

The Student Affairs Collective



# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Speed (Up) Dating

Online edition

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00pm on MS Teams



# 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."*



## ODoS: Office of the Dean of Students

### New Initiatives 2022-2023

*Accommodation Work Group*  
*Emotional Support Animals*  
*Suicide Framework (prevention, intervention, and postvention)*

Cindy Mancuso – Associate Dean of Students

Caitlin Thomas – Administrative Coordinator

# Student Accessibility and Achievement (formerly known as the Office for Students With Disabilities)

- Office name change and expanded mandate
- Clockwork: New accommodation management software
- Reminder: How to register with SAA

## **Student Accessibility and Achievement**

Meeko Singh-Ledoux & Isabella Scurfield

<https://www.mcgill.ca/access-achieve/>



**McGill**

Student Services   Student Accessibility  
and Achievement

# Scholarships and Student Aid: Unique funding opportunities

- **In-Course Financial Aid**
  - <https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/current-undergrads/need>
- **Enriched Educational Opportunities (EEO) bursary**
  - <https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/eoo>
- **Okò:ra Award**
  - <https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/indigenous-student-funding/funding-indigenous-undergraduate-students>

Scholarships and Student Aid

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<https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid>



**building brighter futures**  
Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards

**McGill**

McGill University is located on a land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishnabeg nations.

**McGill Okò:ra Undergraduate Award**

Okò:ra, the Mohawk word for Red Oak, is a symbol of strength, morale, resistance, and knowledge. The Oak is considered a cosmic storehouse of wisdom embodied in its towering strength. It grows slowly, but surely at its own rate. The oak tree grows on McGill's campuses and red is McGill's school colour.

**Awards Criteria:**  
**Awards Category:** Post-Secondary Education  
**Enrollment at:** McGill University  
**Program of Study:** Any McGill University undergraduate degree program, including on-campus Bachelors, Law (BCL&J), Medicine (MDCM), and Dentistry (DMD)  
**Level of Study:** Undergraduate  
**Year of Study:** Any  
**Indigenous Affiliations:** Any

**Application Deadlines:** August 1, November 1, February 1.

**To Learn More:**  
Visit the bilingual **Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards** program guidelines on the Indspire website to learn about all the funding offered to support post-secondary education.  
Please read the program guidelines before filling out the application form at [indspire.ca/apply](http://indspire.ca/apply)

**Indspire**

There is a limit of \$20,000 per student per degree program for the Okò:ra Awards processed through Indspire, a threshold monitored by McGill.

# International Student Services

## WHAT WE DO

- Provide immigration advice to international students on temporary Canadian immigration and administer the international health insurance (IHI) plan.
- We provide virtual and in-person appointments for students on study related immigrations matters (CAQ, Study Permits, Co-Op work permit) and the Post-Graduation work permit.
- We do not advise on Permanent Residency, other work permits or US immigration.
- We organize many social events for International Students

## WHAT'S NEW

- myISS Request Form & myISS Student Portal
  - Online Booking System
  - Online form for students, staff and the public to contact us online for immigration advice.
- IHI latest enhancements to the contract:
  - Mental health
  - Maple incl. mental health physician
  - NEW lower premium rates: this year ISS went through a Call for Tender and secured our preferred insurance provider who offered a 10% decrease of rates while adding benefits
- First Friend and Buddy Program

Presented by Evangelea Toufexis

# Black Student Affairs Liaison (Equity Team)

- Individual advising : resources and recruitment
- Student Association liaising : Feedback, advocacy and continuity
- Panels and ABR strategy : implementing change institutionally



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<https://www.mcgill.ca/antiblackracism>

# McGill First Peoples' House (FPH)

- **Services offered by FPH**

- Cultural workshops (beading, drum making, etc...).
- Subsidized Tutoring, academic counselling and support, Financial aid.
- Elder in-Residence cultural support.

- **Recent Events**

- McGill Annual Pow Wow (Largest so far)
- Student Trip to ImagineNATIVE Film Festival

- **Developing Initiatives**

- First Peoples' House is currently working on developing better mental health services and options for Indigenous students seeking support.
- We have been collaborating with the writing center and Library to give our students in house tutoring and librarian support. In the future we hope to expand this collaboration to other units in student services.

**Marlowe Dubois: Indigenous Student Advisor**

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**Website: <https://www.mcgill.ca/fph/>**

# Teaching and Learning Services (TLS)

## ❖ Learning resources for students

- [Office Hours 101](#), [Essay Exam Basics](#), [Reading Research Articles](#)

## ❖ Our Shared Spaces (OSS): Equity workshops for students

- Introduction to Anti-Oppression, Gender 101, Accessibility & Disability 101

## ❖ Stay on Track: Peer support for undergraduate students

- Build academic skills
- Open to students for remainder of Fall 2022 and will return in Winter 2023

Teaching and Learning Services  
Nick MacKenzie, [nick.mackenzie@mcgill.ca](mailto:nick.mackenzie@mcgill.ca)  
[www.mcgill.ca/tls/students](http://www.mcgill.ca/tls/students)

# What does CaPS do?



## Services

- Individual Advising & Drop-ins
- Career Skills Training
- Building and Supporting Student Leadership
- Experiential Learning Opportunities



## Programs, Workshops, Events

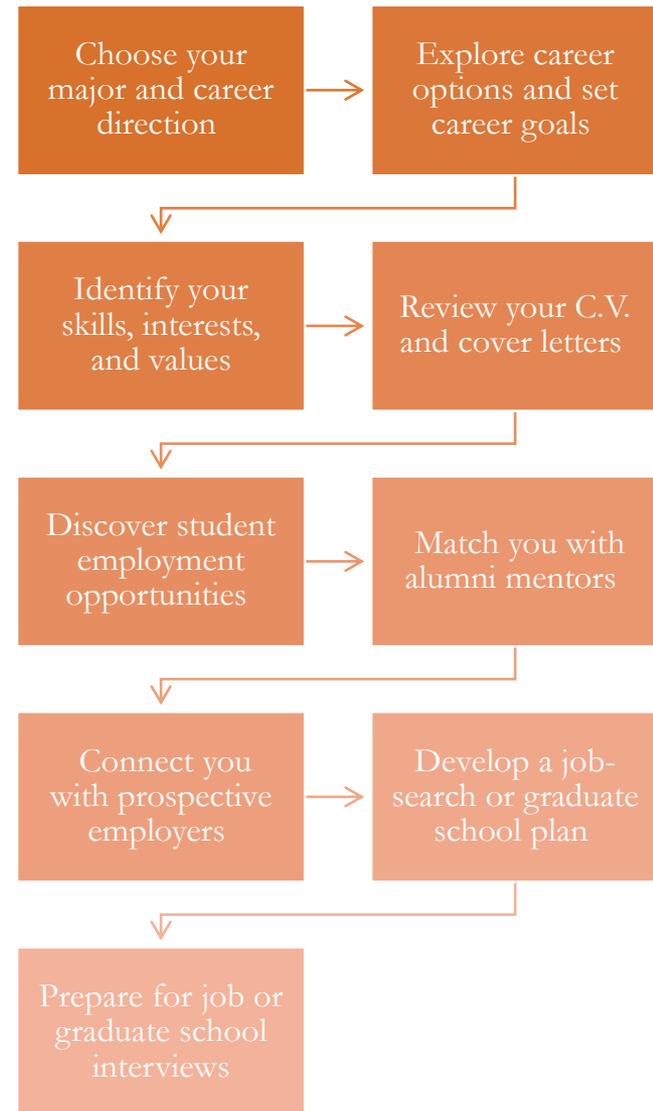
- Job Search Series
- Early Career Chronicles
- Industry Insiders
- Micro-ExP
- Coffee with Career Advisors
- Design Your Life
- Student Leadership Program
- McGill Mentor Program
- Français au Travail



## Resources

- myFuture – Job search and career tool
- MyInvolvement
- CaPS website
- Online job databases and tools
- Recorded Workshops
- MyCourses – Preparing for you Internship

# What CaPS can help you do?



# Campus Life & Engagement

- Améliorez votre français gratuitement : ateliers de communication en français ! (as of October 2022)
  - *In partnership with Centre d'enseignement du français, we are delighted to present a new **peer-to-peer French language learning program**, through a series of weekly communication workshops as well as a calendar cultural and social activities!*
- Days of Service (as of September 2022)
  - *Fun, short-term **group volunteering opportunities** in Montreal community and on campus*
    - Waste Repurposing at MAC Campus
    - Gift Distribution at CHSLD Vigi Reine-Elizabeth

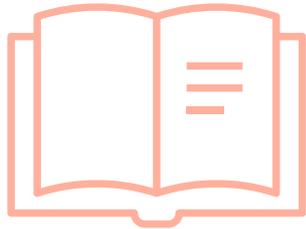


Contact us:

Campus Life & Engagement

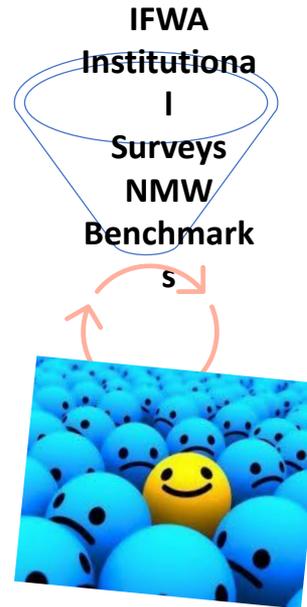
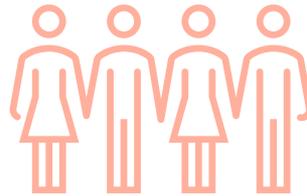
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[Get Ready!](#)



Healthy Hybrid  
Attestation – 1  
year Skills, Tools,  
Co-development

MHW Learning  
Communities  
Tackle New Hybrid  
Initiatives



**...goes healthy HYBRID!**

Johanne Houle, Organizational Development



# GPS: myProgress and myThesis

- myProgress: A web-based tool that allows graduate students, supervisors, and units to track and monitor progress towards the degree. Benefits include:
  - Worksheet reflects program requirements and non-degree milestones
  - Students can upload milestone documents
  - Units can track exceptions
- myThesis: A web-based tool for initial thesis submission and thesis evaluation. Benefits include:
  - It is a transparent, streamlined approval process for students, supervisors and units, as well as examiners and committee members (soon to be implemented : oral defences)

Unit: Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Contact person(s) and email(s):

myProgress team: [myprogress.gps@mcgill.ca](mailto:myprogress.gps@mcgill.ca)

Thesis Office: [thesis.gps@mcgill.ca](mailto:thesis.gps@mcgill.ca)

Websites: <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/myprogress>

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/thesis-guidelines/initial-submission>

# Office of Sustainability – Getting Involved!



- **Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF)**
  - \$1M per year to kickstart projects related to environmental sustainability on campus
  - [All staff and students can apply](#)
  - Referendum to continue SPF – student vote
- **Sustainable Event Certification**
  - [Certify your event](#)
  - For all staff and students
  - Virtual, in-person, or hybrid
- **SKILLS21**
  - [Workshops for students](#)
  - Credit on CCR (Co-Curricular Record)
  - Two NEW workshops
- Stay tuned via [our monthly newsletter](#)

McGill Office of Sustainability (MOOS) - [mcgill.ca/sustainability](https://mcgill.ca/sustainability)

Megan Toth – [megan.toth@mcgill.ca](mailto:megan.toth@mcgill.ca)



# French Language Centre – Expériences en français !

## Activities offered to students this year:

- Parlons français (oral communication workshops) – in partnership with Campus Life & Engagement
- Campus en français (fun activities on campus in French) – in partnership with Campus Life & Engagement
- *Français au travail* – (career and professional communication workshops for students only – in partnership with CaPS)
- Découvrez Montréal en français
- Language exchange program (for students and staff)

## Centre d'enseignement du français / French Language Centre

**Chama Laassassy – Coordinatrice d'activités étudiantes et projets spéciaux ([chama.laassassy@mcgill.ca](mailto:chama.laassassy@mcgill.ca))**

<https://www.mcgill.ca/flc/projet-experiences> (website under maintenance)

<https://www.instagram.com/cefmcgill/> (main promotional channel)