

# McMaster University Exchange Program

Come study abroad in  
Canada!

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- Exchange Program 2025-26







## **Land Acknowledgement**

McMaster University recognizes and acknowledges that it is located on the traditional territories of the Mississauga and Haudenosaunee nations, and within the lands protected by the Dish With One Spoon wampum agreement.

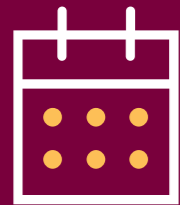


**Based in  
Hamilton,  
the third  
largest city in  
Ontario.**

Toronto	 45 minutes
Ottawa	 5 Hours
New York City	 1 Hour
Boston	 1.5 Hours
Chicago	 1.75 Hours



# Creating a Brighter World



Established in **1887**



Over **37,500**  
students



Students from  
**125** countries



Over **227,000**  
graduates



Ranked in the top  
**100** universities‡



**Top 40** in the world  
for Global Impact\*



**1st** in North America  
for SDG 3 Good Health  
and Well-Being\*



One of Canada's  
most **research-**  
**intensive** university†

\* Times Higher Education 2023

‡ Shanghai Ranking's Academic Ranking of World Universities 2023

† Research Infosource 2023





# The McMaster campus totals **350 Acres**

between the Niagara Escarpment and the Royal Botanical Gardens.



# Supports & Services

## Available to Exchange Students

- Student Success Centre (SSC)
- Black Student Success Centre (BSSC)
- Indigenous Student Services (ISS)
- Student Wellness Centre (SWC)
- Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
- Athletics & Recreation Facilities
- 5+ campus libraries
- Media centre







# Restaurants & Cafes

We offer a diverse range of dining options for all food palettes!

- Accommodates the unique needs of its diverse student body
- Leader amongst Canadian universities for healthy food options, working to provide safe and inclusive food on campus that rivals that of other facilities
- nutritious cuisines with options to accommodate vegan, vegetarian, halal and gluten-free dietary restrictions



# Housing & Conference Services

## Living On-Campus

- Our Housing & Conference Services team serves and supports students with on and off-campus living.
- Our 13 on-campus residences offer a variety of traditional dormitory style and apartment/suite style rooms in each building.
- Exchange students must apply to on-campus residence by June 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- An on-campus room is not guaranteed for all exchange students and there are limited spots.





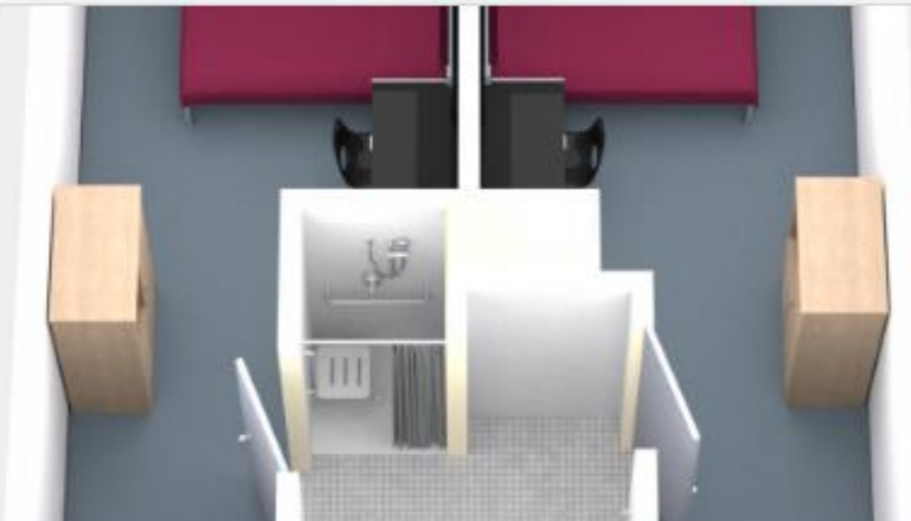
# Housing & Conference Services

Room types for on-campus accommodation



**Twin-bed Double Room with Connected Shared Washroom**

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**Super Single Room with Connected Shared Washroom**

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**Single Room with Connected Shared Washroom**

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**Double Room with Connected Shared Washroom**

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# Housing & Conference Services

## Off-campus Living

- Tips for living off-campus
- Guides for navigating neighborhoods in the City of Hamilton
- How to review a Canadian lease
- Housing Scams
- Roommate pairing (McMatch)
- And More!







# Transportation

Getting around  
Hamilton!



# Study Abroad Program

What you need to know!





# Academics @ McMaster

## What can you study while on exchange?



- Depending on our partnership agreement with your home institution, you can study engineering, business, science, humanities, health sciences, and social sciences.
- You can take course between faculties, but most must be from your main faculty at McMaster.
- You must register as a full-time student for the duration of your exchange
- This means taking 9 to 15 units (or 3 to 5 courses) per semester, or 18 to 30 units per academic year.
- At McMaster, 1 course is 3 units.



# University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

## Mandatory for all exchange students

- Mandatory health insurance plan
- Covers students in the Province of Ontario **ONLY**.
- Students traveling outside of Ontario or Canada must purchase supplemental health insurance.
- The UHIP fee will be charged automatically to a students' account.
- **Not covered under UHIP:**
  - Prescription Medication
  - Dental Care
  - Vision Care
- Students requiring health insurance for prescription medications, dental and/or vision care should seek out alternative insurance well in advance of departure to Canada.





# Cost of Living in Hamilton, Canada

The above is an estimate (CAD - Canadian dollars) of possible living expenses in Canada for four months. Costs are based on a one semester exchange.

The following is an estimate (in Canadian dollars – CAD)		1 Term (4 months)
<b>Accommodation*</b>	On campus	\$ 3,200 – \$ 5,400
	Off campus	\$ 2,400 - \$4,000
<b>Food**</b>	On campus	\$ 1,750– \$ 3,100
	Off campus	\$ 1,600– \$ 1,900
<b>Utilities***</b>	Off campus	\$240 - \$400
<b>Tenant Insurance***</b>	Off-campus	\$80 - \$200
<b>Public Transport (HSR – Hamilton Street Railway)</b>		HSR is free for exchange students (Excluding MBA)
<b>University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)****</b>		\$ 252
<b>Personal Expenses</b>		\$1,000
<b>Textbooks and supplies</b>		\$650
<b>Athletic Facilities (Base membership)</b>		Free (Excluding MBA)



# Immigration Updates & Spots Available for Durham University

2025-26 academic year



Due to recent Government of Canada restrictions around study permits, McMaster was unable to accept full-year (FY) exchange students in the 2024-25 exchange program. At this time, McMaster cannot guarantee the ability to welcome FY exchange students in 2025-26.

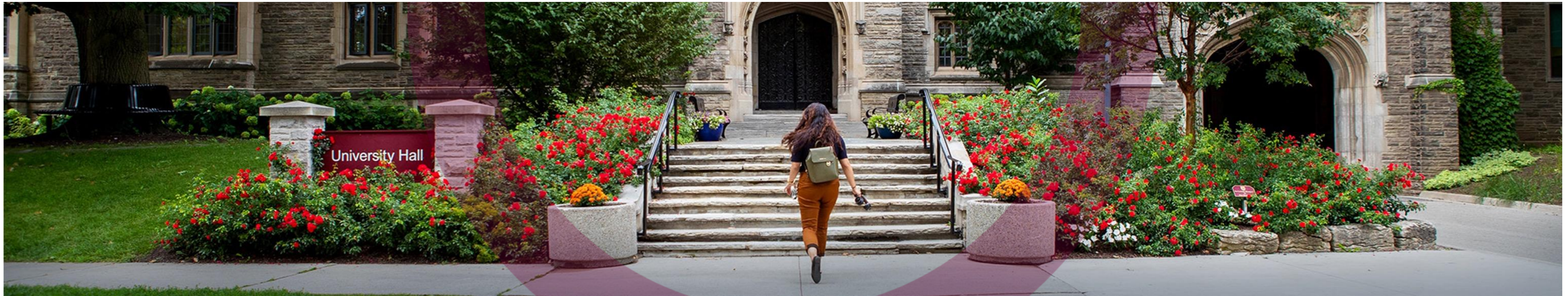
Immigration Canada is set to make an announcement and update to their restrictions in January 2025.

**Currently, McMaster University has 4 single-semester spots for Durham University in 2025-26.**



# How to Apply to McMaster's Exchange Program

What documents do you need and when to submit your application



- To apply to our exchange program, you must first be nominated by your home institution.
- Once nominated, apply on our exchange portal with your statement of interest, resume/CV, and a list of courses you hope to take

## Deadlines to Remember:

- **Nominations deadline:** March 31, 2025
- **Applications deadline:** April 15, 2025
- **Housing deadline:** early June 2025



# Semester Dates

## Fall semester

- September to December

## Winter semester

- January to April



# Exchange Benefits @ McMaster University

Perks to being an exchange student with us!

- Welcome orientation exclusively for exchange students
- FREE City of Hamilton transit
- FREE access to our Athletics & Recreation facilities
- Access to 300+ student clubs & organizations
- Inbound Buddy program
- Endless socials, events, and activities for all interests!
- And More!





# Touch-points throughout your Exchange

Pre-arrival, arrival & post-departure touch-points with the IESE team

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## Pre-Arrival

- Monthly Q&A Sessions during application period
- 10+ pre-arrival webinars from April-August

## Arrival

- Welcome Week
- MOOSE Exchange trip
- Welcome Orientation
- Weekly socials & events

## Departure

- Pre-departure session

**The IESE is always available over email & to meet one-on-one, by request.**





# Pre-Arrival Webinars for Inbound Exchange Students

Virtual Events from April to August 2025



## Topics include:

- On & off-campus housing
- Immigration & traveling to Canada
- Academics @ McMaster
- Health Insurance, Health & Wellbeing
- Meet and greet ahead of your arrival
- Events, Socials, & Clubs
- Services & Supports
- Finances for your exchange



# Explore our Campus!

Visit our student centre, your future dorm, our libraries and more!



Welcome to  
McMaster  
University

Our campus is home to state-of-the-art student facilities, world-class educators and cutting-edge research centres.

EXPLORE TOURS

Featured Tours

[Book an In-Person Tour](#)



12 Tours



### Campus Life

Take a virtual McMaster campus tour to get an inside look at our campus and student life. Embark...

[START](#)



### Academics



## Questions?

Write them in the chat  
or turn on your mic!



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- September 2024







# Stay Connected!

Visit our [Inbound Exchange](#) webpage for more information.

**Have questions after this session?**

**Contact us at:**  
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