



Internship Opportunity with POETRY MATTERS Summer 2024

POSITION:	Intern – communications, publicity, research
LOCATION:	Montreal, QC. In person
DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:	<p>Poetry Matters is an initiative based in the Department of English at McGill University in Montréal, Québec. Inspired by figures from the history of McGill—such as Canadian poets Louis Dudek, Leonard Cohen, Barbara Althea Jones, and Patrick Anderson—we seek to build from existing resources at McGill toward developing an enhanced culture for poetry. With the support of SSHRC, McGill English, and the McGill Writing Centre, our project has established a research community and community of practice around poetry to support faculty and student work, as well as the work of poets. More generally, we seek to foster conversation on poetry among members of different communities, at the university and beyond—through events, workshops, and collaborative projects.</p> <p>Working together, members of the network explore how and why poetry matters in the contemporary climate. As Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor suggests, poetry is integral to the building of culture, ideas, and identity. This is especially true at a moment when many of the cultural areas associated with the work of poetry (such as exploring questions of subjectivity and self-expression, finding language for non-dominant experience, and considering social justice from new perspectives) are often subordinated in the wider culture. Cued by poet Jennifer Bartlett, who writes from a disability perspective, we recognize poetry as a way of being in a world not made for everyone – as offering languages for remaking worlds.</p>
INTERN'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:	<p>Interns will work closely as supervised by the director and project RAs on a week-by-week basis to support activities including planning, coordinating, and publicizing events such as poetry readings, workshops, and panels; posting commentary, news, and poetry-related projects on the Poetry Matters website; updating website; posting commentary on the Poetry Matters Facebook page; and pursuing an independent project on poetry as a resource for McGill students. Intern may also take part in the research arm of Poetry Matters' work 2023-24, focused on research with University Archives on a Montreal poet at McGill in the 1960s, as well as a collaboration with McGill's Laboratory for Attention and Social Cognition (McGill Psychology).</p> <p>The internship culminates in an essay by the intern that elaborates on their experience working within a network of students, faculty, and poets on events, workshops, and other activities fostering work on and discussions of poetry.</p>
HOST ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent academic record - Experience planning and coordinating events - Experience with poetry - Outstanding verbal and written communication skills - Motivation and independence
HOURS:	Approximately 10 hours per week
DATES:	May 6 to July 26, 2024 (dates to be finalized with host organization)
RENUMERATION:	\$2,000 CAD issued to the intern through a Faculty of Arts Internship Award.
HOW TO APPLY:	Students must complete the online Arts Internship Application Form available on the AIO website: https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/internships/postings

APPLICATION DEADLINE:	February 11, 2024
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - McGill Faculty of Arts students (B.A., B.A & Sc., BSW, B.Th., M.A., MSW) - Minimum CGPA of 3.0 - Returning to McGill in the same program in the semester following the internship - Fulfill Faculty of Arts requirements as outlined in the Interns Handbook https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/resources - Provide proof of medical insurance for duration of internship
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:	Interns are responsible for informing themselves of what entry requirements are required to visit and work as an intern in the internship host country. These may include a visa, work permit, passport valid for at least 6 months after entry, and proof of certain vaccinations. <u>The intern is responsible for acquiring all necessary documents in time for the beginning of their internship.</u>
CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS:	N/A

Please Note:

**If you feel you have experienced barriers which have had an impact on your academic performance and wish to highlight these to the selection committee, the documents/comments will be taken into consideration.*

We will get back to you shortly after the deadline if you are selected for an interview. The Arts Internship Office will then transmit the selected applications to the host organization, which will ultimately be responsible for the selection of the candidate(s). Students who do not receive offers will be notified on a rolling basis as decisions are made.