“The global challenges we face as a society need the energy and entrepreneurial spirit of McCall MacBain Scholars. Through this scholarship program, they’ll have opportunities to deepen their knowledge, develop their leadership skills, and create meaningful connections that will enable them to bring about positive change.”

— JOHN MCCALL MACBAIN

The McCall MacBain Scholarships are Canada’s first comprehensive, leadership-driven scholarships for master’s and professional degree studies.

Funded in perpetuity, the McCall MacBain Scholarships are the result of a $200-million gift by John and Marcy McCall MacBain and their Foundation in 2019. At the time, it was the largest single donation in Canadian history.

The McCall MacBain Foundation’s mission is to improve the welfare of humanity by providing scholarships and other educational opportunities that nurture transformational leadership, and by investing in evidence-based strategies to address climate change, preserve the natural environment, and improve health outcomes. The Foundation is a Second-Century Founder of the Rhodes Trust, aiding its global expansion since 2013, and the Second Decade Founder of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships in South Africa.
Leadership Skills Development

McCall MacBain Scholars participate in an intensive leadership development program to learn how to tackle complex challenges and deepen their impact. Together, they develop their understanding of themselves, of others, and of the systems that affect us all.

During bi-weekly seminars, scholars review and discuss interdisciplinary leadership cases. The case studies allow students to learn about and discuss different types of leadership challenges. Case studies include crisis communication, design thinking, innovation, negotiation, networking, and more. Guest speakers are invited to share their insights with the group.

Each seminar includes a leadership lab, where scholars seek constructive feedback and ideas from their peers regarding a real-life leadership challenge they have faced.

Meaningful Connections

Every scholar is matched with a supportive and experienced mentor, a professional coach, a faculty advisor, and other advisors. These individuals challenge McCall MacBain Scholars to reach their goals and set new ones, while introducing them to a broader network of people.

Our mentors are leaders in business, academia, government, and the social services sector. They are matched with scholars based on individual goals, interests, and areas for growth.

Coaching begins with an individual strengths assessment, followed by monthly one-on-one meetings with a coach. Faculty advisors support our scholars’ overall transition to the McGill community. In addition, community advisors are introduced for specific conversations.

Mentor Profile: Joanne Liu

Dr. Joanne Liu is a Canadian pediatric emergency room physician, former International President of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF), and a professor at McGill’s School of Population and Global Health. A graduate of the McGill Medicine class of 1991, Joanne first joined MSF in 1996, working with Malian refugees in Mauritania. Since then, she has provided and coordinated emergency medical aid across the globe, whether it be resulting from natural disasters like tsunamis or earthquakes or viral outbreaks such as Ebola in 2014. As a member of the Independent Panel on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, Joanne has been contributing to a set of comprehensive recommendations to protect people from future outbreaks. Recently, she was conferred an Honorary Fellowship by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

“These students have a wide range of experiences and interests, and that diversity of perspective will be fundamental to their shared learning experience as McCall MacBain Scholars.”

— NATASHA SAWH, DEAN OF THE MCCALL MACBAIN SCHOLARSHIPS
McGill is an exceptional place for students to broaden their horizons, deepen their perspective, and become an expert in their chosen field. The university is ranked 27th among the top universities globally. It has a bold history of research and an international student body.

- Over 1,600 tenured faculty members researching and teaching in graduate programs
- Cutting-edge facilities housed in more than 100 research institutes and centres across two campuses
- Dynamic learning experiences and professional development opportunities

“Think about the scholarships as an exceptional opportunity not only to get a great education, but to broaden your view on the world and to take an active part in shaping the world. Think about it as the best launching pad you can have into the future.”

— SUZANNE FORTIER, PRINCIPAL & VICE-CHANCELLOR, MCGILL UNIVERSITY

### McGill University

McCall MacBain Scholars may pursue a diverse array of academic paths at McGill, from history to music to physics and much more. Collectively, the faculties and departments below offer over 150 eligible masters and professional programs compatible with the scholarship.

#### AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
- Agricultural Economics
- Animal Science
- Bioresource Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Food Science & Agricultural Chemistry
- Human Nutrition
- Natural Resource Sciences
- Parasitology
- Plant Science

#### ARTS
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Communication Studies
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- English
- French Language & Literature
- History & Classical Studies
- Information Studies
- International Development
- Islamic Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Languages, Literatures & Cultures
- Linguistics
- Philosophy: Bioethics
- Political Science
- Public Policy
- Quebec Studies
- Religious Studies
- Social Studies of Medicine
- Social Work
- Sociology

#### DENTAL MEDICINE & ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES
- Dental Medicine (DMD)
- Dental Sciences

#### EDUCATION
- Educational & Counselling Psychology
- Integrated Studies in Education
- Kinesiology & Physical Education

#### ENGINEERING
- Architecture
- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering & Applied Mechanics
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining & Materials Engineering
- Urban Planning

#### INTERFACULTY
- Biological & Biomedical Engineering
- Integrated Program in Neuroscience

#### LAW
- Law (BCL/JD, LLM)

#### MANAGEMENT
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Management: Analytics
- Management: Finance
- Management: Retail

#### MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES
- Anatomy & Cell Biology
- Biochemistry
- Bioethics
- Biostatistics
- Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Epidemiology, Biostatistics & Occupational Health
- Human Genetics
- Medical Physics
- Medicine, Experimental Medicine, Family Medicine (MDCM)
- Microbiology & Immunology
- Nursing
- Otolaryngology
- Pathology
- Pharmacology & Therapeutics
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Psychiatry
- Surgery, Experimental

#### MUSIC
- Music (Performance, Research)

#### SCIENCE
- Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth & Planetary Sciences
- Geography
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Physics
- Psychology

Graduate certificates, executive master's programs, PhDs, qualifying-year studies, joint degree programs, and programs that are normally delivered online are examples of programs not covered.
Montréal, Canada

Montréal is one of the top student destinations in the world, known for its open, creative culture and exceptional quality of life. It’s the second-largest city in Canada with direct flights to 130+ cities worldwide.

- #1 student city in North America
- Unique, colourful neighbourhoods
- Multilingual with an eclectic blend of North American and European culture

The City of Montréal is known as Tiohti:áke in Kanien’kéha, and Mooniyang in Anishinaabemowin. It is the traditional and unceded territory of the Kanien’kéha:ka (Mohawk), a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations.

First Global Cohort

September 2023 will mark the arrival of the first global cohort of McCall MacBain Scholars, following two years of Canadian-only applications. The expanded cohort will consist of 20 Canadians and 10 international students.

With most McCall MacBain Scholars pursuing multi-year master’s or professional degrees, up to 75 scholars will be studying on campus at any given time.

ADMISSIONS

Our selection committees look for exceptional students who strive to engage in positive change by taking on meaningful leadership roles.

Applicants must meet the minimum degree and language requirements for McGill master’s program admission. They must also meet the requirements for the McGill program(s) they list in their scholarship application.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

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

“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, CLASS OF 2021

Discover what it’s like to study in Montréal:
mccallmacbain.ca/montreal
Application Process

The McCall MacBain Scholarship application is comprehensive and includes two reference forms. For international applicants, the online application will be available from early June to late August.

UNIVERSITY ENDORSEMENT

Current students and recent graduates must earn the endorsement of their university. Guidance will be available in the online application.

MCGILL ADMISSIONS

This scholarship application is separate from and earlier than McGill graduate admissions. Since program admission timelines and requirements vary, applicants are strongly encouraged to research the ones that interest them.

Applicants must apply directly to McGill programs by the program deadline, or in December 2022 at the latest if selected for McCall MacBain Scholarship final interviews.

Interviews

Volunteers in Canada and around the world contribute their time to help select scholars.

Regional interviews will be conducted online in October and November for applicants outside of Canada and the United States. At these interviews, more than 200 Canadian and international semi-finalists will be invited to reflect on their personal experiences, volunteer and leadership contributions, and goals.

The interviewers may include business executives, academics, public servants, and other active community leaders. Collectively, they will have professional or personal connections to the world region for which they are conducting interviews.

Afterwards, up to 50 Canadian and 30 international finalists will be invited to Montréal for final interviews. Travel and accommodation costs are covered for participation in final interviews.

Candidates who participate in interviews are eligible for additional awards. Up to 20 Finalist Awards of $20,000 CAD will be offered to international applicants attending final interviews in Montréal.

Interviewer Profile: Patrick Pichette

Patrick Pichette has over 30 years of financial and operating expertise. He has led world-class companies like Google, McKinsey, Sprint Canada and Bell Canada to break through the complexities of ‘hyper-growth’ and digital transformations. As CFO of Google from 2008 to 2015, he took an active part in Google’s growth agenda and ultimately supported the creation of the Alphabet structure. Patrick now sits on the Board of Twitter and Lightspeed POS Inc, where he serves as Chairman of the Board. In addition, he has been an independent investor, advisor and board member to a number of startups and innovation networks around the world. Patrick, an active environmentalist through his Kenauk Project, holds an MA from Oxford, where he attended as a Rhodes Scholar, and a BBA from UQAM.
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