

**McGill Schulich School of Music Grant Writing Workshops**

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GRANT	DESCRIPTION
Aaron Copland Fund	Music recording, performers, organizations
AE Cumming Post-Doctoral Awards	European Union
AFM/CFM/ Guilde de Musiciens de Quebec	Funding for Travel and building of career opportunities
American Composers Forum	Composer assistance, music for dance
American Dissertation Fellowship	World’s largest sources of funding for graduate women; 20k American; international
American Folklife Center (LC)	Ethnographic projects
American Music Center	Composer assistance, live for music dance program
American Music Education Initiative (National Music Foundation)	Teachers of K-12 programs
American Musicological Society (AMS)	Grants and awards, primarily for students pursuing research; lists grants and fellowships (including some artist residencies) from other organizations
American Society for Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) Foundation	Grants to music education and talent development organizations
American String Teachers Association	Competitions, outreach funding for string players
Arnold Schönberg Center	Grants for research at the Center
Asian Cultural Council	Education, travel, special projects
Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC) Research	Research grants, travel grants, grants for the preservation of classical music historical recordings
Austrian Society Scholarship (McGill)	For studies in Austria
Awesome Foundation	World-wide sponsored grant of 1k, awarded monthly, for innovation
Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ)	Scholarships offered for research projects related to the province of Quebec
Banting, SSHRC, FQRSC	Post-doctoral Awards sponsored by the Canadian and Quebec Governments
BMI Foundation	Awards and scholarships for composers, performers, and researchers
Bogliasco Fellowship Program	Fellowships for creative and scholarly work
Canada Council	Project grants, touring, travel, commissioning
CBC Emerging Artists	Submission and by Nomination; recording package is essential
Center for Black Music Research	Travel-to-the-collections grants
CIRMMT Student project awards	
Creative Capital Foundation	Grants for literature, visual arts, and performing arts (U.S.) Not for students.
Creative Capital Foundation	Writings about the arts
Creative Capital Grants	Emerging to developing artists with “adventurous projects;” entrepreneurial often
DAAD	Exchange study programs in Germany
Debut Atlantic	Once a year, an artist or group is selected based on an application and audition to be featured in a tour of various venues across Atlantic Canada.
Dena Epstein Award (Music Library Association)	Award for archival and library research in American music
FACTOR / Musicaction Grants	Production recording grants for emerging and developing careers, requiring distribution plan and payment agreement on profits; typically not the debut project
FQRSC	As above, sponsored by the Quebec Government
Frank Huntington Beebe Fund	Support for U.S.-based performers and composers to study abroad
French American Fund for Contemporary Music	Supports contemporary music projects that foster cultural exchange between France and USA
Fulbright Scholarships	For educational exchanges between USA and Canada
Graham Sommer Competition for Young Composers	Bi-annual competition for Canadian Composers under 35 years of age
Governor-General of Canada Medal for Performing Artists	Emerging Performing Artists; by nomination
Imagine Canada	Curatorial, publication, artist opportunities with demonstrated impact on community; typically groups for largest impact; not restricted to Canadian participation or locations only
IPLAI – McConnell Graduate Award	
Jeunes Ambassadeurs Lyriques	Opportunities for concerts, competitions for operatic singers
Jeunes Volontaires	Mentorship and project funding for young residents of Quebec
Jeunesses Musicales Canada	Paid performing opportunities for singers and instrumentalists
Kurt Weill Foundation	Grants for research on Kurt Weill, Lotte Lenya, and Marc Blitzstein
La Cité internationale des Arts	Artist studio while doing scholarly/artistic projects in Paris; may obtain while Canada Council holder; or as international, may apply directly to the organization
League of American Orchestras	Orchestral funding, support for orchestral career development
Library of Congress Fellowships	Many internships and fellowships
Lojiq	Travel assistance for young residents of Quebec
McGill, Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies	Graduate student awards, typically nominated by the Faculty

Mitacs Internships	Student internships in which student/university receives training and/or provides research for the organization on which they can build; international and domestic; may be initiated by organization, university, or student with support of University
Mockingbird Foundation	Funding for music education programs for children
Municipal Arts Councils (i.e. MAC)	Various opportunities, depending on which city
Music Alive	Brings musicians to schools in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nunavut, Manitoba
Music and Letters	Research awards. Students are not eligible.
Music Library Association	Diversity recruitment scholarship, travel grants
Music Performance Fund	Sponsors free concerts (U.S. and Canada)
Musical Online	This is not a granting agency, but it has links to grants and other resources ( <a href="http://www.musicalonline.com">http://www.musicalonline.com</a> )
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)	Does not offer grants, but does list many other grants, esp. for students
National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures	Grants for visual and performing arts (regional)
National Association of Teachers of Singing	Awards for singers and composers
National Endowment for the Arts	Project-based grants for organizations (opportunities for performers and researchers to collaborate), creative writing and translation grants for individuals
National Federation of Music Clubs	Student and young performer awards (U.S. citizens only)
National Humanities Center	Fellowships for advanced study
National Trust for Canada	Various grants, including: students and young professionals working in heritage conservation; summer jobs for students and recent grads (via Young Canada Works); many others
Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Fellowship	Fellowships for emerging and established Native artists (U.S. only)
New Music USA	The creation of new musical work, New live music for dance, Recording costs, Residency and community outreach activities
New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA)	Opportunities for artists of all disciplines, including musicians, composers, and film-makers; mostly for U.S., but some exchanges and applications from others involving U.S. sense of place or nature.
NYFA Source	National (U.S.) directory of funding sources
Performance Halls	McCord Museum, Lakeshore Chamber Music Series, Christ Church Cathedral Borgie Hall, etc. sponsor opportunities for student concerts which can become recording and professional opportunities (typically by application and competition).
Provincial Arts Councils from each province	Project grants, travel, commissioning
Quebec Visual Artist or Inter-disciplinary awards	Music does not exist alone! Such opportunities exist in all countries and provinces.
RBC Grants (Royal Bank)	World-wide, based on impact
Reseau Accès Culture (Ville de Montreal)	Paid performance opportunities on Montreal Island
Schulich School of Music, Golden Violin Award	String Area, Performance and contribution to community
Schulich School of Music, Graduate International Research Awards	
Schulich School of Music, Wirth Vocal Prize	Voice Area, Performance
SOCAN	Assistance for composers and performers for the purpose of performance and publication of Canadian music; includes jazz creation category.
Society for American Music (SAM)	Research fellowships, publishing grants
Society for Ethnomusicology (SEM)	Prizes and awards, links to many funding sources for research
Society for Music Theory (SMT)	Dissertation fellowships (new), travel grants for research students
Society for Music Theory Publication Subvention Grants	Awards for music theory publications
Sodec	Innovative recording grants for projects that have an impact on career, community or public; French-Quebec equivalent
Spencer Foundation Grants Program	Research grants and fellowships, esp. for research-related publications
SQRM Student Competitions	Awards for Conference presentation and publication; programme notes; open to students registered in Quebec Universities.
SSHRC Connection Grants	Conference and other related project awards sponsored by a faculty member; puts special value on students having training
Sylva Gelber Music Foundation	For Canadian performers; nominated by the school, which typically has quotas
The American-Scandinavian Foundation	Funding for Americans studying in Scandinavia
Thoma Foundation	Project grants for publication, exhibition, conferences/workshops, academic and education support – long-term planning, recommended by a non-profit or charitable association
Tri-Council Awards	Various types of scholarly and research-creation grants for doctoral and masters students in the humanities (SSHRC, CGS) and the sciences (NSERC) sponsored by the Canadian Government
Woodrow Wilson Fellowship National Fellowship Foundation	Teaching and learning