

**DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY**  
**MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

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***DEPARTMENTAL GRADUATE STUDIES ADMISSION GUIDELINES***

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In addition to the general conditions of admission established by McGill, such as academic record, languages and letters of recommendation, there are specific rules of admission established by the Department of Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry.

***M.Sc. ADMISSION***

- (1) B.Sc. in Food Science and related areas, including Nutrition, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Chemical Engineering and Agricultural Engineering.
- (2) A minimum of an average GPA of 3.0 for the B.Sc. and 3.2 for the last two years.
- (3) The applicant should satisfy the McGill requirement for English competency for graduate admission purposes, which stipulates that only those whose mother tongue is English, who graduated from a Canadian institution (anglophone or francophone), or who completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at a foreign institution where English is the language of instruction are exempt from providing proof of competency in English. The candidate should satisfy the TOFEL score (computer-based minimum of 213; paper-based minimum of 550; and on-line-based minimum of 86) or IELTS (minimum of 6.5).
- (4) Availability of a Supervisor to accept the candidate.
- (5) A candidate having a lower GPA *may be* considered as a special student and will be required to take a minimum of three courses of 500 or 600 levels. The choice of the courses should be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department in consultation with the potential supervisor. The student should obtain a minimum of 75% in their first attempt in each one of these courses before his/her admission to the M.Sc. degree. If successful, these course credits will be transferred to his/her program at the M.Sc. level and the student can continue with his/her graduate program. If these minimum standards are not met, the student will not be admitted to the M.Sc. graduate program.
- (6) The candidate should hold a scholarship or an adequate stipend offered by the supervisor for two year period. The student could also be accepted on the basis of his/her self-funding, with supporting documents.

## ***PH.D. ADMISSION***

- (1) M.Sc. in Food Science and related areas, including Nutrition, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Chemical Engineering and Agricultural Engineering. There is no direct admission to the Ph.D. program to candidate with B.Sc. degree.
- (2) An average of GPA of 3.4 for the M.Sc. and 3.2 for the last two years in his/her B.Sc. degree.
- (3) The applicant should satisfy the McGill requirement for English competency for graduate admission purposes, which stipulates that only those whose mother tongue is English, who graduated from a Canadian institution (anglophone or francophone), or who completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at a foreign institution where English is the language of instruction are exempt from providing proof of competency in English. The candidate should satisfy the TOFEL score (computer-based minimum of 213; paper-based minimum of 550; and on-line-based minimum of 86) or IELTS (minimum of 6.5).
- (4) Availability of a Supervisor to accept the candidate.
- (5) A M.Sc. student in the Department of Food Sci. & Agr. Chem. may also transfer to Ph.D. program without completing the M.Sc. degree, but after spending minimum one year or maximum 3 sessions of registration as a registered M.Sc. student, meeting the following conditions:
  - (a) A letter from the candidate expressing his/her wishes to make the transfer.
  - (b) A minimum of 80% average for all courses taken in M.Sc., with a minimum of 75% in each course.
  - (c) A letter of recommendation from the supervisor of the M.Sc. degree
  - (d) The candidate should hold a scholarship or an adequate stipend offered by the supervisor for the three year period. The student could also be accepted on the basis of his/her self-funding, with supporting documents.
- (6) A student, enrolled in the Ph.D. program and in the process of submitting his/her thesis, may also be admitted under similar conditions as noted above, but the admission will be conditional to successful completion of the degree. However, the student admission to the Ph.D. program is also conditional of his/her successful passing the first submission of his/her M.Sc. thesis.