



McGill

GRADUATE & POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES 2010–2011



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McGILL UNIVERSITY

A LEADING DESTINATION FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Nearly 200 years ago, Scottish fur trader and philanthropist James McGill envisaged a leading post-secondary institution nestled near the lush green slopes of Mont Royal. Since its founding in the early 1800s, when classes were held inside its founder's small country house, McGill has become one of the most prestigious research universities in the world.

McGill has always focused on excellence, discovery and positive transformation. The University continually ranks as one of the best in North America, and one of the top 25 in the world. Graduate studies at McGill comprise a distinguished, integrated community of more than 8,000 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from 150 countries who work with 1,600 internationally acclaimed researchers, in both disciplinary and interdisciplinary settings.

Around the globe, more than 200,000 alumni provide students and postdoctoral fellows with an extended professional network.

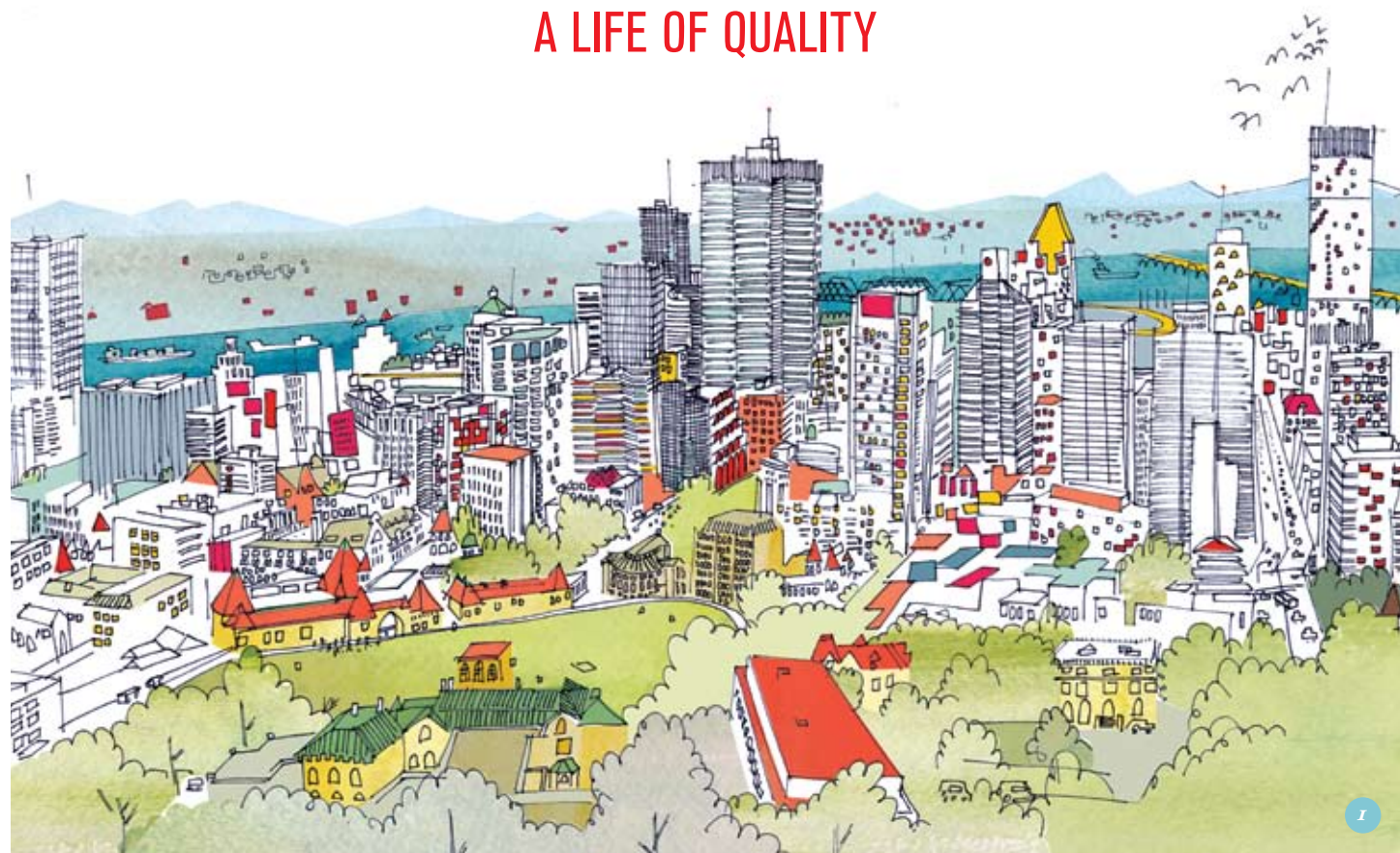
McGill's esteemed alumni include prime ministers, astronauts, doctors, Oscar winners, Rhodes Scholars, entrepreneurs and a wide variety of innovators in a multitude of fields. Dozens of alumni have been appointed to the Order of Canada, the nation's highest honour. These men and women are a testament to the level at which McGill equips its students to achieve success.

McGill continually strives to achieve even greater heights, preparing its students and postdoctoral fellows to become leaders in their field and in the world. ♥



A QUALITY OF LIFE

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JOIE DE VIVRE

MONTREAL, QUEBEC AND CANADA

The second-largest city in Canada, Montreal draws people from around the world because of its distinct culture, aesthetically appealing surroundings and Old World charm. It has an unmistakable international flair: one hears a symphony of languages throughout the city's sidewalks, shops and cultural destinations. Montrealers embrace life as an art form. The result is a city packed with opportunities. Montreal celebrates its history while creating its future, with residents embodying European passion infused with North American pragmatism.

A Livable City With fewer than two million residents, Montreal is small enough to know intimately, yet large enough to embrace diverse social and cultural activity. Nowhere but

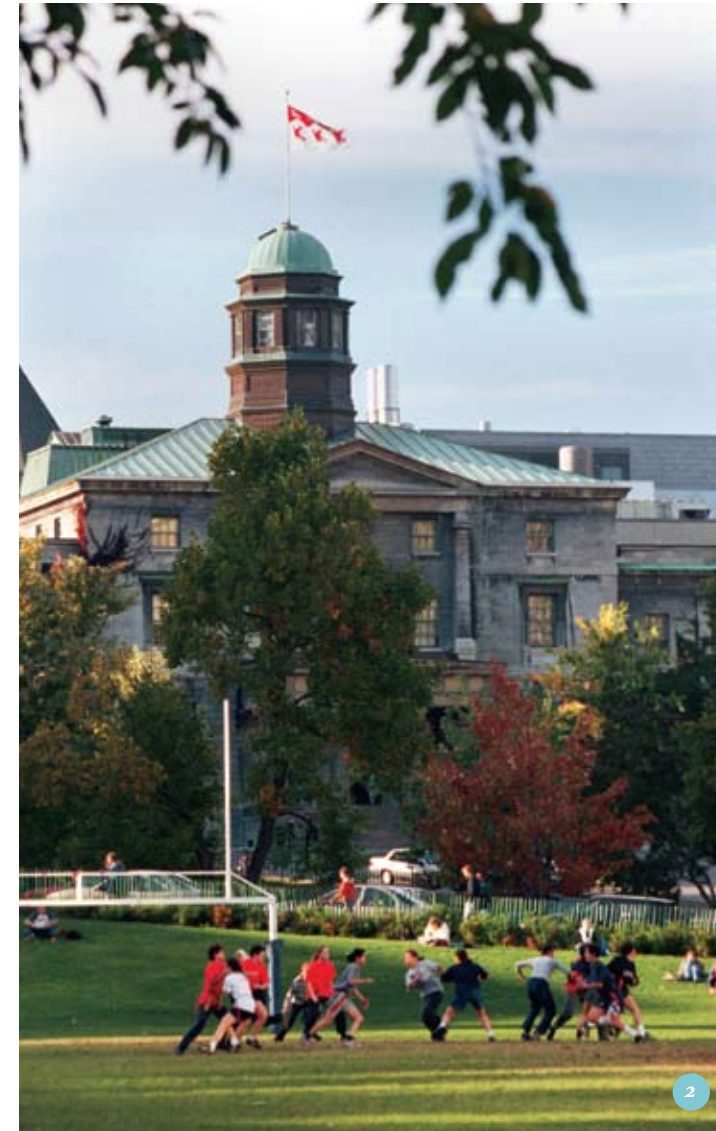
in Montreal can graduate students live such a comfortable life. Cars are not needed and rent is significantly lower than in other major university cities. All areas of the city are easily accessible through the Metro subway system and numerous bike paths.

Culture Montreal 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. Montreal's 19 boroughs boast thousands of restaurants, serving affordable food that spans the globe, although its gastronomic core remains French, with bistros and brasseries peppering most blocks.

FLUIDITY IN LANGUAGE

The official language of Montreal is French. And while McGill's language of instruction is English, the university offers free French courses for full-time students to help them fully appreciate the city and culture. Additional language training, including conversational French, is offered by the Post-Graduate Students' Society.

The majority of Montreal residents are bilingual, known for their ability to rapidly switch languages, even in mid-sentence. Health care, TV, radio, museums, entertainment, shopping and most public services are readily available in English – and many in a variety of other languages as well.



INSPIRED COLLABORATION

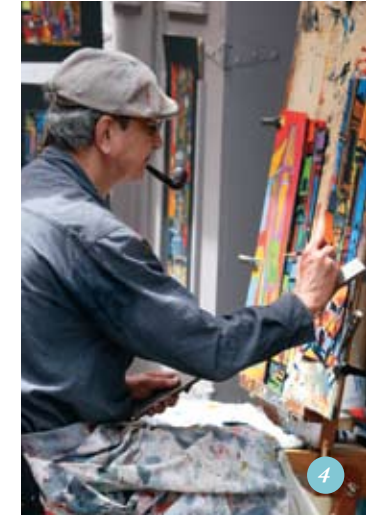
RESEARCHERS, TEACHERS & MENTORS

McGill actively recruits both 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 (the Gairdner Award, the Kyoto Prize, the Killam Prize, the Order of Canada, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, to name a few). Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows collaborate on cutting-edge research projects, which provide them with unparalleled experience, new perspectives and a head start on distinguished careers. As well, students and postdoctoral fellows forge professional relationships that last a lifetime.

A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

McGill is often described as an egalitarian community of scholars. At McGill, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty are united by a profound sense of dedication and purpose, creating a vibrant and supportive community of colleagues, resulting in innovative and effective collaborations.

Few universities facilitate cross-disciplinary research and socializing to the extent McGill does. The McGill graduate research community comes together to unwind at Thomson House, a stately 1935 limestone mansion that serves as a hub for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Here, conversations often spark new ideas; and many a fruitful research collaboration was begun over a casual meal or beer. ♥



1 Montreal was recently named one of the top three university cities in North America.

2 Students gather on Lower Campus Field for ceremonial, social and athletic activities.

3 Rue de la Commune epitomizes Old Montreal's vibrancy and history.

4 Street artists infuse Montreal's neighbourhoods with personality and culture.

5 Fresh snow blankets pine trees in front of the Arts building.



GLOBAL IMPACT AND INFLUENCE

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

At McGill, education and personal connections accrue lifetime benefits. As part of the most international student body in Canada, students are exposed to a breadth of global perspectives that enriches their research - and their lives. Graduates become members of the world-wide network of more than 200,000 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 open doors around the world.

Distinguished alumni frequently return to campus to provide opportunities for current graduate students and postdoctoral fellows 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 future connections.

APPLIED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

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).

Virtually all faculty members participate in international research collaborations. Currently, McGill is affiliated with academic, government, industry and NGO projects on every continent. Scientists and graduate students at McGill's Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados engage in research on tropical marine and terrestrial habitats, while the McGill Arctic Research

Station on Central Axel Heiberg Island provides an up-close opportunity to help in solving problems of climate change and uncovering the mystery of life on Mars. The Neotropical Environment Option in Panama, a joint offering with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, offers a graduate residency program that focuses on environmental issues relevant to the Neotropics and Latin American countries.

A TRADITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

McGill attracts exceptional graduate students and postdoctoral fellows with the potential to have distinguished careers in their chosen fields. The faculty and staff are dedicated to encouraging all students to define and achieve their unique aspirations, whether in academia, government, the not-for-profit sector or private industry.

McGill provides numerous services that support students' success: the Career Planning Service (CaPS) offers graduate students assistance through the full job-search process. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies complements

CaPS's services by offering professional and communications skill development, while also facilitating direct experience in teaching.

FUNDING COMMITMENT

McGill 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 certain cases, exemptions from tuition and ancillary fees. In addition, the McGill International Doctoral Awards (MIDAs) allow international doctoral students to pay the same tuition fees as Quebec doctoral students, a reduction in international tuition fees of more than \$8,000 per year.

McGill also helps facilitate students' access to external fellowships (generally valued between \$15,000 and \$35,000 per annum) from government, agencies, foundations, private companies and many other sources. ♥



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1 Inside the Roddick Gates stands the bronze statue of James McGill, sculpted for the University's 175th anniversary in 1996.

2 Many students cycle to class (and around Montreal) amidst autumn's colourful wash of foliage.

3 The ultramodern Bellini Life Sciences Building is the largest research facility in Eastern Canada.

4 Graduate students benefit from the Redpath Museum's extensive paleontology, zoology, mineralogy and ethnology collections.

5 Within the Redpath Library, the Cyberthèque blends a diverse range of studying and learning spaces for groups and individuals, including futuristic "study pods".