



## You've made it to March!

**Reading week begins Monday, March 4!** Staying in Montreal? Looking for things to do?

Check out:

- [Cabane a Sucre](#)
- [Snowy Fun on the Mountain](#) (Tubing, Skating, Skiing)
- [Butterflies at the Botanical Gardens](#)
- [Festival G: Griffintown Gourmet and Gastronomic](#)
- [Montreal's 196<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day Parade](#)




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### COMING EVENTS

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#### Work in Canada

**What are you doing after this term?  
Plan ahead for what's next!**

Attend one of these events to learn how to renew your papers, change your status, or find a job.

**Finding Jobs in Canada (workshop)**  
[Registration through CaPS](#)

#### Information sessions: Create your future in Québec after your studies

I choose Montréal and the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion offer information sessions 'Create your future in Québec after your studies,' for international students who wish to settle permanently in Québec with the intention of being gainfully employed. [More information](#)

March 28, 2pm - 3pm  
Brown, 5001



## Nuit Blanche: Saturday, March 2nd

Join over a MILLION people and attend the Nuit Blanche/White Night activities this Saturday, March 2nd. Founded almost 20 years ago, Montreal en Lumiere sets out to make Montreal's winter a wonderland through free access to museums, fireworks, a Maple Ferris wheel, free shows, food kiosks and much more.



[Here is a list of all the programs and events](#)

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### #ImmigrationTipTime

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## Important Update on the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program

On February 14, 2019, IRCC made important changes to the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Program. These new guidelines are effective as of February 14, 2019 and apply to applications received on or after this date.

**Students now have 180 days from completion of their studies to apply for their PGWP from within Canada or from outside of Canada.**

- **Be careful:** Your study permit becomes invalid 90 days after completion of studies or the day on which it expires, whichever comes first, as per [section 222](#) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations. If you don't apply for your PGWP before your study permit becomes invalid, you must either: apply to change your status to a visitor or leave Canada. See timeline below.

The new guidelines state that students who have changed their status to a visitor before their study permit expires, may subsequently apply for their PGWP from within Canada

- **Be careful:** If you submit your PGWP application online from within Canada as a visitor, you will not have the authorization to work while you wait for your PGWP. Only PGWP applicants who had a valid study permit at the time they submitted their PGWP application can work full-time while waiting for a decision on their application as per [section 186\(w\)](#) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.

New guidelines now require applicants to include both their transcript and proof of completion of studies when applying for their PGWP.

Students that have taken a leave of absence, may still be eligible for the PGWP.

- **Be careful:** The eligibility requirement for the PGWP is that you maintain a full-time student status in Canada throughout your studies. If you are concerned that you do not meet this eligibility requirement, please meet with an [immigration advisor](#) at ISS.

For the full text, please see [IRCC's website](#).



### Virtual Kidnapping: Extortion Scam Now in Montréal

The Chinese community in Canada is being targeted with phone-calls claiming to be the Beijing Police, Interpol, Chinese Consulate or in some cases a delivery agency.

Please contact the ISS if you have received a call similar to the scam above.

[Read the full article by the Montreal Police for more information.](#)

### In case you missed it...

#### Advising Appointments available now!

We've listened to your feedback and ISS now offers advising appointments Monday - Thursday afternoons, 1:30pm - 3:30pm.



To schedule a 30-minute appointment, you must call the ISS at (514) 398-4349 or come to the office in person during office hours.

Please Note that ISS does NOT provide advising on Permanent Residence (PR). If you are interested in applying for PR, please consult our [Permanent Residence](#) information and resources page.

[More Drop In Information](#)

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## BE A BUDDY VOLUNTEER

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**Want to share your knowledge and help new international students?**

## Become a Buddy Volunteer!

**The International Buddy program is currently recruiting volunteers for Fall 2019!**

We expect over 1500 new international student applicants wishing to be connected with a seasoned McGill Student.

With the International Buddy Program, you can:

- Make a difference in a new student's life.
- Supplement your co-curricular record.
- Meet new students and ease their transition to Montreal/McGill.

Are you hesitating because you're:

Going on exchange? No problem! Volunteer for just a term.

Not sure what to say? The program training webinar, that covers topics like intercultural communication, will get you ready.

[Apply NOW](#)

Still have questions? E-mail us at [international.buddy@mcgill.ca](mailto:international.buddy@mcgill.ca)

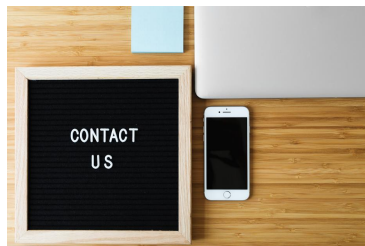


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