Congratulations on your acceptance to McGill!

We know you probably have questions and may not know where to begin looking. Start by confirming your offer of admission by the deadline indicated in your letter! This FAQ sheet is to help you navigate the infinite resources available to you at McGill.

**Campus Life & Engagement**

514-398-6913  •  firstyear@mcgill.ca  •  1010 Sherbrooke Street West (Entrance off Metcalfe Street), Suite 203

CL&E is where you, as a new graduate student, can go with all of your questions, especially when you don’t know where to start. Everyone in CL&E is here to help you throughout your years at McGill, but there are two positions on the team that you should be aware of as you begin your studies at McGill.

**Leslie Copeland, First-Year Coordinator**

Responsible for overseeing the coordination & implementation of orientation and support programming for new students.

**Manon Lemelin, First-Year Assistant for Francophone Students**

CL&E provides support to all new Francophone students at McGill, in particular, those students studying in English for the first time.

### Downtown Campus

**What should I attend?**

**DISCOVER McGill Orientation**

**Schedule of Events**

- 9:30AM  •  Grads Connect
- 2:30PM  •  Discover McGill Services Fair
- 4:00PM  •  PGSS Welcome BBQ Bash

**What should I take note?**

### Documents

**Legal Documents**

[www.mcgill.ca/legaldocuments](http://www.mcgill.ca/legaldocuments)

You will have to submit legal documentation to the University to determine your legal & tuition status. The Legal Documents website lets you know exactly what is required. Submit all legal documents including immigration documents to Service Point! Submit them as early as possible so your status can be updated.

### Immigration Documents


- CAQ: Quebec Acceptance Certificate
- Study Permit
- An Entry Visa

The International Students Website highlights the immigration procedures in detail and the process that applies to you depending on your nationality.

### Housing

**Downtown & Mac Campus Residences**

If your acceptance comes with a Residence offer, please log on to Minerva and confirm your room reservation, fill out a questionnaire to tell the Graduate Housing Office about yourself and pay your room reservation deposit of 1000$, which will be credited towards your first month’s rent. This must be done before your reply-by-deadline, which is usually 2 weeks after your offer of accommodation appears on Minerva.


If you are planning on living in residence on the Macdonald campus, visit: [www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/macdonald](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/macdonald).

### Living Off-Campus?

[www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus/](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus/)

If you choose to live off-campus, McGill has many great resources to help you find housing! Start by visiting the Off-Campus Housing website or office. It has extensive information that will help you find the perfect apartment! In their “Apartment Listings” section, you can browse their online database once you sign in. You can also visit the Campus Life & Engagement Office for tips on finding an apartment!


### Health Insurance

**Canadian Students**

[www.studentcare.ca](http://www.studentcare.ca) — All Canadian Graduate students registered in a fall semester are automatically covered by the Post-Graduate Students’ Society’s Health and Dental Plan (PGSS). For information on coverage, costs and claims, please visit the ihaveaplan website or the PGSS website. Students can opt-out of the coverage if they can provide proof of another source of insurance with sufficient coverage. This can be done though the PGSS office during the opt-out period at the beginning of the fall semester.

**International Students**

[www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health](http://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health)

International students are enrolled into the International Students’ Health Insurance. Students must confirm their coverage starting August 15 by accessing Minerva > Student > International Student > Health Insurance Coverage Form.

Doing this will allow you to pick up your health insurance card upon arrival at McGill University. Information about the International Health Insurance including coverage and claims is available on the International Students’ website.