

# Memorandum

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**TO:** Board of Governors  
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**SUBJECT:** Schulich School of Music  
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**ACTION REQUIRED:**  INFORMATION  APPROVAL/DECISION

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**ISSUE & EXPECTED OUTCOME** An overview of activities, initiatives and developments of the Schulich School of Music is provided to the Board of Governors for information.

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**BACKGROUND & RATIONALE** Presentations feature regularly on-Board agendas in order to keep Board members apprised of the University's academic and campus activities.

The following presentation has been prepared by the Dean of the Schulich School of Music and provides an overview of the following elements of the Faculty: Rankings, Research Data, Global Position, Local Impact.

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**ALIGNMENT WITH MISSION AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES** Presentations of University Faculties apprise the Board of the University's academic priorities.

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**COMPLIANCE WITH UNIVERSITY POLICY** Faculty presentations are a regular feature on Board agendas.

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**COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION/ EXTERNAL REGULATIONS** There are no external legislation requirements applicable.

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**RISK FACTORS** There are no risk factors applicable.

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**SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS** N/A

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<b>IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS</b>	N/A
<b>MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL</b>	N/A
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Appendix A: Presentation on Schulich School of Music

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# Schulich School of Music

Board of Governors Meeting

February 8, 2024

Sean Ferguson, Dean

## Overview

- The Schulich School of Music is Canada's finest music school.\*
- By any metric, music at McGill leads all other Canadian universities.
- From the performing arts to the humanities, social sciences, science and technology, no other faculty of music explores music from so many different perspectives with such across-the-board excellence.

\*Disclaimer: it's not even close.

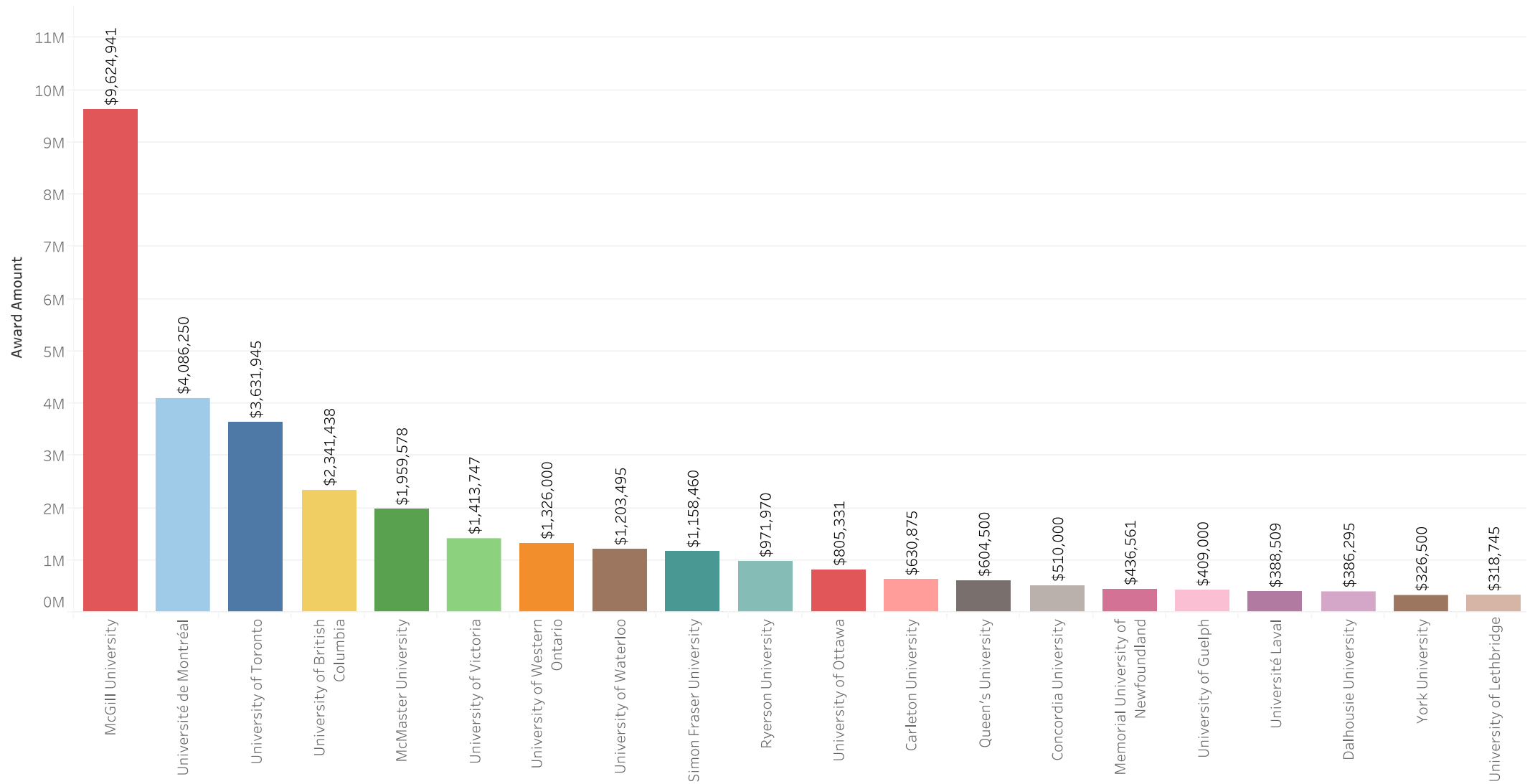
## Rankings

- QS World University Rankings by Subject: Performing Arts
  - McGill has been ranked **#1** in Canada each year since this subject was added.
  - In 2023 McGill ranked 34<sup>th</sup> internationally (out of 119).
    - University of Toronto 2<sup>nd</sup> in Canada and 48<sup>th</sup> internationally.
- EduRank (2023): Music
  - McGill is ranked **#1** in Canada and **2<sup>nd</sup>** in North America.
    - University of Toronto ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Canada and 3<sup>rd</sup> in North America.

## Research Data (Office of VPRI)

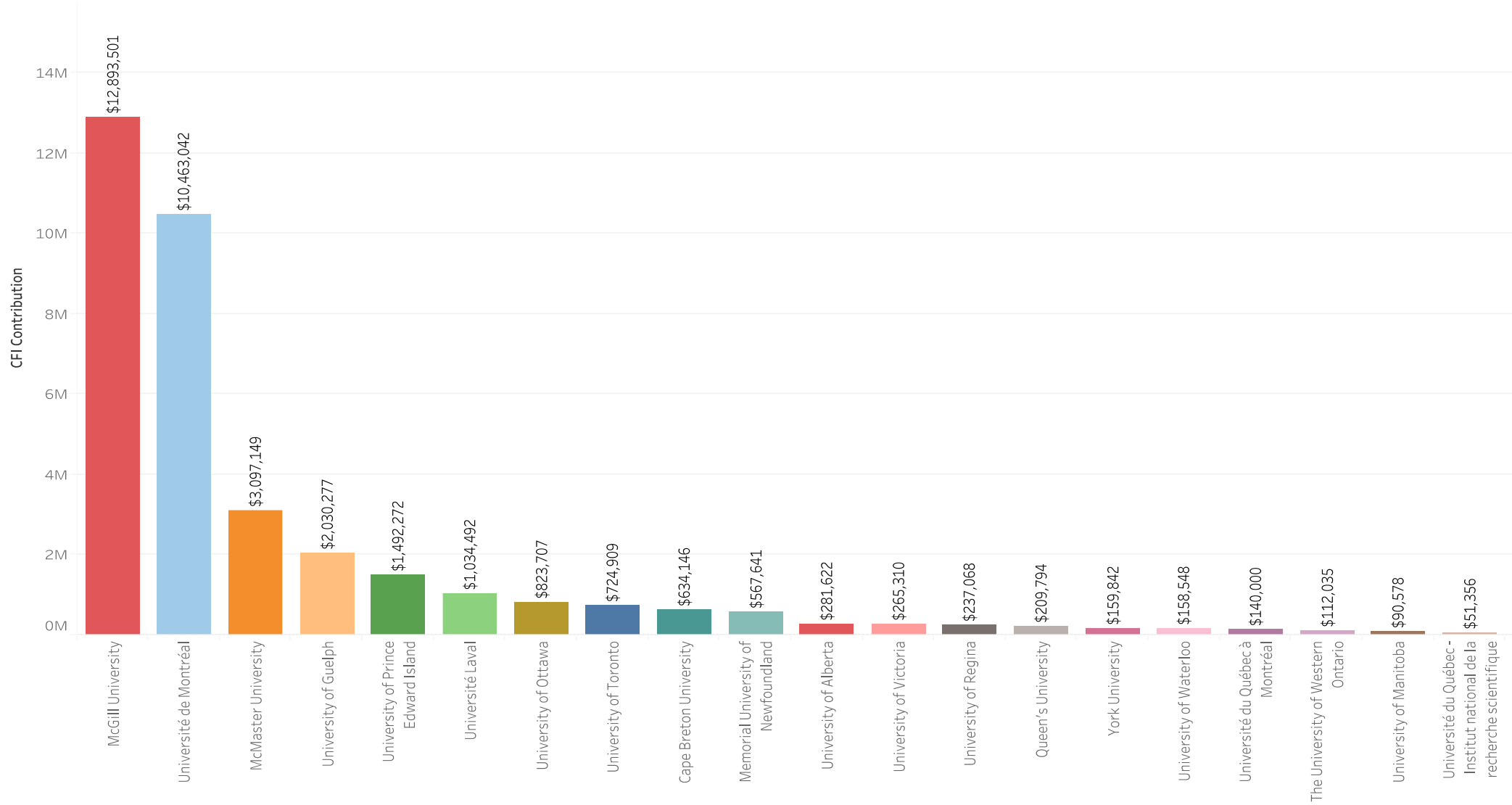
- Four out of 12 (**33%**) current Canada Research Chairs in music are occupied by McGill faculty from the SSoM, **#1** in Canada.
- McGill is **#1** for publications in Music among all institutions in the U15 (Jan. 2018 to Dec. 2023)
  - McGill: **157**. University of Toronto: #2 with 115.
- Over this same time period, McGill is **#1 (35%)** for funding to the U15 in Music (from select funding agencies), as identified by SciVal.
  - McGill: **\$5,394,091**. University of Toronto is #2 with \$2,525,320

NSERC Total Music Funding by Institution, Top 20 (2012-2022)



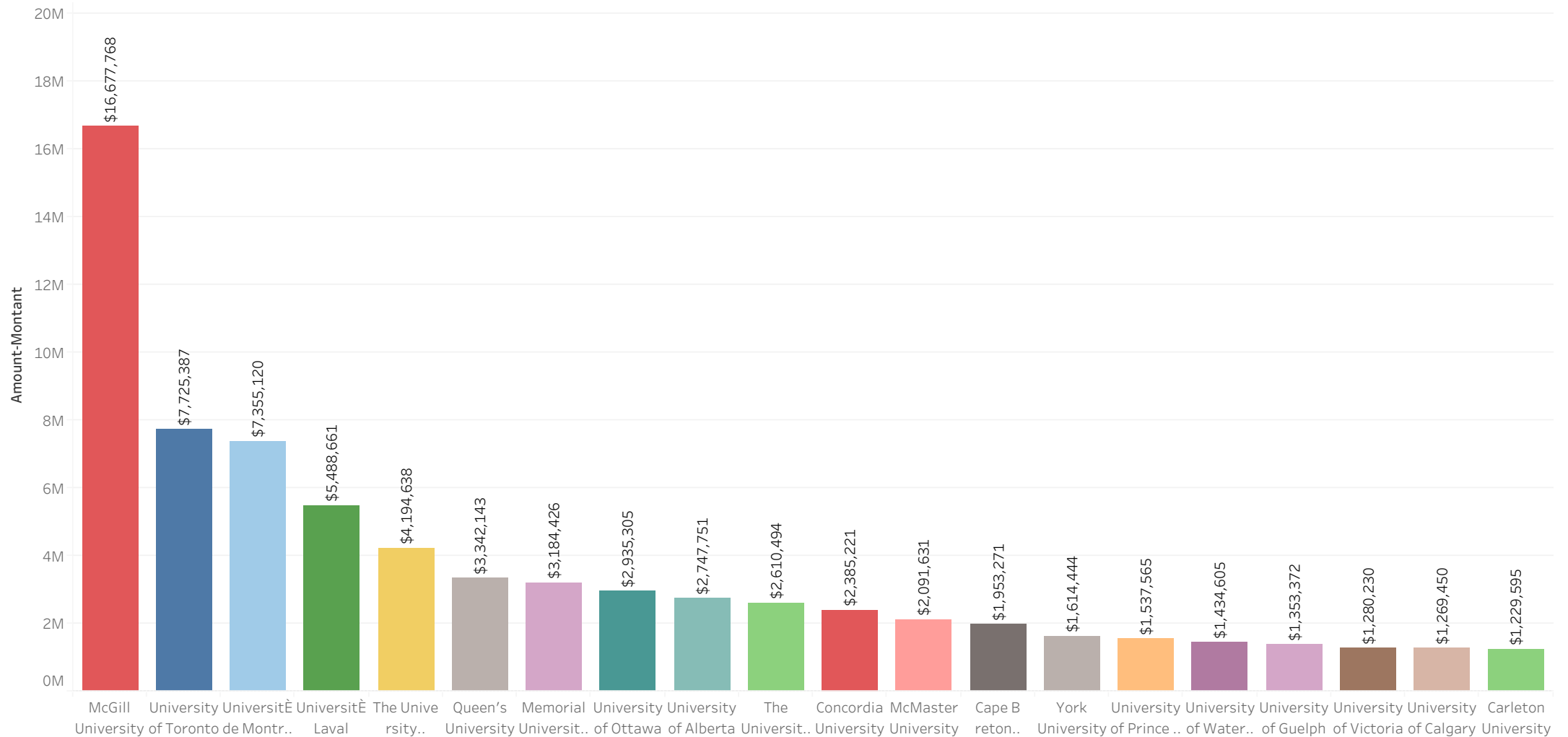


### Total CFI Music Funding (2000-2023)





### Total SSHRC Music Funding by Institution (2012-2022)



## Globally Preeminent

- **Papers in Humanities Conferences**

- Combined papers read by professors and students at 2013-2023 American Musicological Society and Society for Music Theory Conferences

- **McGill: #1 (150)**, Harvard: #2 (131), Indiana: #3 (130), Yale: #4 (123), U of T: #11 (65)

- **Papers in Science/Technology Conferences**

- 2013-2023 International Computer Music, New Interfaces for Musical Expression & International Society for Music Information Retrieval Conferences

- **McGill: #2 (172)**, Queen Mary University, London: #1 (262), Stanford: #3 (138), NYU: #4 (129), UBC: #22 (14)

- **Enrolment**

- **78%** of international students in Bachelor of Music programs in Quebec are at McGill.
- If we were in Ontario, our share would be **67%**.

## Locally Anchored

- **661** public events in 2022-23. More than **30,000** attendees.
  - Schulich is the **#1** music presenter in Montreal.
- **28** live webcasts, with **9071** viewers around the world
- **48%** of the members of *Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal* and **51%** of the *Orchestre Métropolitain* are former students or current teachers
- Since its founding, **24%** of the members of the *Ateliers lyrique* of *Opéra de Montréal* have been Schulich students

