CONGRATULATIONS and HELLO SUMMER!

Dear International Students,

If you are graduating this spring, CONGRATULATIONS from the ISS team!

If you are staying in Montreal, check out Tourism Montreal to find out about the best Terraces in town, the best ice cream, how to rent a bike and routes to ride, and attractions such as the Montreal Botanical Gardens, public markets, or a picnic getaway.

MTL Blog also has some great features to inform and inspire you - particularly their "Things To Do in Mtl" section. ISS is also planning summer socials throughout the summer - You can register in the Programs Section below.

Finally, we are open all summer! Contact us or submit a myISS request form and an ISS team member will follow up with you.

Best wishes,
The International Student Services Team

PROGRAMS
Post-Graduation Work Permit Webinar
Do you have questions about working full-time after completing your studies at McGill? Are you eligible? What will be the duration of the work permit? Can you study on a work permit? Join this online webinar led by an ISS Immigration Advisor to find the answers to such questions!

Thursday, May 4th from 10am - 11:30am
Register on myInvolvement

Renewing Immigration Documents Webinar
Is your CAQ and/or Study Permit expiring soon? Join this online webinar led by an ISS Immigration Advisor to find out what steps you need to take to renew your documents!

Tuesday, May 16th from 9am - 10:30am
Register on myInvolvement

McGill-UQAC Explore Program: French Immersion
The summer break is the perfect opportunity to improve your French language skills, increasing your chances of success in the Quebec job market!
Find out more about this French Immersion Program on our website.

- Accepted students receive a $3,000 award to participate in the spring or summer program
  - Summer Program Total Cost: $4565.12
  - Student Portion: $1565.12
- 5-week experiential opportunity at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi
- 18 hours of French classes each week

APPLY NOW
Summer Social: Mont Royal Sunset
This excursion will give you a unique opportunity to walk up the mountain, take some breathtaking photos of Montreal and enjoy the sunset view from the Kondiaronk Belvedere! Yes, that's the official name of the area showcasing the MTL Downtown skyline!

All you need is good walking shoes and a curiosity to explore Montreal beyond the McGill bubble.

Friday, May 12th, 6pm - 8pm
Register via myInvolvement

Summer Social: Ice cream tasting
This social will give you a unique opportunity to explore the history of chocolate and ice cream spots in Montreal and to taste some of the exquisite chocolate treats and ice creams in the Downtown area.

Bring your sweet tooth!

Friday, May 29th from 4pm - 6pm
Register on myInvolvement

Micro-ExP
Want to enhance your professional skills in just 1-week (May 29 - June 2)? Many spots are available but filling up FAST to do a:

- **Micro-Project** for a potential employer (80+ spots w/30 organizations)
- **Micro-Placement** on-site at a Montreal organization
ISS News: PGWP, Renewing Documents, Summer Socials and More!
Visit the Micro-ExP website & learn more! Must be a U0 or U1 to join.
U2’s with no work experience may be eligible too.

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**Staying well during the summer**

Classes may have ended, but *[Student Wellness Hub's programs and services]* remain available to returning students throughout the summer months. Please note that students must be in Quebec to be eligible for clinical appointments, but workshops and non-clinical programming can be accessed from anywhere.

McGill students also have free access to the *[Keep.meSAFE counseling service]*, which is available 24/7, from anywhere in the world. Also, did you know that students on the IHI plan have coverage for private therapy off-campus? See your *[handbook]* for details. Graduating this spring? You can continue to access Keep.meSAFE up to 6 months after graduation and you remain covered by your IHI plan until August 31st.

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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 2023!**

We expect over 1000 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.

Not sure what to say? The *mandatory training webinar* covering topics like intercultural communication will get you ready.
Apply NOW

Still have questions? E-mail us at international.buddy@mcgill.ca

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**MAY CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD**

May 1: **May Day**
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May 2: **Twelfth day of Ridvan**
May 4: **Ghambar Maidyozarem** (end date)
May 5: **Cinco de Mayo**
May 5: **Buddha Purnima** (also known as Wesak)
May 9: **Lag B’Omer** (observance begins at sundown on the 8th)

May 18: **Ascension Day**
May 19-21: **Sanja Matsuri** (3 days)
May 26: **Shavuot** (starts at sundown May 25th, ends at sundown May 27th)
May 28: **Pentecost/Whit Sunday**
May 29: **Pentecost/Whit Monday**
May 29: **Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh**

Visit [McGill Office Religious and Spiritual Life’s webpage](https://mcgill.ca/religious-life) to find out about in-person celebrations happening on and around McGill campus!

**If we missed a celebration in your country or region, send us more information at events.iss@mcgill.ca!**

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