How do financial decisions shape an organization?
You will join a vibrant group of students who come to Canada from more than 70 countries around the world in pursuit of an education that combines research, practice, and teaching in a highly collaborative environment. A growing team of world-class faculty members ensures that our programs at the undergraduate, masters, executive, and PhD levels bridge the gap between theory and practice at every stage of the academic journey. The calibre of their teaching is matched only by the calibre of their research, which extends across disciplines to tackle the greatest challenges of our time.

Beyond rankings and accolades, McGill Desautels provides a warm, close-knit community that embraces the diversity of its members' strengths and perspectives.

While the Faculty has undergone dramatic growth and change over the decades, one thing has remained constant: McGill Desautels prepares students to think beyond the bottom line. You will acquire tools and experience in the right combination to make a lasting impact in the constantly evolving world of finance.

“McGill Desautels prepares students to think beyond the bottom line.”
Our MMF program offers an unparalleled opportunity to apply theory in a real-world context through our student-run investment firm. Between high-quality classroom instruction and constant real-world application, you will be fully equipped to take on the challenges of the financial sector within a short period of time.

Canada is home to a number of excellent graduate programs in finance, but there is a reason that QS World University Rankings places the McGill MMF program 1st in Canada and 17th internationally out of 166 programs.

Our program attracts exceptional students from around the globe. While some have an undergraduate degree in finance, we welcome students from diverse academic backgrounds. Whether your background is in math or engineering, economics or the social sciences, you will join a like-minded group of peers who will become close friends and professional contacts throughout your lifetime. If you want a degree that will set you apart in the exciting, competitive world of finance, the MMF is for you.

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Tailor the MMF curriculum to meet your needs

Complete the Master of Management in Finance (MMF) program in 12 or 16 months.

The program consists of 12 courses (spread over 36 credits) delivered over 6 modules. You will complete a 9-credit Applied Finance Project during the final semester.
Get a **head start** in your career

**Applied Finance Project**

This core, 9-credit sequence forms a critical link between theory and practice in three overlapping stages:

**Desautels Capital Management (June-April)**

From your first day in the MMF program, you will work at Canada’s first university-owned, student-run registered investment firm for 15 to 20 hours per week. Since 2009, every MMF student has played a meaningful, practical role in managing two separate funds for Desautels Capital Management which now has an AUM of $9 million in real assets.

**Professional Seminar Series (August-March)**

Build your network and gain continuous exposure to relevant issues and practices in financial markets through this seminar series delivered by leaders in a variety of industries.

**Applied Finance Project (January-April)**

Harness your creative and analytical skills by working on a finance topic of your choice under the supervision of a faculty member. You will graduate with a final product that showcases your skillset for employers in your field of interest.

**International Study Trip**

Thanks to McGill’s extensive alumni network, you will have a valuable opportunity to learn and make connections in the world’s leading financial centres. Over two days, you will meet with top executives from 12 distinct financial organizations that operate in asset management, real estate, risk management, private equity, and other key areas of finance.
“After only several months in the MMF program, I feel like a different person. Through my classes and job in Desautels Capital Management, I’m developing a deep understanding of the technical mechanisms of finance and a stronger set of analytical tools. I’m learning the nitty gritty of different industries and sectors. I’ve even watched my presentation skills improve dramatically. I came into the program thinking that I would focus on portfolio management or active investment, but through interacting with industry contacts that I’ve made through career services, I’ve realized that I’m better suited for consulting. As I prepare to launch my career, I’m confident that the MMF will equip me with everything I need to become an effective practitioner.”

Lily Ouyang, MMF’21
Alyona Pereslavtseva, MMF’21

“I was never interested in following a defined career path where you do the same thing every day. I knew that a career in finance would provide the challenge I needed to stay engaged. I had never worked in a finance environment, but I trusted the MMF program to set me up for success. The practical and theoretical components of the program are designed in a way that prepares students for the realities of the workplace. As a risk management analyst for DCM, I started working on real problems on Day One. Now I can demonstrate to a future employer that I have learned by doing.”

Katerina Paraschis, MMF’21

“While working in corporate law, I realized that I wanted to fill the role of strategic advisor for clients, helping them succeed in the most critical moments of their business. The MMF program provided a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between law and finance in a realistic, fast-paced environment. I faced a steep learning curve at first, but it has been a satisfying experience to build a foundation of financial skills and knowledge in a very short period of time. I have especially appreciated the ways in which MMF faculty members and advisors are committed to creating a collegial environment for students to learn and gain practical experience. We have all the support we need to reach our full potential.”

Esteban Fernandez, MMF’21

“When I realized that sales was not the right fit for me, I was searching for a way to pivot to finance. The MMF program offered the highly specialized financial training that I needed to take my career in a new direction. While the program is demanding, it’s rewarding to work with students who are equally motivated to succeed, and professors and administrators who are deeply invested in our success. For every new analytical tool we learn to use, for example, we receive multiple training sessions. I remember one time when MMF program staff were awake at four in the morning to deliver a training for students like me who were joining from different time zones. That’s the level of commitment they demonstrate.”
From the classroom to the boardroom

Aicha Traoré
MMF’20

“I've always had a strong interest in pursuing a career in finance because I’ve witnessed the potential for impact firsthand. I was born and raised in Côte d’Ivoire, where my father served as a financial manager for our government. His influence gave birth to my passion for finance. After high school, I moved to Canada to build a foundation for the future. Between the practical training and coursework and McGill’s strong alumni network, I was confident that the MMF would be the right stepping-stone to a managerial position in a leading financial institution.

The fast pace of the one-year program challenged me, but it took me where I wanted to go. I had the opportunity to work as the Head of Risk Management for a DCM fund, which provided incredible hands-on experience in calculating market risk metrics and practicing risk management. Most of the questions I answered during my job interviews were related to the work I completed at DCM. Now I’m a senior analyst of market risk at the National Bank of Canada. I have dreams of returning to my country someday to contribute to its economic development, but I would like to get more experience in the meantime. With the help of the MMF program, I’m right where I want to be.”

Nicolas Genest
MMF’18

“I was on track to become an accountant when I took my first finance class. I was immediately drawn in by the idea of not just helping companies analyze what happened in the past but helping them use that information to create a strategy for the future. As a native of Montreal, I always dreamed of going to McGill. Once I decided to take my career in the direction of finance, I chose the MMF program to access more opportunities within the industry. The program covers everything that’s possible within the world of finance. Everything I learned either applies directly to my current role or provides helpful context.

Overall, my time in the MMF program was very similar to my current role in investment banking: intense yet highly rewarding, with a strong sense of camaraderie. I met some of my best friends at McGill. Whenever one of us hit a wall, the others helped them to keep going. Now, as an investment banking analyst at TD Securities, I can look back and see all the ways the MMF program prepared for success, from the investing experience at DCM to the heavy emphasis on collaboration. In my experience, you don’t realize how much you grow until you’ve completed the program. Your knowledge expands, and your conversation becomes more intelligent. You become a valuable member of a team.”

Aïcha Traoré
MMF’20

Nicolas Genest
MMF’18
Pratyaksha Yadav
MMF'18

“I was working at Ernst & Young in New Delhi when I was first introduced to the world of finance. I was part of a project that helped an international nonprofit maximize their social return on investment. Something about the combination of social impact and finance spoke to me. When I started looking for graduate opportunities, I found that the MMF program was perfectly tailored for someone with my background who had a cursory view of finance but wanted to learn more. The opportunity to manage real money in a real setting through DCM sealed the deal. I give a lot of credit to my cohort and professors for going out of their way to help me feel settled in Canada. Because the program is so international, I felt like I was on the same journey as my fellow students.”

Mitch McEwen
MMF'20

“There’s never been a more exciting time to be in the field of finance. Thanks to the MMF program, I discovered my true passion for sustainable finance and environmental, social and governance (ESG). I have always been intrigued by the idea of corporate social responsibility and, through exploring the interface between finance and ESG in class and at Desautels Capital Management (DCM), the MMF program challenged me to think beyond the bottom line.

In a short period of time, my professors and advisors in the MMF program helped me reach the level of expertise that companies are looking for. My experience as the Chief Sustainability Officer for DCM’s Socially Responsible Investing Equity Fund gave me the ability to think holistically about the impact of investments through a social and environmental lens while building my network in Montreal, Toronto, and New York. The blend of theory and experiential learning set me up perfectly to launch my career. I’m grateful to the MMF program for opening the door to this exciting, evolving field.”
There’s a reason Montreal claims the title of best student city in North America year after year.

A thriving arts and cultural scene, low cost of living, low level of crime, and plentiful job opportunities attract students from all over the world. No matter what their background or creed, newcomers encounter the welcoming, tolerant vibe of a city that embodies joie de vivre and prioritizes a high quality of life. They join a young, diverse population of 1.7 million people who shape the city into a more appealing destination each year.

Montreal has long enjoyed the reputation of being a artistic and culinary hotspot, but it has more recently evolved into a hub for technology, artificial intelligence (AI), and entrepreneurship as well. As the island pulses with the energy of constant growth and change, students have a unique opportunity to change and grow with it.

Montreal’s largest public park provides nearly 500 acres of green space to exercise, picnic, and enjoy free entertainment. Walk, cycle, blade, or ski to the summit for a skyline view of the city.

Mont Royal

Montreal’s culinary scene lives up to the hype. Head to St. Viateur Bagel for some of the world’s best bagels, Schwartz’s Deli for traditional Montreal smoked meat, and La Banquise for a heaping plate of poutine.

Iconic Restaurants

Every January, tens of thousands of Montrealers bundle up for an outdoor electronic music festival over four consecutive weekends.

Igloofest

Montreal’s professional ice hockey team packs large, passionate crowds into the downtown Bell Centre for home games.

Montreal Canadiens

The largest underground city network in the world features 32 kilometres of restaurants, shops, metro stations, and entertainment venues to explore.

Underground City

Montreal’s underground city network is a haven for recreational boaters, runners, and cyclists along 14.5 kilometres of waterways and trails.

Lachine Canal

Canada’s largest cultural and artistic complex is a mecca for fans of music, theatre, dance, and contemporary art.

Place des Arts
Launch a career that matters

Selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants, your classmates will hold degrees in business, economics, law, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and other related disciplines from universities around the world.

Class profile

As an MMF student, you will gain exposure to a wide variety of perspectives through the diversity of your cohort.

41% 59%

Domestic students International students

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2020 Employment statistics

by function

- Finance
  - Corporate Finance: 3%
  - Corporate Credit: 6%
  - Fixed Income: 3%
  - Investment Banking: 6%
  - Investment Management: 30%
  - Risk Management: 11%
  - Rotational Program: 6%
  - Sales Trading: 3%
  - Wealth Management: 11%
- Consulting
  - Financial Advisory: 9%
- Consulting
  - Niche: 3%
- Consulting
  - Rotational Program: 6%
- Leadership Development Program / General Management: 3%
- Marketing / Business Development: 3%
- Technology: 3%

by industry

- Consulting
  - Financial Services: 6%
  - Media / Entertainment / Sports: 4%
  - Petroleum / Energy: 3%
  - Real Estate: 6%
Admission requirements

If you have a bachelor’s degree and proven quantitative skills, you are eligible to apply. The MMF is a pre-experience program, so no prior work experience is required. If you are an international student, we will determine the equivalency of your bachelor’s degree.

Required components

→ Undergraduate degree
→ Curriculum Vitae (CV)
→ Two letters of reference
→ Essay questions

If applicable

→ GMAT or GRE (not required for students receiving a graduate or undergraduate degree from a recognized Canadian university)
→ TOEFL or IELTS

Scholarships

A generous community of alumni and friends of Desautels funds entrance scholarships every year. All MMF students are considered for these scholarships, upon acceptance, without any action required on their part.

Take the next step > Apply online

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