McGill University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
www.mcgill.ca

Available as a 1st choice option only

Facts
- Language of instruction: English & French
- Number of students enrolled: 40,500
- Number of campuses: 2
- Academic year: September - May
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January – April

Location and Language
Montreal is the second largest city in Canada, with a population of over 3 million and is one of the oldest cities in North America. It is located in the south of the beautiful province of Quebec. McGill’s downtown campus is located in the heart of the city.

The official language of Montreal is French and it is the second largest primarily French-speaking city in the Western world after Paris. Most citizens however are bilingual and you don’t have to speak French to study at McGill.

Things to do
From Montreal you can travel to nearby Quebec City and Toronto by bus or train. Montreal is a short flight from the United States border, bringing New York and Detroit within easy reach. The McGill International Student Network also arrange trips around Canada for exchange students. A number of winter sports including ice skating, skiing and snowboarding, are possible from Montreal.

Top attractions: Fortifications of Québec, Château Frontenac (in Old Québec), Petit-Champlain District and Montmorency Falls Park

Climate
Montreal is beautiful throughout all four distinct seasons. With average highs of 28°C in the summer and lows of -5°C Celsius in the winter, Montrealeans fashionably adapt to the weather.

In winter, enjoy cross-country skiing and tobogganing in Mont-Royal Park or ice skating on one of the many outdoor rinks. With the underground city and extensive Metro system, it’s easy to keep warm. In the spring Montreal transforms. Outdoor patios open and parks fill with people relaxing, playing games, having picnics and enjoying the sun.

Finance 2018/19

Bursaries available:
- Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Return flight from UK (av. 6 hours)</td>
<td>£450-800</td>
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<td>Visa costs</td>
<td>£390+</td>
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<td>Health insurance (compulsory)</td>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and the partner university website.

One of Montreal’s most valuable assets is its low cost of living. Compared to other major world metropolises, the cost of living in Montreal is among the lowest.

Further information is available from:

Accommodation
- The vast majority of exchange students secure private rented accommodation in Montreal. Students who are planning to live off-campus are advised to allow 2 weeks to search for suitable accommodation in Montreal. The McGill off campus housing office offers excellent advice and support for students, including a database of available rented accommodation.
- There is very limited availability in McGill’s on-campus catered residences and apartments for exchange students. Nottingham students have always looked for accommodation in the private sector in the past.

Further accommodation information is available from:
http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/

Further information
http://www.mcgill.ca/students/international/incoming/exchange

Application success rate:
2016/17 = 16%
2017/18 = 15%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner – this was a 1st choice option only)