Leading with Purpose

The McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill bring together a diverse group of scholars who aspire to lead with purpose – individuals who have demonstrated leadership potential and an inner drive to make a positive impact in other people’s lives.

McCall MacBain Scholars pursue a fully funded master’s or professional degree at McGill University, while connecting with mentors and participating in a leadership program.

DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

• Bi-weekly leadership seminars
• Peer-led leadership labs
• Case studies with guest speakers

CONNECT WITH MENTORS AND ADVISORS

• Experienced mentor
• Professional coaching
• Advisors for specific conversations
• Faculty advisors

BUILD COMMUNITY

• Annual retreat
• Principal’s Lecture
• McCall MacBain House

Scholarships & Awards

The McCall MacBain Scholarship covers:

• Tuition and fees for an eligible master’s or professional degree at McGill
• A living stipend of $2,000 per month during academic terms
• A one-time relocation grant for moving to Montréal
• Summer funding options

Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, and Refugees

20 McCall MacBain Scholarships  (full funding)
30 Finalist Awards of $10,000
30 Regional Awards of $5,000

International Applicants

10 McCall MacBain Scholarships  (full funding)
25 Finalist Awards of $20,000
15 Regional Awards of $10,000
Eligibility

You must meet ONE of the following criteria:

- You are a current student on track to earn your first bachelor’s degree
- You earned your first bachelor’s degree in the last five years
- You earned your first bachelor’s degree more than five years ago, and are 30 years or younger in the calendar year that you apply

You will also need to meet the minimum requirements for McGill master’s program admission, as well as requirements for your program(s) of choice.

Learn more about McGill admissions: mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply

Selection Criteria

When selecting McCall MacBain Scholars, selection committees look for evidence of:

- Exceptional character
- Community engagement
- Leadership potential
- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Academic strength
- Intellectual curiosity

Application Process

The McCall MacBain Scholarship application is separate from and earlier than McGill graduate admissions. After applying for the scholarship, applicants should apply directly to McGill programs.

More than 250 semi-finalists will be invited to regional interviews, either in-person (for Canadians) or online. Afterwards, up to 85 finalists will be invited to Montréal for final interviews. Thirty McCall MacBain Scholars (20 Canadians, 10 international students) will be selected each year.

“When you read the qualifications, it’s so easy to feel like someone out there is more qualified than you. But the application helps you appreciate just how much you’ve accomplished. You learn so much about yourself through the process – just apply!”

— NICO WALTENBURY, 2021 SCHOLAR
Discover Montréal, Canada

Montréal is one of the top student destinations in the world. It is the second-largest city in Canada, with direct flights to over 130+ cities worldwide, and welcomes students from across Canada and around the world.

Our city is vibrant, diverse, and multicultural, with over 100 languages spoken. While you don’t need to know French to study at McGill, you’ll often hear English and French used interchangeably when exploring Montréal’s diverse, colourful neighbourhoods.

Montréal is known as Tiohtià:ke in Kanien’kéha, and Mooniyang in Anishinaabemowin. It is the traditional territory of the Kanien’kéha:ka (Mohawk).

Affordable and Dynamic

Rated as one of North America’s most affordable cities, Montréal allows students to enjoy a high quality of life while accessing job opportunities in different economic sectors.

McGill University

With over 150 eligible master’s and professional programs to choose from, McGill is the place for you to broaden your horizons, deepen your perspective, and become an expert in your chosen field.

McGill rates as Canada’s best university and 31st in the world by the QS World University Rankings. Founded in 1821, it has a bold history of research and an international student body.

- Over 1,600 tenured faculty members
- Cutting-edge facilities, housed in more than 50 research institutes and centres across two campuses
- Interactive learning experiences and professional development opportunities for graduate students

Learn more about McGill: mcgill.ca/gradapplicants
SCHOLARS

With most scholars pursuing multi-year degrees, up to 75 scholars will be on campus at any given time.

Meet two of our 2022 scholars:

Julian Lam
MPP, Public Policy
Richmond, BC

Julian contributed to UBC’s International Relations Student Association, creating a podcast, managing external relations, organizing a speaker series, and serving as the association president. He also served as editor-in-chief of an undergraduate journal and advised a case competition for climate policy solutions.

Sidney Leggett
MSc, Epidemiology
Winnipeg, MB

Sidney built the website for an Indigenous student group, worked to revitalize the data collection process for a non-profit organization and co-created a story-catching website in collaboration with Indigenous community members from three cities. She worked four part-time jobs during the year and spent two summers working as a junior epidemiologist and research intern.

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