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# ISS NEWS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES



## Goodbye and Good Luck! Or...Welcome to Summer in Montreal!



For some of you, this is it! The term is over, you've finished all your exams, papers, presentations and assignments, and you're getting ready to set off for your next adventure! We hope you have had an unforgettable experience at McGill, and leave with many fond memories.

For those of you planning to enjoy Montreal in the summer, you're in for a treat! Follow us on [Facebook](#) to learn more about upcoming summer socials for those staying in Montreal this summer. And if you need to reach out to International Student Services

during the summer, we'll be here!

We wish you all a great summer ahead! [The ISS Team.](#)

## Do YOU need an eTA?

### [Post Graduation Work Permits](#)



**Interested in working in Canada after completing your degree?**  
Join our Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) webinar!

Find out:

- About the PGWP and its advantages
- When can you apply
- What the eligibility requirements are
- How to apply (online or in person)

Attend our last [PGWP webinar](#) this year from the comfort of your own home on **May 10th**.



Visa-exempt foreign nationals\* who fly to or transit through Canada now need an [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#). (\*except US citizens)

### What is an eTA?

An eTA is a paperless document that is electronically linked to your passport and is valid for five years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.

For more information, please visit the [eTA page of the ISS website](#).

## Volunteer for the International Buddy Program!

### Now recruiting Undergraduate, Masters, and PhD Buddy Volunteers for Fall 2018!

Make a difference in the life of a new international student!

Only a 1-term commitment & includes an online training session.

**APPLY NOW** [through the ISS website.](#)



## NEW [ISS Instagram page!](#)

Follow us @IssMcGill to enhance your McGill experience. Our page will provide you with upcoming workshops, programs, orientation services and useful tips and resources for finding jobs, immigration, international health insurance and fun things to do in Montreal.

Get involved! Share your Montreal experiences with us by tagging #IssMcGill on your posts to welcome our incoming international student community.

## International Health Insurance (IHI) coverage

### Summer 2018



If you're traveling outside Canada over the summer, please keep in mind that your International Health Insurance (Blue Cross) coverage is limited outside of Canada. Before you travel, know your coverage outside of Canada. For more information, visit the [ISS website](#) or contact [our office](#) with additional questions.

### Graduating?

If you are graduating this semester and will leave Canada for the summer, you may request a cancellation

of your insurance for the summer period. Requests must be made in writing to [international.health@mcgill.ca](mailto:international.health@mcgill.ca) and include details on your travel plans.

If you are graduating and will be applying for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP), you will become eligible for the Quebec Medicare three months after the issuance of your work permit and following your application for medical coverage from the Régie de l'Assurance Maladie du Québec (RAMQ). For more details [contact RAMQ](#) directly.



## Continuing your studies in Fall 2018?

As a result of the year claims, the IHI premiums for 2018-2019 have increased. Please review the new IHI rates [here](#).

### SUMMER in Montreal - it's magical!

Summer is finally coming. And when it does, summer in Montreal is bliss - the air is warm and balmy, everyone is out and about, and there is so much to see and do, you won't want to miss a moment!

Start with [Tourism Montreal's Guide to Summer in Montreal](#) to find out about the best terrasses in town, the summer festivals, the concerts, the many outdoor activities, and the special events.



[MTL Blog](#) also has some great features to inform and inspire you - particularly their ["Things To Do in Mtl"](#) section".

## Be aware of a re-emerging scam targeting international students

International students in Canadian cities including Ottawa and London have recently reported receiving phone calls from individuals claiming to be employees of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). The caller tells the student that to avoid deportation, they must send prepaid credit and gift cards, money wires or e-transfers as payment to avoid arrest or deportation.

It appears that the calls are coming from local phone numbers, but it is believed that the calls are coming from outside Canada. IRCC wants international students to know that these phone calls are a scam. It is important not to respond to the caller or transfer any money to them. In these calls, the caller identifies themselves as an IRCC officer and tells the student that they are subject to an immigration investigation, or that they have been charged with a crime in their home country. The student is told to provide personal/financial information or send payment, or face deportation if they do not.

IRCC will never contact you in person, online, or by telephone to collect fees or fines and say it's to avoid deportation or face other consequences.

For more information on how to protect yourself against immigration scams, visit our website. You can also find a number of helpful questions and answers on how to identify fraud, and how to report it, in our Help Centre.



And whether you're graduating or not, take advantage of the global McGill community by joining [McGillConnect](#) today.

McGillConnect is an exclusive online gateway that makes it easy for McGill alumni, students, faculty and staff to connect, receive mentoring, and make the most of your McGill professional networks.

### **Sign up today**

the best spent 5 minutes of your week!



### **Exchange Students:**

We loved having you as part of our community and although your time at McGill may have been short, we hope your memories will last a lifetime! We wish you every success as you head back home, taking a bit of McGill back with you.

Best wishes from [McGill Abroad!](#)



## Summer holidays? Not at ISS!

We're open all summer to help you. Check our [website](#) for regular updates, and [contact us](#) if you have questions not answered online.

**ISS Closed:**

Friday, June 15th  
Friday, June 22nd  
Monday, June 25th  
Friday, June 29th  
Monday, July 2nd

**Office Hours:**

Mon. April 30th – Fri. June 1st: 9:00 – 12:00 ; 13:30 – 17:00  
Mon. June 4th – Fri. August 17th: 9:00 – 12:00; 13:00 - 16:30

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