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Welcome to McGill's Macdonald Campus

The essential guide for new students 2024-2025





This booklet offers general information and pointers for getting started as a new student. Please note that the information in this booklet, including dates and deadlines, may be subject to change. McGill's website for new students offers much more detailed and up-to-date information. Please check it out at: www.mcgill.ca/accepted

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- Throughout this booklet, you will be referred to websites for more comprehensive information.
- The Resources and Contacts section on pages 22-23 of this booklet lists all of the addresses, telephone numbers and websites you will need to plan your arrival and get settled in at McGill's Macdonald Campus.
- International students should refer to pages 20-21 for important information on coming to Canada to study.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

Welcome to the McGill community

Congratulations on your offer of admission to McGill University. You are now moving to a new and exciting chapter in your life. The start of your university journey involves a major change and may mean leaving the home you grew up in and moving to a new city or even a new country. Of course, we will be happy to assist you with the logistical challenges. This essential guide, prepared for you, provides key information you will need for course registration, settling into campus life, and getting to know the Macdonald Campus community.

Studying at McGill's Macdonald Campus is much more than spending time in lecture halls and classrooms – your courses will likely include laboratories, field trips, and exposure to active learning classrooms. Because we offer an intimate educational setting, you will get to know your classmates well, and you will discover that your professors and the Macdonald staff are accessible, friendly and eager to help.

We really want you to feel at home, so don't be afraid to ask for help or advice!

The Student Affairs Office in Laird Hall will help you navigate your academic program. The Student Services Office will assist you with career options, financial aid and also provide mental and physical health services. Get involved with the Students' Society, one of the student clubs, or check out the athletics facilities, the Glenfinnan Arena and the Arboretum. Be sure to explore the local community of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, and take advantage of all that Montreal has to offer. It is important to dedicate time and energy to your class workloads, but you should also seize the moment to enjoy your new life, pursue established or new hobbies, explore your surroundings and build a network of peers and friends. The friends you make at university will become part of the social network surrounding you for many years to come. The first step towards building your own community is simple – just introduce yourself to that other new student sitting next to you in class. That person is likely as new to Macdonald Campus as you are and will appreciate meeting you. Sharing this new experience will make it all the more memorable!

I wish you every success as you embark on this new chapter in your life.

Sincerely,

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Events for Newly Admitted Students

See all events here



Meet McGill at Macdonald Campus on Friday, April 12

Choosing a university that is right for you is an important decision that is fast approaching.

To help you decide if McGill's Macdonald Campus is where you want to be, we have organized an information day for newly admitted students to help you get to know our campus and all we have to offer.

You and your parents are invited to join current students, academic and support staff to:

- tour our beautiful campus
- attend an information session
 - visit our residences
- speak with Academic Advisors

Activity Schedule

- 09h00 Registration begins, foyer of the Centennial Centre
- 09h30 Information Session
- 10h30 Meet with Academic Advisors
- 11h00 Campus and Residence Tours

Let us know you're coming.

Registration information will be emailed to you.

The Student Perspective

March 21 | April 3 | April 24 • 18h00 - 19h00

Join us for a live Student Panel and Q & A with our current students as they share their experiences at McGill's Macdonald Campus. Hear about everything from residence life and classes to connecting with the downtown campus! Our panelists are looking forward to sharing their experiences with you and answering all of your questions! Registration information will be emailed to you.

Faculty Webinar and Q&A Session

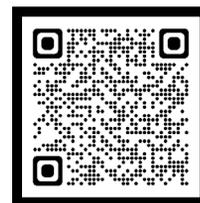
A faculty webinar video with essential information will be available for all new students to view at www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo. If you still have questions, drop in to a Q&A session. April 17 or May 7 - 17h00 to 18h00. Registration information will be emailed to you.

Intro to Course Registration

June 11 • 11h00 - 12h30

- Course Registration Workshop
- Participate in a Faculty Info Session with important information for new students
- Meet with Academic Advisors

Registration information will be emailed to you.



For questions, please email us at welcome.macdonald@mcgill.ca.

Accept your offer of admission

Coming to McGill? Start by accepting your offer on Minerva. Log in at www.mcgill.ca/minerva-students, select **Applicant Menu > Applicant Status**, select the application and click **Accept this offer**. You will need a credit card to pay the \$400 non-refundable deposit.

If you have decided that McGill is the university for you, and you have been admitted to one of your program choices but are still waiting for a decision on another program, you can accept your first offer now. You will still receive decisions on any other choices and your confirmation can be changed to another program by contacting Service Point at www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/modify

More info can be found at www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps

Financial Planning and Financial Aid

An important step in planning your finances is estimating how much money you're likely to have available to you for your university studies. This is why we encourage you to apply for Financial Aid early - so that you will have the information you need to properly estimate your resources before the deadline to accept your offer.

If you wish to apply for our Entrance Bursary Program, we strongly recommend that you apply within 30 days from the date of formal acceptance to the university as funding for this program is limited. The application closes on June 30.

For further information on calculating your costs and on financial aid: www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/finances

Scholarships

If you have been awarded an entrance scholarship, you will be notified by the Scholarships and Student Aid Office. The entrance scholarship offer must be accepted by the deadline for accepting admission to McGill. Simply respond to the offer by logging into Minerva and selecting the Financial Aid/Awards menu.

Scholarships are credited directly to your fee account - one half prior to the due date of your Fall fees and the other half in early January.

For complete information on scholarships visit the Scholarships site: www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads





Deferring your offer

We are able to grant a limited number of undergraduate program deferrals each year. In order to be considered for a deferral, you must have accepted your offer of admission and paid the deposit. Please see mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/accepting/deferring-or-declining-your-offer for detailed information.

Accept your residence offer

To guarantee a room in the Macdonald Campus Residences, confirm your room reservation through Minerva and pay the residence deposit by **the deadline posted at mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/housing**. Make sure you read the online information and Community Living Guide carefully before accepting your offer (see page 12).

Missed the residence deadline? Email lindsay.oconnell@mcgill.ca right away.

Send us your final marks

To complete your admission we need your final official transcript, including confirmation of graduation. If you are coming from **CEGEP** or are an **Ontario high school student** (or graduate) with an OUAC number, we will receive this information electronically. All other new students see: www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/finalmarks

The mailing and courier address for final official transcripts and documents:

**Enrolment Services
Management of Academic
Records Unit**
McGill University
3415 McTavish Street
Room MS-13
Montreal, Quebec H3A 0C8
Canada

Submit your legal documents

You are required to send us a number of legal documents, which vary according to whether you are an international student, Canadian citizen, or Quebec resident.

Send in all your documents **after** you have accepted your offer and **before** you arrive on campus. This will ensure that your student record and tuition fees are up to date.

For information on what to submit: www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/documents

For criteria and instructions: mcgill.ca/legaldocuments/how

Freshman/Foundation Year Students



Fernando Altamura, Foundation Year Program Director

If you are arriving from a high school system (outside of the Quebec CEGEP system), you will enter the Macdonald Campus Freshman/Foundation Year Program.

The Freshman/Foundation Year Program delivers the core science courses that will serve as a foundation for your chosen major. Dedicated educators and advisors will be there to support you and ensure a smooth transition to university life.

We are here to help you make the most of your first-year university experience.

More information about the Freshman/Foundation Year Program
www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/prospective/freshmanyear

Freshman/Foundation Year course selection
www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/prospective/freshmanyear/academics

The Freshman/Foundation Year Advisors will be holding mandatory advising sessions during Orientation Week:

www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/orientation

The Freshman/Foundation Year Advisors are also available for advising during the summer:

foundationyear.macdonald@mcgill.ca





McGill Essentials

Say goodbye to pre-university confusion and frustration with McGill Essentials, an online hub for all new McGill undergraduate students. It has videos, quizzes, and information on everything from course registration to healthcare to getting involved.

All new students are automatically registered in McGill Essentials during the summer. Participation is not mandatory, nor is it for credit, but it is a wealth of useful information! You can [access McGill Essentials in myCourses](#) from May 1st.

Academic Advising

You will be assigned an Academic Advisor who will advise you throughout your degree with course selection and other related matters.

The list of Academic Advisors, as well as specific program advising information, can be found at: www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/advising

You should review this information before registering for your courses.

A Faculty Advisor is also available in the Student Affairs Office to assist you with general advising.

Students transferring from other universities should have their transcripts with them when they meet with their Academic Advisor.

Register for your Courses

McGill's online registration system is known as Minerva. Registration opens in Minerva in June for all new students, but on different dates depending on your educational background.

You must register for at least one course by August 14 to avoid a late registration fee.

To find out your registration date see **page 24** or: mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/register/dates

A step-by-step registration guide can be found at: www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/add

Having problems using Minerva?
Fill out a webform at:
www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/contact
or call the helpline during office hours at:
514-398-7878.



Get your ID card

You will need your McGill ID card to access most essential services on our campuses, including exams, the library, athletics facilities, and residences.

You can get your ID card in person at the Macdonald Campus Student Affairs Office or at Service Point on the downtown campus. Early production of ID cards begins June 13. If you are in the Montreal area, we invite you to get your ID card in the summer to avoid the peak period in late August/September.

For updated information on when you can get your ID card on the **Macdonald Campus**, see www.mcgill.ca/student-records/personal-information/id

For information on getting your ID card at **Service Point** on the downtown campus see: www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/contact-us

If you are moving into residence, instructions on how to get your ID card will be included in your Residence Move-In information email.

To get your card you must be registered for at least one course. For information on how to get your ID card, what you need to bring with you, and how to use McGill's optional photo upload tool see: www.mcgill.ca/student-records/personal-information/id

Tuition and fees

The cost of your first year at McGill depends on your program of study, your citizenship and where you will be living (residences, apartment, home, etc.).

For a tuition calculator, please visit www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts/tuition-fees/tuition-and-fees-tables-and-rates and then select undergraduate fees from the side navigation bar.

E-Billing

Fall term tuition is billed in early August and is due by the end of August.

Winter term tuition is billed in early December and is due in early January.

Information on billing, fee payment and deadlines can be found on the website: www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts



IT Services

You need your McGill Username (firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca) and McGill Password to access most central IT services, including: myCourses, Minerva, email, wireless, Virtual Private Network VPN). For an introduction to IT services available to you, visit **Welcome New Students: IT Services Orientation** at www.mcgill.ca/itsupport/welcome-students

Visit the IT Support Portal: www.mcgill.service-now.com/itportal where you will be able to:

- Browse the IT Knowledge Base and search for information on:
 - > accessing email and cloud storage
 - > creating or changing your password
 - > accessing free software
 - > and more
- Open a Live IT Support Chat
- Make a request, and track your tickets
- Report an issue.

Contact the IT Service Desk: www.mcgill.ca/itsupport/servicedesk to find the best ways to get IT assistance.

Visit the IT Services website: www.mcgill.ca/it/students to discover many of the IT resources available for students.

Learn ways to stay safe online: www.mcgill.ca/cybersafe

Please note that important communications will be sent to your official McGill email address, including your e-bill for tuition and fees. It is your responsibility to make sure you check it regularly.

www.mcgill.ca/it/students

Macdonald Campus Computing Centre

The computing facilities at the Macdonald Campus are managed by McGill's IT Services. Computer labs are available 24/7 year-round (except when there is a scheduled class taking place), and offer Windows computers with Microsoft Office software. Both scanning and printing are also available. Visit: www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/about/resources/computercentre

Students may visit the IT Portal at www.mcgill.service-now.com/itportal, and find other means of support including opening a live chat with an IT Service Desk agent.



@mcgillmaccampus
@maccampusresidence



Housing and settling in

If you are planning on living in one of the Macdonald Campus' Residences, you must accept your residence offer on Minerva by the deadline posted at www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/housing. Please make sure you read the information and Community Living Guide at www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options/macdonald carefully.

If you have not yet requested residence, please contact the Residence Office immediately at: lindsay.oconnell@mcgill.ca

If you are planning to live off-campus, tips and a list of available accommodations can be found at: www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus

All about oneCard

The convenience of making purchases on campus without the hassle of carrying cash — your oneCard account on your McGill ID card is a convenient debit card for services on campus.

Use it to: • pay for meals/beverages/snacks at the Macdonald Campus Cafe, or in any of the dining halls and retail locations on the downtown campus; • pay for laundry in rez; • make purchases at the Mac Market, at the Bookstore and at select vending machines across campus; • pay a reduced admission at the McGill Gault Nature Reserve.

For new students moving into Macdonald residence, an amount will be billed to your student account and placed on your oneCard. The Residence Office will advise you as soon as the amount has been confirmed.

There is no full meal plan on the Macdonald Campus as there is no cafeteria open in the evenings. All Macdonald residences have full kitchens.



Request a Buddy!

Want a head start navigating your first year at McGill?

Why not get paired up with a current McGill student who can provide friendly guidance with McGill's academic and social life.

To request a Buddy:

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS should go to: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/once-here/buddy

CANADIAN STUDENTS can find a buddy through the Student Mentorship program. Info at: www.mcgill.ca/peerprograms/new-student-mentorship



Explore the Macdonald Campus Library

Located in the Barton Building, the Macdonald Campus Library provides cutting-edge collections, facilities and services to support a range of student needs. Books, journals, and course reserves are just some of the many things that can be borrowed.

Friendly staff are available to help students locate and use relevant information. Subject-specialist librarians can help students with research questions, citation support (and more!) in person, via email, online chat or by phone. Comfortable seating, an eZone fitted with computers and individual and group study areas are provided. Services such as photocopying and scanning are also available.

www.mcgill.ca/library/branches/macdonald

Buy your books and supplies

Textbooks for the Fall can be ordered on the Le James bookstore website: <https://lejames.ca/>

Your textbook orders can be picked up at the Macdonald Campus bookstore.

For more information: <https://lejames.ca/find-us#maccampus>

Starting Orientation Week, info sessions will be available to help students learn about Library basics. Check it out at: www.mcgill.ca/library/services/workshops





When should you get here?

Residence Move-In dates will be posted on the Residences website at www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/residence-options/macdonald

You should also receive an email from the Macdonald Residences Office with instructions.

Frosh and Orientation

Don't worry about trying to get settled into university life all by yourself. A week of Orientation and Frosh activities is planned for you that will be filled with opportunities to meet people, make new friends and get answers to any questions you may have.

Orientation and Frosh schedules will be available online in the summer at www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/orientation and www.maccampusfrosh.com respectively. Some events require pre-registration.

Winter Orientation

If you are entering McGill in January, you don't have to feel left out. You can participate in all of the Frosh and Orientation sessions offered in August of the year you start at McGill. Just send an email to welcome.macdonald@mcgill.ca in July and we will send you the orientation information.

Pre-Arrival Webinars

Check out the pre-arrival webinars offered by McGill Campus Life & Engagement (www.mcgill.ca/getready/webinars), on a variety of useful topics such as renting off campus, accessing healthcare, learning at McGill, and many more! Webinars from now to April have been scheduled & registration is open. Most up-to-date info for pre-arrival webinars found here: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival/pre-arrival-orientation-webinars-0

Macdonald Campus Parents' Tent

We have special events planned just for parents during Orientation. See: www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/orientation/parents





Étudiant(e)s francophones

Des personnes-ressources sont à votre disposition pour vous écouter et vous aider. En effet, plusieurs membres du personnel du Service de la Vie sur le campus et engagement étudiant sont bilingues et leur tâche est de faciliter votre adaptation à la vie universitaire. Ils/elles peuvent vous renseigner sur l'éventail de services offerts sur nos campus.

Pour plus d'informations, ou si vous avez des questions ou des préoccupations, n'hésitez pas à contacter le Service de Vie sur le campus et engagement étudiant. Nous nous ferons un plaisir de vous accueillir.

Pour plus d'information sur la vie des étudiants francophones à McGill, consulter **www.mcgill.ca/getready/etudiants-francophones**

English language skills

While it isn't necessary to be perfectly fluent in English to study at McGill, it helps to have a good understanding. If English is not your first language, the McGill Writing Center is here to support you with courses, workshops, and a tutorial service.

See: **<https://www.mcgill.ca/mwc/courses/undergraduate>**.

Indigenous students

McGill's First People's House, on the downtown campus, provides a "home away from home" and culturally welcoming environment for all Indigenous students, including for First Nations, Inuit, Métis, Maori and Aborigine students. It plays many roles including those of residence, gathering place and resource centre, it is foremost a community. They provide a space where students can find academic support and stay connected to Indigenous culture.

Activities are organized during orientation and throughout the year, such as the annual Pow-Wow, community dinners, social activities, weekly soup and bannock lunches and guest speakers.

Also offered is the Cousins Peer Mentorship Program which offers the chance for new Indigenous students to connect with current Indigenous McGill students.

For more information, see: **www.mcgill.ca/fph**

Health and dental care

All Canadian undergraduate students (including students from Quebec) are automatically included in a supplemental health and dental plan administered by the Macdonald Campus Students' Society (MCSS). For more information, see: www.studentcare.ca

Canadian students from other provinces should check with their provincial medicare office about the conditions of their health coverage while studying in Quebec.

Recent permanent residents and non-resident Canadians should refer to www.mcgill.ca/accepted/nextsteps/health-dental

International Students, and their accompanying dependants are required to participate in the compulsory McGill International Health Insurance (IHI).

For more information, see: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health

Student Accessibility and Achievement

Student Accessibility and Achievement helps McGill students achieve their academic goals and overcome barriers by providing accommodations for students with documented disabilities, support for students from care, and resources for learning that are available to all McGill students.

Advisors are available to discuss any barriers to your learning. Contact the office as soon as you accept your offer of admission to make sure you have access to resources and services from the outset of your studies. www.mcgill.ca/access-achieve or email access.achieve@mcgill.ca



We're here to help you ...



Macdonald Campus Student Affairs Office



Macdonald Campus Student Services

Student Affairs Office

The Student Affairs Office at Macdonald Campus can help with any issues related to your admission or academic record.

Students can obtain their ID card, help with general advising, registration or exam issues, transfer credit questions, exchange information, and letters of attestation.

The Student Affairs Office also organizes orientation week for new students, as well as campus visits.

If you have other questions or issues, our staff will be happy to point you in the right direction.

See page 22 for contact information.

www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/sao

Services on the Macdonald Campus

While all McGill students are entitled to use the services of both campuses, both the Student Affairs Office in Laird Hall, and Student Services in the Centennial Centre can provide most of the help you will need as a Macdonald Campus student.

As the parent or guardian of a newly-admitted McGill student, you may also have questions. For resources created especially for you, see: www.mcgill.ca/accepted/parents

Student Services, Macdonald Campus

Student Services promotes students' overall well-being and success. Visit us for financial aid, career planning, spiritual exploration or connection, overcoming academic barriers and/or access needs, support for Indigenous students, International Student Services, and support for transitioning into university life. The Student Wellness Hub offers physical and mental health care. Students can meet with a doctor, nurse, counsellor, dietitian, or Local Wellness Advisor at the Macdonald Campus.

See page 22 for contact information.

www.mcgill.ca/student-services/mac

Life outside your classes

We know that as a new McGill student you are eager to meet new people, try new things and get involved. Whether you are looking for social, cultural, political, intellectual, physical activities, or fun and excitement, you can find it all here!

Athletics and Recreation

McGill's Macdonald Campus offers many ways to get active! Come check out our Sports Complex, where you can work up a sweat in our fitness centre, Smart Studios, or gymnasium. We offer intramural and rec sport programs, a competitive loggersports team, and a groomed cross-country ski trail with ski and snowshoe rentals. Other recreational facilities on campus include a paddle shack, arena, outdoor trekfit gym, and a sand volleyball court.

To see what is available on the Macdonald Campus, check out: macdonaldcampusathletics.ca or our Mac Athletics and Recreation FB or Instagram pages.

Two campuses - one shuttle bus ride away

McGill's shuttle is free for students and runs between McGill's Downtown and Macdonald Campuses, Monday through Friday, approximately every 45 minutes, but more frequently during peak periods. For information, see: www.mcgill.ca/transport/shuttle

Joining the clubs and attending campus events can significantly enhance your university experience!
mcssmcgill.ca
Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/mcssmcgill

Macdonald Campus Students' Society

The Macdonald Campus Students' Society (MCSS) is the association of undergraduate and certificate students enrolled in a program on the Macdonald Campus.

The MCSS represents the student body and protects its welfare. Involved in all aspects of campus life, the Society advocates for students at the faculty, University and community levels, organizes internal events such as Frosh and Halloween, runs the Ceilidh (the campus pub), and much more.

mcssmcgill.ca
www.maccampusfrosh.com



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International Students



International students

Studying internationally is an exciting adventure, but you may also have a lot of questions! International Student Services is dedicated to helping ease your transition and ensure you arrive well prepared.

Consult the International Student Pre-Arrival Resources for detailed information on:

- Immigration documents
- Health Insurance
- Student Residences & Off-Campus Housing
- The Buddy Program
- Packing for Montreal's climate
- Arriving at Customs and Immigration
- Your Airport Arrival
- Getting the essentials (banking, cell phones, and more)
- And much more!

<https://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival>

Don't delay!

Apply for your immigration documents early! You should start the process as soon as you receive your offer of admission to McGill. We strongly encourage you to start the process early to ensure that you receive your documents in time for the start of classes.

Once in Montreal, don't forget to scan copies of your legal documents and send them to Service Point.

www.mcgill.ca/accepted/international-students

Exchange Students

Are you at McGill on exchange? Visit the McGill Abroad site for information you need to begin your studies at McGill.

www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad

Minors: Are you under the age of 17?

If you will be less than 17 years old by the time you travel to Canada, you must have a legal custodian in Montreal before starting immigration procedures to study at McGill.

For details: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/immigration-documents/documents/minors

Internship/Co-op work permits

All international students who need to complete a mandatory internship as part of their program requirements will need a co-op work permit, whether the internship is paid or not (e.g. Dietetics or Concurrent Food Science/Nutrition students). You may apply for the permit at the same time as your study permit. For more information: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/work

For more information about your eligibility to work on or off campus, please visit: www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/work

International Students Plan ahead!

Starting at McGill this September? Meet us online for a Pre-Arrival Orientation Webinar!

For newly-admitted International students who have accepted their offer of admission.

For details on dates, times and to register for these and other webinars:
www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/pre-arrival/pre-arrival-orientation-webinars-0

Immigration Essentials

- Learn about essential immigration documents
- Get step-by-step instructions on how to obtain your CAQ, Study Permit, and Visa or eTA
- Download documents with important links
- If you miss this live webinar, you can still view the recording online at a later date

IHI and Accessing Health Care in Quebec as an International Student

Find out about student health and wellness services available at McGill.

- Learn how to navigate off-campus health resources as an international student
- Familiarize yourself with the Quebec healthcare system
- Understand how your Health Insurance plan works
- Download documents with important links
- If you miss this live webinar, you can still view the recording online at a later date

Winter 101

First winter in Montreal? Not sure what to expect? Learn about:

- Staying cozy and warm
- Thermometer reading and wind-chill factors
- Shopping for winter clothes on a budget
- Winterizing your apartment
- Fun outdoor winter activities
- Montreal's Underground

International Student Guide to McGill & Montreal

- Find out what to expect when crossing the border into Canada
- Learn what to pack and what to do upon arrival (banking, cell phones, etc.)
- If you miss this live webinar, you can still view the recording online at a later date

Find out more online

McGill's International Student Services (ISS) has a team of professional advisors and support staff who offer a range of services for you and your family, including assistance with immigration procedures. Visit the ISS website at www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents for information on customs and immigration, insurance, weather, finances, and life in Montreal, as well as events and workshops hosted by International Student Services.

Resources and Contacts

Student Affairs Office

Laird Hall, Room 106
21,111 Lakeshore Road
Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue,
Quebec H9X 3V9
T: 514-398-7925
studentinfo.macdonald@mcgill.ca

Hours of Service

Monday to Friday,
Normal hours:
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
except statutory holidays.
For updated hours, see page 25.

Associate Director, Student Affairs

T: 514-398-7926

Faculty Advisor

saoadvisor.macdonald@mcgill.ca

Campus Tours

To book a Campus tour:
www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/prospective/visit
Tour information:
studentinfo.macdonald@mcgill.ca

Orientation Information

T: 514-398-7925 or
514-398-8717
welcome.macdonald@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/orientation

Student Services

The services listed below are located in the:

Centennial Centre
Room 124
21,111 Lakeshore Road
Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue,
Quebec H9X 3V9
T: 514-398-7992
stuserv.macdonald@mcgill.ca
[www.mcgill.ca/
student-services/mac](http://www.mcgill.ca/student-services/mac)

Hours of Service

Monday to Friday,
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Individual service hours may vary

Services available:

- Campus Life & Engagement
- Career Planning Service
- First Peoples' House
- International Student Services
- Office of Religious & Spiritual Life
- Scholarships & Student Aid
- Student Accessibility and Achievement
- Student Wellness Hub

Other Macdonald Campus Contact Information

Macdonald Athletics
Stewart Athletics Complex
T: 514-398-7789
mac.athletics@mcgill.ca
macdonaldcampusathletics.ca

Macdonald Campus IT walk-in support:
Macdonald Stewart Bldg.,
Room MS2-025

Macdonald Campus Library
Barton Building, Service Desk
T: 514-398-7881
[www.mcgill.ca/library/
branches/macdonald](http://www.mcgill.ca/library/branches/macdonald)

Macdonald Campus Residence and Student Housing

Campus Housing Office
Gerry Chevalier, Coordinator
Laird Hall, Room 107
T: 514-398-7716
residences.macdonald@mcgill.ca
[www.mcgill.ca/students/
housing/macdonald](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/macdonald)

Macdonald Campus Students' Society (MCSS)
Centennial Centre Reception
T: 514-398-8787
mouthpiece.mcoss@mail.mcgill.ca
mcoss.mcgill.ca

University Advancement - Macdonald Campus
Laird Hall, Room 199b
Anna Duff, Alumni Relations Associate
T: 514-398-7852
anna.duff@mcgill.ca

Macdonald Campus Security
Laird Hall, Room 101
General Inquiries:
514-398-7770
Emergencies: 514-398-7777
macdonald.security@mcgill.ca
Parking: <https://www.mcgill.ca/transport/parking/mac>

Service Point / Enrolment Services

General contact information for all services listed below:

Service Point
3415 McTavish Street
Room MS-13
T: 514-398-7878
[www.mcgill.ca/students/
servicepoint](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint)

Enrolment Services

See general contact information above

Legal Documents

Emailing of documents is preferred. For file formats, please see:
[www.mcgill.ca/
legaldocuments/how](http://www.mcgill.ca/legaldocuments/how)

Sending documents by mail/courier:

Enrolment Services
Management of Academic Records Unit
McGill University
3415 McTavish Street
Room MS-13
Montreal, Quebec
Canada, H3A 0C8

Student Exchanges and Study Abroad

See general contact information above
www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad

Student Accounts Office Service Point

McLennan Library Building
3415 McTavish Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 0C8
T: 514-398-7878
servicepoint@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts

For help using
Minerva,
call Service Point at
514-398-7878
[www.mcgill.ca/
servicepoint/contact](http://www.mcgill.ca/servicepoint/contact)

Student Services (downtown campus)

Unless otherwise indicated, all services below are located in the Brown Student Services Building
3600 McTavish Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 0G3
www.mcgill.ca/studentservices

Campus Life & Engagement

Suite 4100
T: 514-398-6913
cle@mcgill.ca (general)
firstyear@mcgill.ca
(new student-related inquiries)
www.mcgill.ca/cle

First Peoples' House

3505 Peel Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 1W7
T: 514-398-3217
firstpeopleshouse@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/fph

International Student Services

Suite 5100
General Inquiries:
T: 514-398-4349
international.students@mcgill.ca

Health Insurance

T: 514-398-4349
international.health@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents

Career Planning Service

Suite 2200
T: 514-398-3304
careers.caps@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/caps

McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (MORSL)

3610 McTavish Street,
Room 36-2
Montreal, QC H3A 1Y2
T: 514-398-4104
morsl@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/morsl

Student Accessibility and Achievement

1010 Sherbrooke Street West,
Suite 410 (4th floor)
Montreal, QC H3A 2R7
T: 514-398-6009
TDD/TTY: 514-398-8198
access.achieve@mcgill.ca
access.tutoring@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/access-achieve

Scholarships & Student Aid Office

Suite 3200
T: 514-398-6013
US Loan Specialist:
T: 514-398-6013
us.studentaid@mcgill.ca
student.aid@mcgill.ca
scholarships@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/studentaid

Student Wellness Hub

3rd Floor
General Inquiries and appointments:
T: 514-398-6017
wellness.hub@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/wellness-hub

Contact information for other offices

Continuing Studies

688 Sherbrooke St. West,
Suite 1199
Montreal, Quebec H3A 3R1
T: 514-398-6200
info.conted@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies

Drivesafe

Thursday, Friday and Saturday:
11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
Facebook SSMU Drivesafe
514-398-8040
drivesafe@ssmu.ca
drivesafe.ssmu.ca
(based downtown but they will drive to Mac Campus)

French Language Centre

853 Sherbrooke Street West
Arts Building, Room 155
Montreal, Quebec H3A 0G5
T: 514-398-8896
fllc@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/fllc

Health and Dental Insurance

Student Care
T: 514-789-8775 or
1-866-795-4435
www.studentcare.ca

Health Insurance

International Students
See International Student Services

IT Services

T: 514-398-3398
Ask for IT help via a web form:
www.mcgill.ca/it/forms

McGill Alumni Association

Martlet House
1430 Peel Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 3T3
T: 514-398-5000
info.alumni@mcgill.ca
<http://myalumni.mcgill.ca>

McGill Bookstore

Multiple locations, please see website
T: 514-398-5063
<https://lejames.ca>

McGill Food and Dining Services, Service Centre

3473 University Street
Montreal, QC H3A 2A8
T: 514-398-6368
www.mcgill.ca/foodservices

McGill Parents Association

alumni.mcgill.ca/community/parents

Off-Campus Housing

Student Housing and Dining Service Centre
3473 University Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 2A8
T: 514-398-6368
offcampus.housing@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus

Office of the Dean of Students

Brown Student Services Building
3600 McTavish Street,
Suite 2100
Montreal, Quebec H3A 0G3
T: 514-398-4990
deanofstudents@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/deanofstudents

Office for Sexual Violence Response, Support, and Education

550 Sherbrooke W., Suite 585
(West Tower)
T: 514-398-3954
osvrse@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/osvrse

Office of the Ombudsperson for Students

3610 McTavish Street, Suite 14
Montreal, Quebec H3A 1Y2
T: 514-398-7059
ombudsperson@mcgill.ca
www.mcgill.ca/ombudsperson

Walksafe

Sunday to Thursday:
9 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Friday to Saturday:
9 p.m. to 3 a.m.
T: 514-398-2498
executive@walksafe.ca
walksafe.ssmu.ca
(downtown campus only)

What to do and when ...

This information is intended as a guideline. Some dates could be subject to change.

For a complete list of events and deadlines for the academic year, see: mcgill.ca/importantdates

2024

May 1

- Deadline to accept your offer of admission unless otherwise indicated in your letter of admission

May 21-June 14 (to be confirmed)

- Intro to Course Registration for all new students

June 1

- Students from the US apply for US Direct Loans by this date. Go to www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/government/us for information on how to apply for US Direct Loans when attending a foreign school

June 12

- 9:00 a.m. - Course registration begins for all newly admitted CEGEP students

June 13

- Early pick-up of ID cards begins for newly admitted Quebec CEGEP students at the Macdonald Campus Student Affairs Office or at Service Point on the downtown campus. You must be registered for at least one course 24 hours before you obtain your McGill ID card. See page 10 for more information

June 17

- 9:00 a.m. - Course registration begins for all newly admitted Macdonald Campus students on the basis of advanced levels or CAPE, a French Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, at least one year of university, or other academic qualifications that provide for advanced standing credit, and who have a classification of year 1 (U1)

June 19

- 9:00 a.m. - Registration begins for all newly admitted Macdonald Campus freshman students who have a classification of year 0 (U0)

June 20

- Early pick-up of ID cards begins for all newly admitted Macdonald Campus students at the Macdonald Campus Student Affairs Office or at Service Point on the downtown campus. You must be registered for at least one course 24 hours before you obtain your McGill ID card. See page 9 for more information.

June 30

- Canadian students apply for government student aid by this date to ensure money arrives by September
- Canadian students: Don't delay submitting the legal documents that affect your tuition and fees. Submitting early will help ensure your tuition and fees are billed at the correct residency rate in early August. www.mcgill.ca/student-accounts/tuition-charges/fallwinter-term-tuition-and-fees/undergraduate-fees
- Final deadline for need-based financial aid application for McGill's Entrance Bursary Program, or 30 days from date of acceptance, whichever comes first

July 1

- Application opens for McGill's need-based Work Study Program that provides part-time work opportunities on campus. For info on how to apply: www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/work-study

August 1

- International students confirm their health insurance coverage by accessing Minerva
→ Student → International Student Health Insurance Coverage Form. Doing this will allow you to view, save and print an electronic version of your health insurance card on your mobile device or computer. All students looking to obtain a Montreal reduced-fare public transit (OPUS) card can order it directly

from Minerva (note: you must have a Quebec mailing address on record, and be registered full-time in both the fall and winter terms).

August 4

- If registered before August 4, check Minerva for your Fall term e-bill - notification is sent by email

August 14

- Deadline for new students to register in at least one course to avoid a late registration penalty

August 15

- If registered after August 4, check Minerva for your Fall term e-bill - notification is sent by email

August 21- 30

- Macdonald Campus Undergraduate Orientation and Frosh activities

August 28

- Classes begin

August 30

- Fee payment deadline
- Deadline for cancellation of registration for the Fall term

September 10

- Course change (add/drop) deadline for the Fall term

September 17

- Deadline for course or university withdrawal (grade of W or W--) WITH fee refund

September 30

- Deadline to opt in to the International Health Insurance plan (Canadian non-residents)
- Deadline to request an exemption from International Health Insurance plan on Minerva and submit supporting exemption documents

October (early)

- Final exam schedule for Fall term published

October 15-18

- Fall Break

October 29

- Deadline for course or university withdrawal (grade of W or W--) with NO fee refund

Beginning **December 3** (Winter newly-admitted students)

- International students confirm their health insurance coverage by accessing Minerva → Student → International Student Health Insurance Coverage Form. Doing this will allow you to view, save and print an electronic version of your health insurance card on your mobile device or computer

December 4

- Classes end for Fall term
- Check Minerva for Winter term e-bill

December 5

- 9:00 a.m. - Registration begins for newly admitted undergraduate students to the Winter 2025 term

December 6

- Newly admitted Undergraduate students may obtain their student ID card at the Student Affairs Office (Macdonald Campus) or at Service Point (Downtown Campus). You must be registered in at least one course 24 hours before you obtain your McGill ID card. Please see page 10 for a list of what to bring with you

December 6

- Exams begin. See www.mcgill.ca/students/exams for the complete exam schedule (Dec. 6-20)

December 25 - January 2

- Holiday break, University closed

December 31

- Deadline for cancellation of registration in, or deferral of admission to, the Winter term

2025**January 6**

- Classes begin

- Deadline to request exemption in Minerva without incurring interest on International Health Insurance fee
- Deadline for new students to register in at least one course to avoid a late registration penalty
- Deadline for fee payment for Winter term

January 14

- Course Change (add/drop) deadline for Winter term
- Deadline for web withdrawing (grade of "W") from multi-term courses that started in September 2024 (WITH fee refund for Winter term)

January 21

- Deadline for course or university withdrawal (grade of W or W--) WITH fee refund

January 31

- Deadline to request an exemption from International Health Insurance Plan on Minerva and submit supporting exemption documents
- Deadline to opt in to the International Health Insurance plan (Canadian non-residents)

February (early)

- Final exam schedule for Winter term published

February 25

- Deadline for course or university withdrawal (grade of W or W--) with NO fee refund

March 3-7

- Study Break

March 5-6 (tentative)

- Deferred Fall exams

April 11

- Classes end for Winter term

April 14

- Exams begin. See www.mcgill.ca/students/exams for the complete exam schedule (April 14-30)

April 30

- Rez move out: If you need to stay in residence longer than April 30, you must contact the residence office for permission

CLOSED

The University will be closed on these dates:

2024:

Friday, March 29
Monday, April 1
Monday, May 20
Monday, June 24
Monday, July 1
Monday, September 2
Monday, October 14
Wednesday, December 25, 2024 to Thursday, January 2, 2025 (inclusive)

2025:

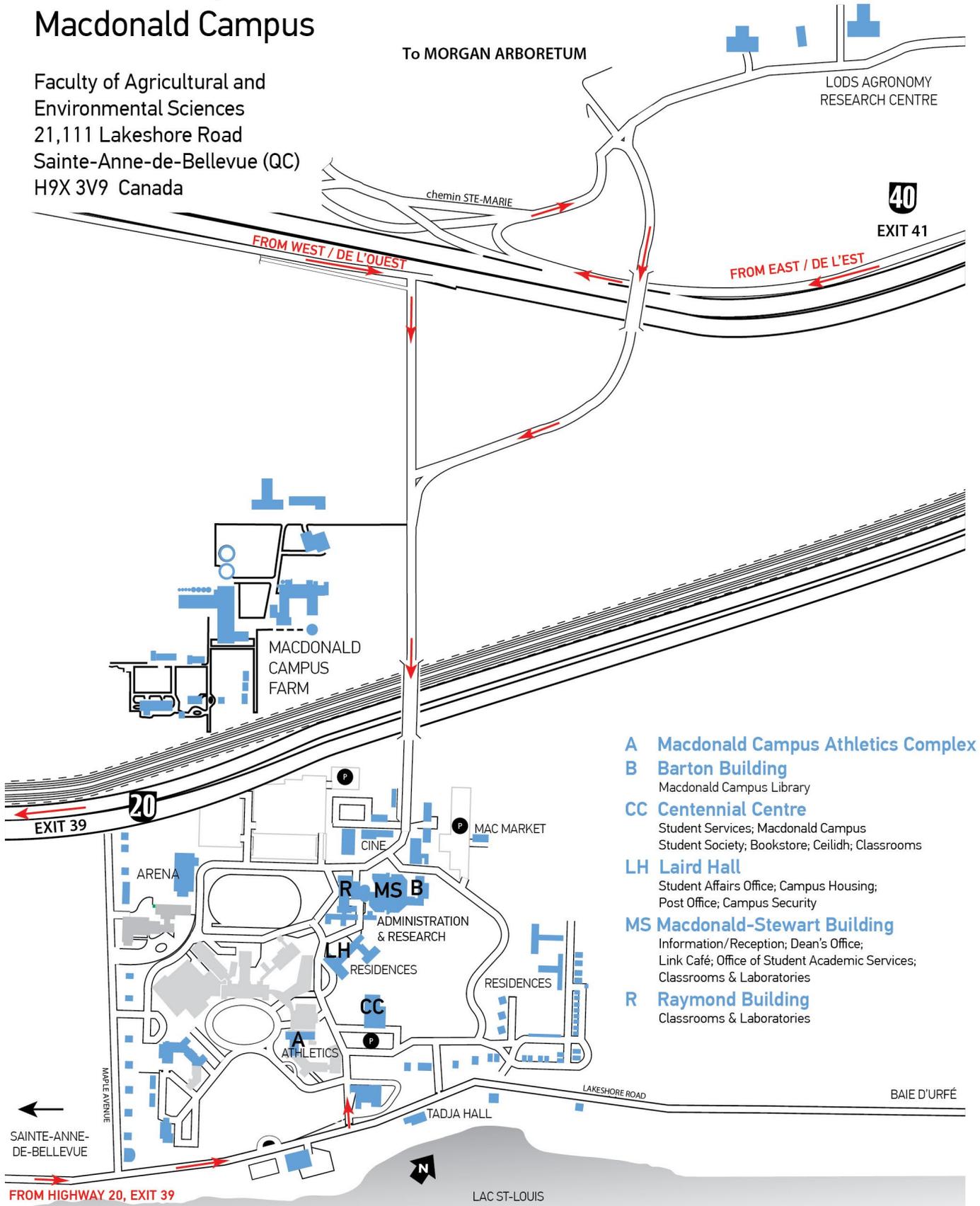
Friday, April 18
Monday, April 21

For updated hours, including summer hours, and contact info, please see: www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/studentinfo/sao

Visit www.mcgill.ca/importantdates for comprehensive information on holidays, exam schedules and other deadlines.

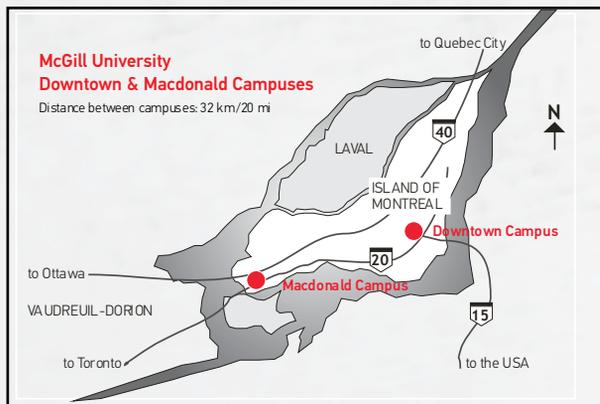
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Environmental Sciences
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- B Barton Building**
Macdonald Campus Library
- CC Centennial Centre**
Student Services; Macdonald Campus Student Society; Bookstore; Ceilidh; Classrooms
- LH Laird Hall**
Student Affairs Office; Campus Housing; Post Office; Campus Security
- MS Macdonald-Stewart Building**
Information/Reception; Dean's Office; Link Café; Office of Student Academic Services; Classrooms & Laboratories
- R Raymond Building**
Classrooms & Laboratories

Macdonald Campus driving directions



From Downtown:

Take Highway 20 West from downtown to the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue exit. Turn left after coming off the highway onto Rue St. Pierre and continue to the end. Turn left onto Rue Ste-Anne/Bord du Lac. Continue straight to the Campus. Turn left at the John Abbott sign after the bus terminal.

OR

Take Highway 40 West (Trans-Canada) from downtown to exit 41, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

Once you exit, continue along the Service Road, then follow the road to the right (direction chemin Ste-Marie) to the top of the hill.

At the stop sign (there is a Macdonald Campus sign), turn right and follow the road over Highway 40 through the farm fields. At the end of the road, turn left onto the Campus.

From the West:

Take Highway 20 East towards Montreal to the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue exit. Turn right after coming off the highway onto Rue St-Pierre and continue to the end. Turn left onto Rue Ste-Anne/Bord du Lac. Continue straight to the Campus. Turn left at the John Abbott sign after the bus terminal.

OR

Take Highway 40 East (Trans-Canada) towards Montreal to the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue exit.

Take the 3rd turnoff to the right off the service road by the Macdonald Campus sign and follow the road onto the Campus.

Public Transit:

www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/contact/directions



