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To: Members of the Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
From: Josephine Nalbantoglu, Chair of Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS)
Subject: Offering third-cycle diplomas at McGill University
Purpose: For Information For Approval

Purpose	GPS is introducing third-cycle diploma offerings at the University.
Background	<p>The Ministry of Education's GDEU coding system serves as a framework for university operations. As of 1982, the definition of a third-cycle program includes doctoral programs and 3rd cycle diplomas. A third-cycle diploma requires a master's degree for admission. To date, we have only offered doctoral programs as a 3rd cycle option.</p> <p>The Schulich School of Music has recently expressed their intent to offer a third-cycle diploma – the Post-Graduate Artist Diploma; Performance - that will be effective in Fall 2023. This would be similar to third-cycle diploma offerings at our peer institutions in the province, such as the Université de Montréal, where they offer the D.É.P.A. (Diplôme d'études professionnelles approfondies, which requires a Masters or equivalent).</p> <p>To align with other Quebec universities and the Ministry's educational framework, GPS will oversee the implementation of this Ministry-approved educational pathway at McGill University.</p>
Prior consultations/Approvals:	GPS has reviewed the relevant Ministry framework with colleagues in Enrolment Services and Strategic Planning and Reporting.
Next steps:	Once approved by CGPS, this proposal will be submitted to SCTP for information.
Reference Document:	Please see the program proposal submitted to the February 13 th Council: CGPS-NP-PGArtDipP_R00
