join their ranks?

McGill is the only Canadian school ranked among the world's top 25 by the Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings for six years running. Maclean's magazine has also consistently chosen McGill as Canada's top medical-doctoral university. And we know that McGill could not have earned this distinguished reputation without the accomplishments of its bright and dedicated graduate students.



In 2009, the *Times Higher Education QS* named McGill as the best public university in North America, and 18th in the world, alongside peers such as Harvard, Cambridge, and Yale.

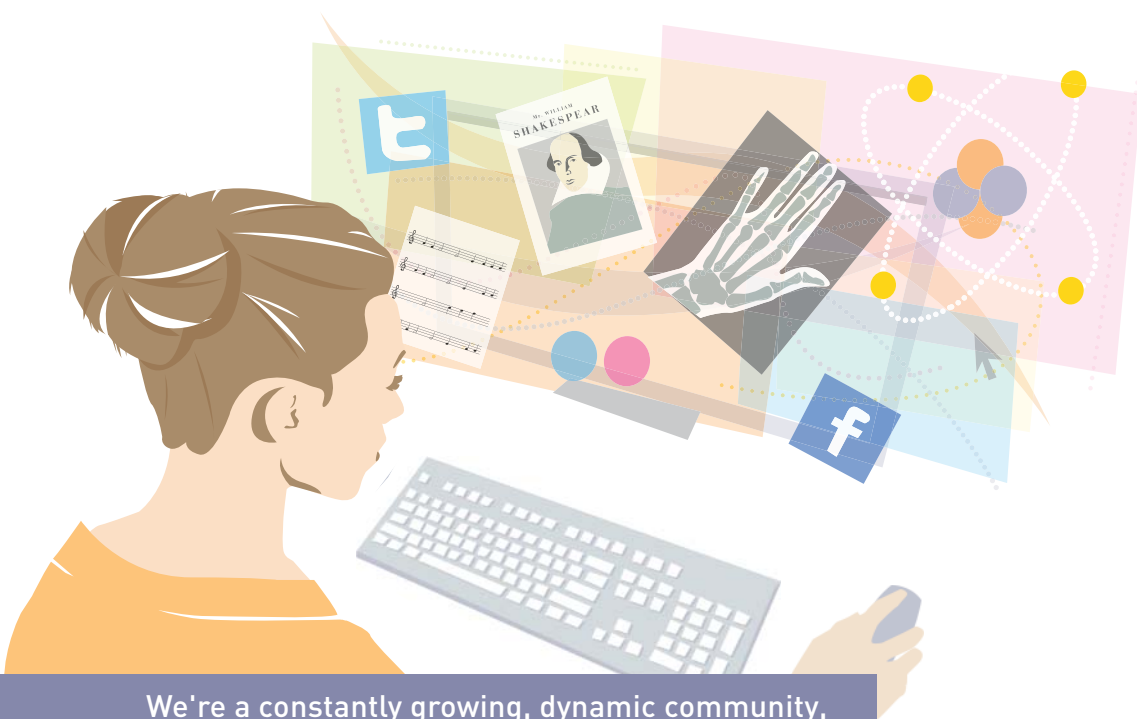
McGill Prioritizes Graduate Education

Graduate Education is a strong priority at McGill. We're continually evolving to provide our graduate students and postdoctoral scholars with a world-class academic experience.

Graduate students make up roughly 19% of McGill's 35,000 students, with the highest proportion of doctoral students among Canada's top research universities. In the last three years, graduate enrolment has increased by 7% as the university devotes more resources and attention to postgraduate education and research.

We're also using new technologies to help serve you better. You can submit your thesis electronically from anywhere in the world by using e-Thesis – a green technology that saves you time and money, and eliminates waste.

Our social media tools make it easier (and more fun) for you to communicate with us. Become a fan of us on Facebook (search: McGill University – Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies); follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/McGillGradStudy); or browse our photos on Flickr (www.flickr.com/mcgillgradstudy). These tools let you stay up-to-date by offering interesting news, events, deadlines, and tips for applying to and succeeding in grad school. Have a question? Just ask us.



We're a constantly growing, dynamic community,

and we invite you to become part of it.

An International Learning Experience

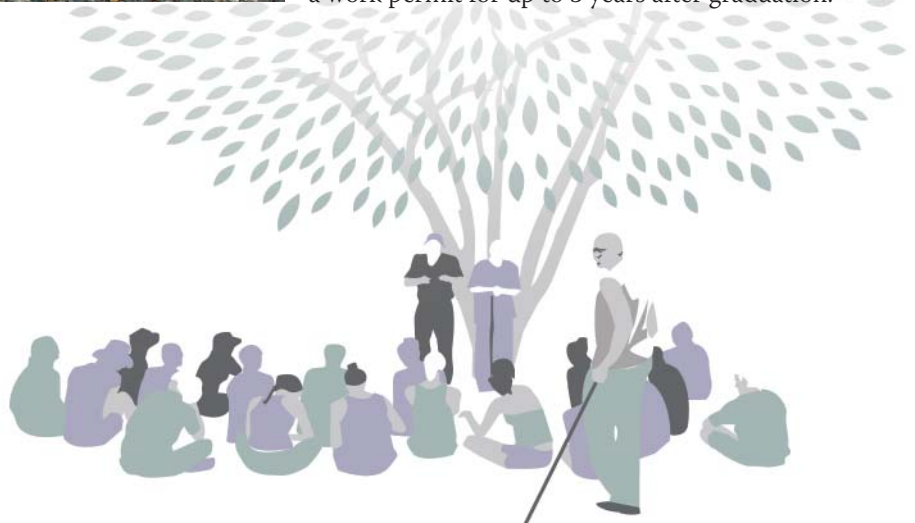
McGill is truly Canada's most international university, and certainly one of North America's. With the highest percentage of international students in Canada, numerous faculty members coming from across the world, and many dynamic international partnerships, McGill's connections span the globe.

McGill looks globally to recruit the very best researchers and professors. More than 930 tenure-track professors have been hired since 2000, and 60 per cent of these were recruited from outside Canada. Faculty members take their research projects around the world: McGill has field research stations in places such as Panama, Barbados and the Arctic. We have research partnerships with universities in California, China, and India, and exchange agreements with institutions such as Oxford University and University of Melbourne. As a member of the Universitas 21 (an international network of 21 leading research-intensive universities in 13 countries), McGill offers graduate and research collaborations with these world-class universities.



McGill warmly welcomes international students. Approximately 20 per cent of our master's students, and 30 per cent of our doctoral students come from outside of Canada, hailing from over 150 countries. International students enjoy a thriving community at McGill; there's a buddy program (where newly enrolled international students are paired with a current student), frequent information sessions, an international student spouses club, and a very active international students' association.

Pursuing graduate studies in Canada is a smart choice for international students. We invite you to come and explore what Canada has to offer while pursuing your studies. If you fall in love with Canada (and we know you will), it's easy to extend your stay here: international students are eligible to obtain a work permit for up to 3 years after graduation.





Collaborate with the **Best**



From your first day at McGill, you'll quickly realize you're among people a lot like yourself: enthusiastic, motivated, and possessing a strong desire to make a difference in the world through research and scholarship. For this reason, McGill is often described as an egalitarian community of scholars. At McGill, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and faculty members are united by a profound sense of purpose, creating a supportive community of colleagues that sparks innovative and effective collaborations.

Very few universities facilitate cross-disciplinary interactions, both formal and informal, to the extent that McGill does. The McGill graduate community comes together to unwind at Thomson House, a stately 1935 limestone mansion that serves as a hub for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars from across the university. At Thomson House, conversations often spark new ideas, and many a fruitful research collaboration was begun over a casual meal or drink.

McGill actively recruits promising and pre-eminent academics from around the globe: people who are passionate about training and mentoring the future leaders in their fields. Many of McGill's faculty members are pioneers in their disciplines, often garnering top awards. As a graduate student, you'll collaborate on cutting-edge research projects, which will provide you with unparalleled experience, new perspectives and a head start on distinguished careers. Through these collaborations, you'll have the opportunity to forge professional relationships that last a lifetime.



Join a Global network



The educational and personal connections made at McGill yield lifetime benefits. As part of the most international student body in Canada, you'll be exposed to a breadth of global perspectives that will enrich your research and your life. During your time here, you'll have the chance to form relationships with your peers in seminars and labs, and during any one of the plentiful social activities at McGill or in Montreal.

As a McGill graduate, you'll become a member of the world-wide network of alumni from 180 countries who sustain the collegiality that characterizes the McGill experience. Whether in London, Beijing or San Francisco, McGill graduates can connect with influential fellow alumni who can open doors around the world. Distinguished alumni frequently return to campus to provide opportunities for current graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to learn about the latest research, discoveries and innovations in a variety of fields. Alumni events also provide forums for students to begin building a personalized network of connections for the future.

Cost of living

Montreal's residents enjoy a remarkably low cost of living, particularly in comparison to other major university cities. The following illustrates the average cost of living (excluding tuition) for students living alone, off-campus, in various cities.

\$14,614: Montreal, Canada



Enjoy an **Unforgettable** Student **Experience**



During your time at McGill, you'll enjoy a fantastic all-round student experience. We believe that all aspects of health – mental, spiritual, social, occupational, intellectual and physical – are catalysts for student success, and we offer an array of services to support you in these areas.

Professional Development is readily available to graduate students through a variety of workshops. One of our newest initiatives,

SKILLSETS: professional development for graduate students, is a suite of workshops that complements the research training provided by your academic experience at McGill. Through these workshops, you'll be able to hone your skills in public speaking, applying for funding, marketing yourself, and much more. In addition, the Career Planning Service (CaPS) offers specialized services for graduate students, including a Career Resource Centre, two dedicated graduate student advisors, and many information sessions on numerous job markets.

McGill Student Services and the Post-Graduate Students' Society offer a number of student support programs, such as health and dental benefits, spousal and family support services, and childcare – examples of the multi-faceted, holistic support for student achievement offered by McGill.

Helping **YOU** Fund **Your** Education

McGill is constantly searching for new ways to improve support and services for students and is committed to helping all of its research-based graduate students find the financial resources they need to pursue an advanced degree. Upon admission, every graduate student is automatically considered for internal funding, and, in many cases, fellowships that cover tuition and ancillary fees. During the past three years, funding for doctoral students has increased by 29%, ensuring that McGill students receive the support they need.

McGill also helps facilitate your access to external fellowships (generally valued from \$17,500-50,000 per annum) from government, agencies, foundations, private companies and many other sources. We offer workshops and resources that guide you through the various application processes.

A generous amount of funding is allocated specifically for international students.

At McGill, we are committed to helping you finance your education. We offer our research students the most competitive and generous funding level in Quebec. Our funding, coupled with Montreal's low cost of living and some of the lowest tuition rates in North America, makes graduate studies at McGill a wise educational investment.

\$38,532 [CAD]: New York City

\$32,444 [CAD]: Boston

\$29,611.13 [CAD]: San Francisco

\$25,621.33: Toronto, Canada

\$25,314.50 [CAD]: Melbourne, Australia

\$18,869: Vancouver, Canada



Living in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Living in Montreal, Quebec, Canada will offer you a wealth of opportunities – and the chance to have some fun.

Canada is one of the finest countries in the world – vast, beautiful, peaceful, and home to an exceptional higher education system.

Quebec is Canada's largest province, stretching up over 3,200 kilometres (2,000 miles) from the U.S. border, and covering over 2.4 million square kilometres (1.5 million square miles): that's nearly three times the size of France or Texas. The southern region of Quebec, where McGill resides, enjoys four very different seasons, each beautiful in its own way: lush spring, warm summer, colourful autumn, and snowy winter. Throughout the many, diverse regions of Quebec, you will encounter stunning landscapes, friendly and enthusiastic people, and cultural vitality.

Quebec is the only Canadian province with French as its official language. Living and travelling in Quebec enables francophones from around the world to communicate in their native tongue, and gives non-francophones the opportunity to learn or improve their French. While McGill's language of instruction is English, you are welcome to submit your essays, examinations and theses in French. The university offers very affordable French courses for full-time students to help them appreciate the culture of Quebec and the city of Montreal. English and French coexist and services are often available in both languages and a variety of other languages as well.

Montreal is an ideal place to live while pursuing graduate studies. It sparkles with culture, from Cirque du Soleil and the International Jazz Festival, to the vibrant harmony of live bands and spirited patio conversations. The city's diverse architecture juxtaposes elegant heritage buildings with some of North America's most unique and exciting structures. Only in Montreal can graduate students live such a comfortable life. Rent is significantly lower than in other major university cities. All areas of the city are easily accessible through the Metro subway system and numerous bike paths, so you don't need a car to get around.

Montreal is also a centre of economic development. Many aeronautical, pharmaceutical and financial firms are based here, leading to plentiful employment opportunities. As one of the world's foremost producers of interactive entertainment, Montreal continually garners an excellent reputation for its cultural exports.

Home to four major universities, Montreal has the most students per capita in North America. McGill students have access to McGill's 17 libraries and (thanks to interlibrary loans) to the impressive collections of all the other universities' as well.



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Downtown
Campus





Campus Life

McGill boasts two geographically distinct campuses. The Downtown Campus lies between the lush green slopes of Mount Royal and the heart of Montreal's vibrant downtown core. With more than 70 buildings, including state-of-the-art labs and sprawling libraries, it offers ample space for studying and relaxation. Your classes, seminars, and laboratories will be only steps away from city life, so you can do your shopping, meet friends for a meal, or hit the gym on your way home from campus.

Macdonald Campus is situated in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue on the western tip of the island of Montreal, about 40 kilometres (25 miles) west of the Downtown Campus. Set on the banks of the St. Lawrence River and away from the bustle of downtown, Macdonald campus is home to the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition. A free shuttle runs between Downtown and Macdonald campuses throughout the day, and convenient public transportation is available during off-hours.

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McGill is home to more than 100 research institutes and centres,

housed in cutting-edge facilities such as the new open-concept Life Sciences Complex and the high-tech Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology (CIRMMT). The University's affiliation with eight Montreal hospitals also provides a window into front-line clinical care.



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www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants

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