

# Planning Ahead for your Student Exchange Application for Winter 2022 For B.Sc and B.A. & Sc. students

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# Application period for Exchange: Winter 2022

- Winter 2022 Revised Deadline:
   Exchange application on Minerva will be available from:
   July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 26, 2021
- \$150.00 Non-refundable fee charged to your McGill student account when you submit your application.
  - **Important note:** In the event of a cancellation by either McGill University and/or its partners, the application fee will **NOT** be refunded and related awards and bursaries will be rescinded. Prior to your travel or while you are away, McGill may terminate your participation in the exchange activity for any reasons McGill deems fit including pandemic-related circumstances.

# Highlights of Exchanges

- Bilateral agreement between certain universities:
  - Ex: Australia, United Kingdom, Singapore
- Your tuition fees continue to be paid directly to McGill.
  - Flat-rate of tuition, **equivalent to 15 credits** regardless of your exchange destination.
- You apply and are nominated by McGill.



# Requirements for an Exchange Application

- **CGPA of 3.00** in your most recent term; and you maintain minimum CGPA until your exchange term.
  - If below a 3.00 see Mary (Science students) or Tania (B.A. & Sc. Student), study abroad adviser.
- Be currently registered as a full-time student.
- Have completed at least 24 graded McGill credits by the start of your term abroad.
- Ideally, be in your **U2 YEAR** of studies during term(s) abroad.



# Are you applying for an exchange in FINAL year/term?

- You will **NOT** be eligible to graduate at the end of your exchange term, expect a delay in processing your transfer credits.
- → Your graduation will be delayed to the term AFTER your exchange (example: graduation term: Summer 2022, November convocation).

#### Bilateral Exchanges: List of available universities at:

www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/mcgill-students-going-abroad/global-learning-opportunities/8-steps-going-exchange (go to Step #2)

- / Please review all 8 steps, especially Step #3.
- You can apply to either:
  - "Open to all Faculties" or Faculty Specific "Science".
  - New Partner agreement for Science students, specifically for Physics, Mathematics and Statistics.
    - Ecole Polytechnique Paris, France -
      - NOT AVAILABLE in WINTER 2022



# Exchange Application – How to Apply

#### Plan ahead...

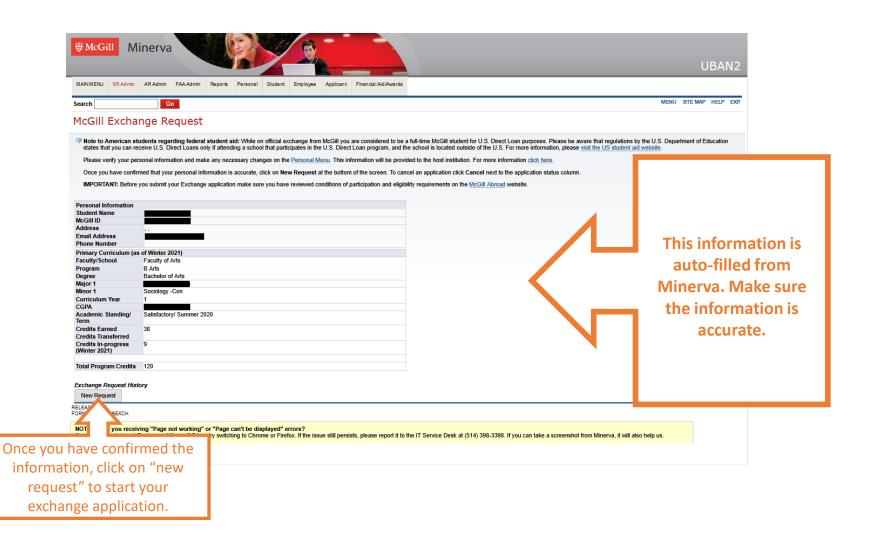
 You can choose up to 4 different destinations, have a few options in mind for your choices.

#### Research...

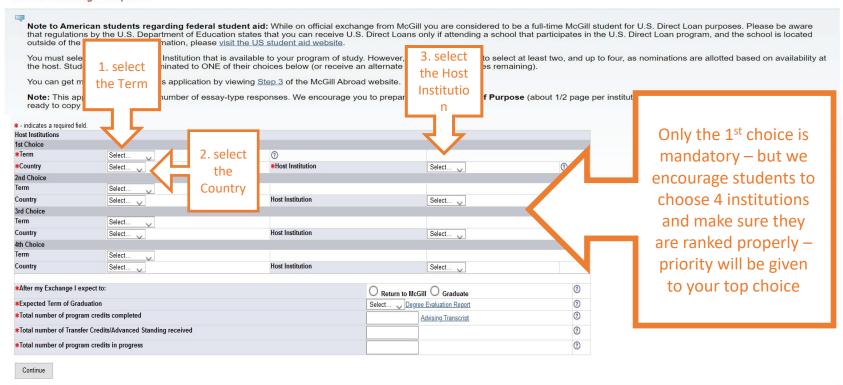
- Website: <u>www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/students-going-abroad/explore-exchange-destinations</u>

(Click on University and review the Fact Sheet, and information at the bottom of each page).

- Check the **language of instruction**. Are there enough courses offered in English?
- Make sure your choices offer courses that will count toward your program(s).



#### McGill Exchange Request



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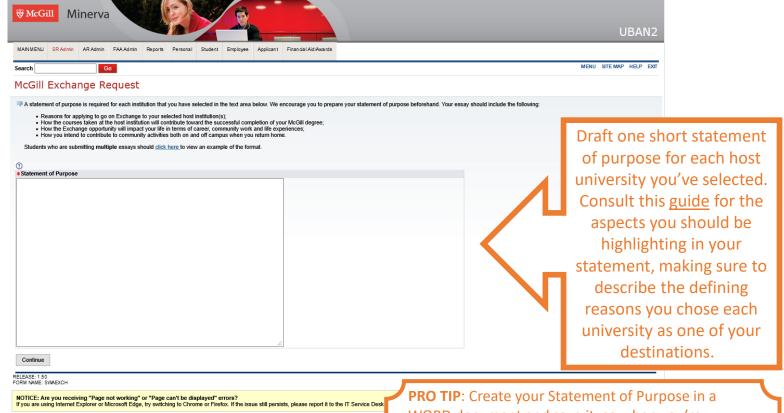
#### Exchange Application – Statement of Purpose

#### **Prepare Statement of Purpose for <u>each</u> destination:**

- Be concise (maximum 1 to 2 paragraphs per University)
- Explain why you chose this university (ex: specific courses
   towards program, courses that McGill doesn't offer)
- Emphasize and focus on academic content, not just the city or country
- Must be written in the language of instruction

**Tip**: Save time by preparing your statement of purpose in Word, spell check, and make sure each statement is different. Then copy and paste into Minerva application (there is a word limit).

 You may need statement when applying directly to host university.



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PRO TIP: Create your Statement of Purpose in a WORD document and save it, so when you're completing your exchange application you can simply copy and paste your text, and you won't be timed out of the application!

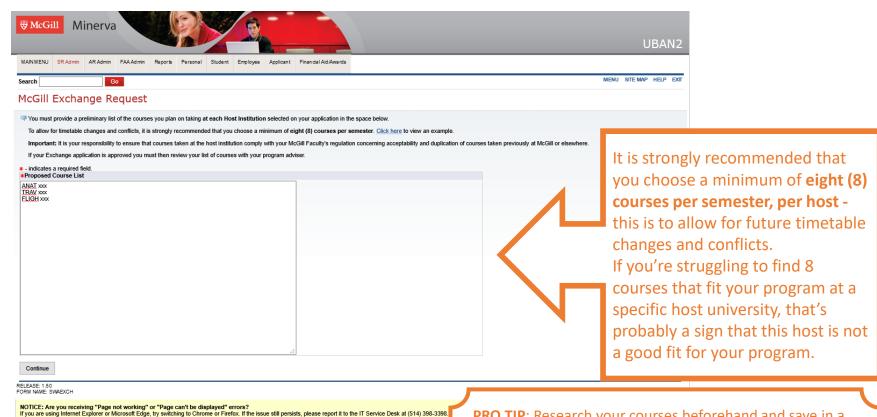


## Prepare Your List of Courses

#### Preliminary list of courses (for each University)

- You must list a minimum of 8 courses that you **might take**
- You can provide program courses as well as electives
- Check the course offerings at the host university for this year when choosing your courses

DO NOT GET COURSES APPROVED YET...
WAIT UNTIL AFTER YOU ARE NOMINATED AND
KNOW WHAT COURSES ARE BEING OFFERED.



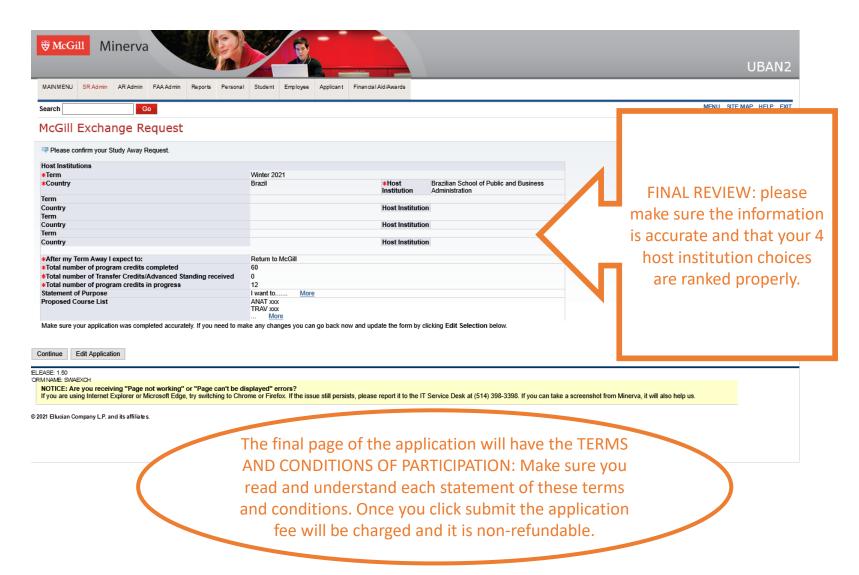
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When researching the university for course offerings, you should:

- Review the course equivalency database
- No guarantee that the courses will be offered the year and term you are going but it is a good starting point
- Course equivalency database website:

https://nimbus-ssl.mcgill.ca/exsa/search/searchEquivalency





# Nominations processed by Service Point

• Service Point distributes spaces <u>fairly across all faculties</u> by a Randomized List – Faculties can rank-order applications.

#### Quick Facts:

- Decisions sent via McGill email sometime in August for Winter 2022 exchanges.
- Historically 70% of students get their first choice
- If no spaces remain for your choices, an alternate choice is offered – Service Point tries to offer an institution in same geographic location
- You will have a deadline to accept or decline the nomination
- Once nominated you can't request another one of your 4 choices of universities but there may be a list of other universities available, follow up with Service Point



# Funding your Exchange

Make sure you review the McGill Abroad website:

- McGill Funding Opportunities: https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/funding
- Mobility Bursary for Exchanges:
  <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/mobility-exchanges">www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/mobility-exchanges</a>
- External Funding Opportunities:
- https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillabroad/funding



# Meet with your Program Adviser(s)

- Discuss required, complementary & elective courses for next year (2021-2022).
- Determine the status of your McGill program requirements.
  - Which courses have you completed and which remain to be completed for each of your declared program(s) of study?
- Discuss which program requirements can be completed at another university.
- You must satisfy your McGill degree and program **residency** requirements, including at least 60 credits at McGill and 2/3<sup>rd</sup> program regulations.
  - Remember only 1/3 of each program can be counted from outside of McGill.
    - Example: Minor Concentration in Arts (18 credits), you are only allowed to count 6 credits outside of McGill.
    - To contact your program adviser: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/advice/program-advisers">www.mcgill.ca/science/undergraduate/advice/program-advisers</a>



- Research your destination and your host university.

  What is the language of instruction? Check Calendar of Dates.

  When is the final exam schedule?
- How many credits do you have remaining to complete for your degree and each of your declared program(s) of study?
- What is your expected date of graduation? Will going on exchange delay your graduation?
- Do you have any financial considerations? Loans or scholarships may be affected.
- Are you on a Varsity team? Check if there are additional steps that must be taken care of before you go and/or when you return from your exchange.



# Additional Information Session: Once you've been nominated for an exchange

Winter term exchanges: Session held in October.

#### What topics will be covered?

- Course approval process
- Transfer credits
- Required grades
- Faculty regulations
- Other important information



## Contact Information

#### For Further Questions:

#### Contact:

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For email questions or to book a zoom appointment.