



## April Showers... Bring May Flowers



We wish a big congratulations to all those expecting to graduate this year. You're almost at the finish line - hang in there, and before you know it, it will all be over, and you'll be done! Bon courage!

Stay tuned for our final newsletter on May 1st with tips for summer.

And remember that ISS is closed on Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5 for Good Friday and Easter Monday long weekend.

Enjoy the long weekend!  
[International Student Services](#)

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### IMMIGRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Are your immigration documents going to expire soon?

Are your immigration documents going to expire on or before August 31, 2021? Are you worried about the renewal process? ISS can help! We have recorded a [renewing immigration documents webinar](#) that you can view at any time.

ISS will also be hosting two Q&A sessions specifically on the topic of renewing immigration documents:

- [Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am](#)
- [Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am](#)

(Times in Eastern Time)

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## Income Tax Information Sessions for International Students

Filing your returns for the first time or just looking for some tax tips? The Scholarships & Student Aid Office and Revenu Quebec will lead an information session for international students on how to complete your provincial tax return. If you live and work in Quebec, you are advised to file both provincial and federal tax returns. This session will address **provincial** tax returns only with information tailored to international students. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, but due to time limitations, personalized tax advising cannot be provided. The deadline to file your provincial and federal tax return is **Friday, April 30, 2021**.

CRA tax experts will provide inside tips and advice on:

- Student tax breaks
- Optimizing returns
- Easy filing at no cost

## Post-Graduation Work Permit: Info Sessions

Thinking of applying for the PGWP after graduating? Find out everything you need to know, including:

- What conditions you must have respected to be eligible for the PGWP
- How to apply for the PGWP
- What to do if you have studied part-time or have a gap in your studies
- When you must stop working after completing your program
- If you can work while your PGWP is processing
- How COVID-19 has effected PGWP applications
- How to apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN) to get paid

Did you know you may be eligible for provincial health insurance in Quebec upon obtaining your PGWP?

We have more information in the Post-Graduation Work Permit webinar and you can contact [RAMQ](#) to obtain the necessary application instructions.



### Tax Info Sessions

April 7, 10am - 12pm\*  
April 14, 2pm - 4pm\*  
May 4, 10am - 12pm\*  
(\*Eastern Time)

[Register Here](#)



### PGWP Webinar

April 6th, 11am - 12:30pm\*  
May 20th, 9am - 10:30am\*  
(\*Eastern Time)

[Register Here](#)

Want to learn more about working in Canada? Watch ISS' [Working in Canada recording](#).

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Are you struggling with anxiety related to being an international student during the pandemic?

## Join our International Student Support Group

**Description:** Do you feel disconnected from others at the university? Has your mental health been impacted by all the uncertainty this past year? International students have been uniquely impacted by the pandemic. This online support group is an opportunity to come together, share what you're going through, gain coping skills, and receive support. Open to all international students, regardless of where they're located. Participants are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Please register at least 2 hours prior to the start time of a session in order to receive the invitation for the online meeting.

**Dates:** Fridays: April 9th, April 23rd ET

[Register Here](#)



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## BE A BUDDY VOLUNTEER

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Want to share your knowledge and help new international students?

## Be a Buddy Volunteer!

**The International Buddy program is currently recruiting volunteers for Fall 2021!**

We expect over 1,500 new international student applicants wishing to be connected with a seasoned McGill Student.

With the International Buddy Program, you can:

- Make a difference in a new student's life.
- Supplement your co-curricular record.
- Meet new students and ease their transition to Montreal/McGill.

Are you hesitating because you're:  
Going on exchange? No problem! Volunteer for just a term.

Not sure what to say? The program training webinar, that covers topics like intercultural communication, will get you ready.



**INTERNATIONAL  
BUDDY PROGRAM**

[Apply NOW](#)

Still have questions? E-mail us at [international.buddy@mcgill.ca](mailto:international.buddy@mcgill.ca)

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