# McMaster University logoMcMaster University

**Hamilton**

## Contact Information

* Recruitment and Admission:  
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* Campus Tours: [tours@mcmaster.ca](mailto:tours@mcmaster.ca)
* Scholarships and Financial Aid:  
  <https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/aid-awards>
* Student Accessibility Services (SAS): <http://sas.mcmaster.ca>
* Guidance Counsellor Hotline: 905-525-9140, ext. 25111

## University Information

### Student Population

* 32,174 full-time undergraduate students.

### New Programs

* Wilson College Leadership and Civic Studies 1
* Bachelor of Health Sciences (Integrated Rehabilitation and Humanities) – Level 2 Program
* Summer Transition through English Prep Program

### Program Changes

* Music 1 is still not offered for fall 2025.
* Graduates of our Bachelor of Technology program(s) will be eligible to apply for an accelerated, 8-month long Master of Business Administration at our DeGroote School of Business.
* Our Nursing program (McMaster University and Mohawk College sites) has increased enrollment for fall 2025. Both sites grant a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) from McMaster University. Breakdown of target enrollment:
  + 250 seats for Nursing I (BScN) - McMaster University site
  + 120 seats for Nursing I (BScN) - Mohawk College site

### Campus Tours and Events

* <https://future.mcmaster.ca/visit> | [tours@mcmaster.ca](mailto:tours@mcmaster.ca)
* Fall Preview Open Houses: October 25and November 15, 2025.
* May@Mac Open House scheduled for May 10, 2025.

## Admission and Transition Information

### Fall Offer of Admission

* **First Round:** Late February to early March. Based on 4U/M grades available as of the end of February. Students must present a minimum of 3 courses with final grades and registration in any remaining required courses (for a minimum of 6 enrolled courses), or 6 interim grades, including all required courses, to be completed by June 30, 2025.
  + **Note:** Some by-selection programs will not make offers during this round.
* **Second Round:** Late April to early May. Based on six 4U/M courses, including all required courses available as of early May. Where students are unable to present grades for six 4U/M courses, we will assess them on the available grades, provided they are registered in any outstanding courses with a completion date of June 30, 2025.

### Alternative Offers of Admission

* We encourage applicants to apply to up to 3 programs. We will consider each program choice simultaneously and communicate an admission decision for each program they select in their OUAC application.

### Accessibility Services

* Our SAS office provides services for students with learning disabilities, acquired brain injuries, mental health disorders, ADHD, chronic illnesses and sensory or mobility disabilities.
* We encourage applicants to contact SAS once they have accepted their offer to McMaster.

### Grade 11 Grades

* All programs will make offers of admission using Grade 12 grades only.
* Midwifery may review Grade 11 English, Biology and Chemistry grades for applicants to the Midwifery program if the mandatory Grade 12 prerequisite courses are in progress at the time of application.

### Supplemental Application

* Eleven direct-entry programs at McMaster require the submission of a supplementary application for admission consideration: Arts & Science, Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science, Engineering, Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours), Integrated Biomedical Engineering & Health Sciences, Integrated Business & Humanities, Integrated Science, Midwifery and Nursing I and Wilson College Leadership and Civic Studies 1.
* iArts requires an electronic creative submission.
* Business I offers students the opportunity to fill out an optional supplemental application.

### Ranking on OUAC Application

* No effect on admission.

### Tuition Deposit

* Visa and McMaster English Language Development applicants are required to submit a $2,000 tuition deposit. <https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/payment-methods/#tab-10>

### First-year Course Selection Process

* Online enrollment for Level I courses typically opens in late June to early July.

### Support for Transition to University

* The Student Success Centre provides quality services that guide students toward the achievement of their academic and development goals.
* The Centre supports students from the time they accept our offer and throughout their university careers as they make choices, deal with issues and improve skills that will prepare them for future success upon graduation.
* The Student Services team guides students through the steps that they need to complete after they accept their offer to McMaster. <https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/accepted-offer>

### Dual Credits/SHSM Programs

* We do not recognize dual credits for advanced standing in any of our programs.
* Our Faculty of Social Sciences offers 1 course credit to applicants who completed select SHSM programs and entered one of their Level I programs.  
  [https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/shsm](https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/shsm/)

### English Proficiency Requirements

* At our discretion, students may be exempt from submitting an English-language proficiency test if they have:
  1. resided in an English-speaking country for at least 4 years immediately prior to September 2025 or
  2. attended an English-medium educational institution in a   
     full-time academic program for at least 4 years immediately prior to September 2025.

## Admission Policies

### Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

* AP: We will consider applicants who completed AP courses for admission to a Level I program.
* Applicants who completed the AP exams in acceptable courses with a minimum grade of 4 may be recommended for up to 18 units of advanced credit upon request.
* IB: Students may present a full IB diploma or a combination of IB courses (certificate) and 4U/M courses (or equivalent).
* Students may request to be evaluated for advanced credit of up to 18 units for completed Higher Level courses with a minimum final score of 5, at the discretion of the faculty.

### Deferral

* Students may submit a request to defer their offer for a period of 1 year.
* We review requests on a case-by-case basis and make decisions on deferrals in late August.
* If we grant a deferral, the student may not attend any educational institution (including high school) for the deferral period.

### Repeated Courses

* We will use the highest grade reported in the calculation of the admission average.
* We may ask students who repeated more than 2 courses, or individual courses more than twice, to provide a letter detailing any extenuating circumstances that may have led to repeating multiple courses.

### Special Consideration

* Students with extenuating circumstances may submit a request for a special consideration form. <https://admissions.mcmaster.ca/manage/login>
* We evaluate extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

### Summer/Night School, Virtual/e-Learning, Private School and Correspondence Courses

* We accept all Ministry-inspected and -approved courses.
* Students may not use summer school courses taken in 2025 to meet the conditions of an offer of admission for September 2025 because the coursework is completed after the June 30, 2025, deadline.

### Transfer Credit

* <https://future.mcmaster.ca/university-transfer-student>

## Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

### Bursaries

* New Entrance Bursaries, valued from $500 to $2,500.
* General Bursaries are available once a student is enrolled at the university. Applications open in August 2025.

<https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/aid-awards>

### Automatic Entrance Scholarships

* Guaranteed entrance scholarships are based on final admission averages. All awards are non-renewable.

<https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/entrance-awards>

### Additional Scholarships

* Faculty-specific scholarships are available: 28 scholarships valued at $5,000.
* The McMaster Brighter World Entrance Award for Black students is valued at $5,000 each (50 available).
* The Marjorie Anderson Financial Award for Indigenous Students is valued at $80,000 ($20,000 per year).
* Access Awards for students from under-represented groups in the Greater Toronto Area are valued at up to $20,000 per year with 1 guaranteed McMaster university work experience. These awards are tenable for up to 4 years.
* $20 million in awards, ranging from $7,500 to $210,000, for international fee-paying undergraduate students entering in fall 2025. | [https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/  
  aid-awards-for-international-students](https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/aid-awards-for-international-students)

### Scholarship Deadline

* Some scholarships may have application deadlines. <https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/entrance-awards>

## Residence Information

### Deposit Fee

* $600

### Guaranteed Residence

* We will communicate decisions in the spring about the average needed to be guaranteed a spot in residence for fall 2025.

### Residence Options

* Fourteen residence buildings (co-ed and all-female available).
* Traditional dormitory, suite- and apartment-style buildings.
* Construction has begun on our 15th and largest residence building, Lincoln Alexander Hall. Scheduled to open in fall 2026, the residence will be home to 1,366 students and enable us to guarantee housing for all first-year undergraduate students.

### Online Application

* Yes

### Application Deadline

* June 2, 2025, at 4 pm

## Notes

# Quick Compare Tool

[www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/guidance](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/guidance)

The OUAC Editor will input your changes into the tool.

## Admission Information

### Are Grade 11 marks considered in the admission process?

☐ Yes

☐ On a case-by-case basis

x No

### Are admission deferrals granted?

☐ Yes

x On a case-by-case basis

☐ No

### Are dual credits/SHSM considered in the admission process?

☐ Yes

x No

### Is OUAC ranking considered?

☐ Yes

x No

### Do you offer campus visit subsidies?

☐ Yes

x No

### How much is the tuition deposit?

Not required

## Residence

### How much is the deposit for residence?

$600

### Is residence guaranteed?

☐ Yes

☐ Yes, with conditions

x No

### What is the 2025 residence application deadline?

June 2

### Residence options:

x Dorm

x Apartment/Suite

☐ Townhouse

### Where can students apply for residence?

https://housing.mcmaster.ca/future-residents

## Scholarships and Entrance Awards

### What is the automatic entrance scholarship admission average?

Varies by faculty

### Are entrance scholarships renewable?

☐ Yes

x No

☐ See details

### What is the entrance scholarship value range?

$1,000-$3,000

### Are prerequisites considered in determining scholarship amounts?

x Yes

☐ No

### Is an application required?

☐ Yes

☐ No

x Some scholarships