

# Funding Opportunities for International Students



# Being an International Student

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IPN pays international fees for PhD, >30k over three years

Still increased expenses

health insurance, living expenses, travel...

Federal and Provincial funding not necessarily available

~~CIHR~~ - ~~NSERC~~ - ~~SSHRC~~ - ~~FRQ~~

# General Tips

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cGPA, signatures

Transcripts -- *order early*, give context for grades

North American recommendation culture

**little room for modesty**

<http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding>

*not exhaustive, \*\*accuracy disclaimer\*\**

# ELIGIBILITY SUMMARY -- What awards should I look at?

AWARD	Citizenship		Intn'l	Degree			Field(s) of research
	Quebec Res Restriction	Canadian & Perm Res		Masters	Doctoral	Postdoc	
FRQ-NT	●	●	●	●	●		Natural Sciences & Engineering
*SSHRC Talent		●			●	●	Social Sciences & Humanities
FRQ-SC	●	●	●	●	●		
** Trudeau Foundation Scholarships		●	●		●		
FRQ-S	●	●	●	●	●	●	Health
Masters CGS (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)		●		●			Research in <b>any field</b> is eligible
Doctoral CGS (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)		●			●		
Stavros S. Niarchos			●	●	●		
** Vanier CGS		●	●		●		
Banting Postdoctoral (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)			●			●	
Tomlinson Doctoral		●	●		●		
Mackenzie King Open		●	●	●	●		
* Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements		●		●	●		
Walter C. Sumner		●			●		Chem, Physics or Electronics
Mackenzie King - Travel & Other		●	●	●	●		Varies. See award page on GPS website

\* The Government of Canada provides a description of the types of research where these fields include.

\* The Fonds de recherche du Québec outlines citizenship and domicile requirements

\* Award available to CGS award holders only.

\*\* Applicants must be invited and nominated by the Academic Unit where you will hold the award.

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/files/gps/2019-sept-chart.pdf>

# PBEEE -- Programme de Bourses d'Excellence pour Étudiants Étrangers

<http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca/en/bourses-et-subsventions/consulter-les-programmes-remplir-une-demande/bourse/merit-scholarship-program-for-foreign-students-pbeee--b3tei5fm1497464591615>

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Apply to academic unit, June

25,000 annually, up to 3 years

Eligibility: first nine sessions of PhD (i.e., 3 years)

DE—Aerospace, IT, Health technologies, Genomics, or Nanotechnologies

DS—Humanities, Social Sciences, or Arts and Literature

# PBEEE

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## Country specific levels

*More competitive than  
Vanier at McGill level  
(for open category)*

### **All countries scholarships**

Doctoral research scholarships(V1)

Postdoctoral scholarships (V2)

Short-term research or professional development scholarships(V3)

### **Québec-Brazil scholarships**

Québec-Brazil Doctoral research scholarships (1B)

Québec-Brazil Postdoctoral scholarships (2B)

Québec-Brazil Short-term research or professional development scholarships (3B)

### **Québec-China scholarships**

Québec-China Doctoral research scholarships (1C)

Québec-China Postdoctoral scholarships (2C)

Québec-China Short-term research or professional development scholarships (3C)

### **Québec-India scholarships**

Québec-India Doctoral research scholarships (1I)

Québec-India Postdoctoral scholarships (2I)

Québec-India Short-term research or professional development scholarships (3I)

### **Québec-Mexico scholarships**

Québec-Mexico Doctoral research scholarships (1M)

Québec-Mexico Postdoctoral scholarships (2M)

Québec-Mexico Short-term research or professional development scholarships (3M)

### **Québec-Wallonia scholarships**

Québec-Wallonia Doctoral research scholarships (1W)

Québec-Wallonia Short-term research or professional development scholarships (3W)

# Vanier

<http://www.vanier.gc.ca/>

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Apply to academic unit, June

50,000 annually, 3 years

Eligibility: within 20 months of PhD start by time of award

LEADERSHIP

# IPN Returning

<https://www.mcgill.ca/ipn/continuing/returningaward>

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Apply to IPN, June

10,000

**Will prioritize those who are not eligible for other funding**



# Faculty of Medicine

<https://www.mcgill.ca/medresearch/students-postdocs/graduate/funding/studentships>

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Apply to McGill Faculty of Medicine, Spring

12,000 doctoral, 10,000 master's

**Will prioritize those who are not eligible for other funding**

# FRQNT / FRQSC / FRQS Programs of scholarships of 2nd and 3rd cycles

<http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca/en/bourses-et-subventions/consulter-les-programmes-remplir-une-demande/bourse/programs-of-scholarships-of-2supndsup-and-3suprdsup-cycles-o7unxnhm1432651694011>

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Apply to FQR agency, October

20,000 PhD, 15,000 master's

*Last cycle was first time opened to international students*

An applicant who is not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada is eligible if he/she provides proof, at the time of submitting the training award application, that a) he/she has been living in Québec on a regular and daily basis for six months (with the appropriate visas and authorizations) and b) he/she has been admitted to or is enrolled in a Québec university, or has applied for admission to a Québec university.

# HBHL--Healthy Brains Healthy Lives

<https://www.mcgill.ca/hbhl/funding-programs/talent/hbhl-graduate-student-fellowships-competition>

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Apply to HBHL, Spring

15,000 PhD, 10,000 master's

# Mitacs

<https://www.mcgill.ca/research/researchers/funding/federal/mitacs>

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Apply to Mitacs, rolling deadline

3 month intervals, different amounts

Local industry partnerships, international internships

NOTE: Special HBHL partnership, only open to McGill students

SPECIFIC CONTACT: Noha Gerges, [ngerges@mitacs.ca](mailto:ngerges@mitacs.ca)

NOTE: eligibility for international students has changed recently; contact Noha for more details, and check the Mitacs website for updates

# Travel Grants

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IPN GREAT (Graduate Research Enhancement And Training) Award

<http://www.mcgill.ca/ipn/continuing/great>

Graduate Mobility Award, McGill

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/travel/grad-mobility-award>

Mitacs

<https://www.mcgill.ca/research/researchers/funding/federal/mitacs>

# Country-Specific Opportunities... *many more!*

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## MEXICO

CONACYT [www.conacyt.gob.mx/](http://www.conacyt.gob.mx/)

## CHINA

China Scholarship Council  
[www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/international/csc-chinese-students](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/international/csc-chinese-students)

## USA

NIH, Fulbright  
[researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/fellowships/F31](http://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/fellowships/F31)  
[us.fulbrightonline.org/](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/)

## MIDDLE EAST

IDB, Alghurair Foundation  
[www.isdb.org](http://www.isdb.org), [www.alghurairfoundation.org](http://www.alghurairfoundation.org)

## Greece

Stavros Niarchos  
[www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/international/stavros-s-niarchos](http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/international/stavros-s-niarchos)

## SPAIN

la Caixa  
[obrasociallacaixa.org/es/investigacion-y-becas/programa-de-becas-de-posgrado/en-un-vistazo](http://obrasociallacaixa.org/es/investigacion-y-becas/programa-de-becas-de-posgrado/en-un-vistazo)

NOT EXHAUSTIVE--*many  
opportunities, be on the lookout*

# Playing Up International Experience



# Let's write!

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McGill is a step on your calculated academic path, and you chose the best place/supervisor/facilities to train

Prior to arriving to McGill, you took full advantage of your home-country opportunities with world-class education

Maintained/initiated international connections/collaboration

Performing at a high level in a new country/language/culture and fully integrating yourself in the new community, sharing your diverse training experience with your colleagues

# Leadership / Academic Path / Research Plan

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5 minutes for 5 sentences about international experience

Narrative and storytelling--is yours memorable?

International is interesting--Can your reviewer learn something? How is your experience different from Canadians'?

This scholarship is MORE important for you because, as an international student, you have fewer funding opportunities

Sharing time...

- Studying abroad was a challenging undertaking, and I struggled with my first experience as an outsider speaking a second language and facing the different values and expectations of my host country. Fortunately, this time helped me realize my passion for xxxxxxxxx.
- Because I wanted to continue in this field in a larger interdisciplinary research community, I chose McGill University in Montreal from among my options for doctoral studies. McGill has a stellar, international community of xxxxxxxx researchers that is connected to other universities across Montreal through xxxxxxxxx.
- At McGill, I have chosen supervisors who support my continued international training. This is among the best research environments globally in my field because of xxxxxxxx.
- I have maintained connection with research collaborators in xxxx country, and I continue to forge international connections and collaboration.

# THANKS FOR COMING!!!!!!

## Summary:

- IPN Returning Student
- Graduate Mobility
- Upcoming deadlines:
  - April 20th HBHL
  - April 23rd Fac Med

# Mexico

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## CONACYT

Candidates must apply directly to CONACYT.

<https://www.conacyt.gob.mx/index.php/el-conacyt/convocatorias-y-resultados-conacyt/convocatorias-becas-al-extranjero>

- McGill tuition at the Quebec Resident rate
- Program/ancillary fees
- Health insurance
- Annual living expenses (paid directly to the student each month)

# Islamic Development Bank "IDB" member countries

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The prospective applicants should visit the IDB website:

[www.isdb.org](http://www.isdb.org)

to download the application form and read full information about the eligibility requirements, how to apply and the Programme's benefits and facilities.

- McGill tuition at the Quebec Resident rate
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# China

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## •China Scholarship Council (CSC) Joint Scholarship Program

The CSC will provide annual funding for the following:

Annual living allowance, International Health Insurance, Return airfare, Visa application fees



# United Arab Emirates

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Open to all UAE nationals (citizens) – UAE residents may also be considered

Up to two Fellowships will be offered to eligible candidates each Fall and each Winter admissions cycle.

Each McGill-UAE fellow will receive an amount each year (up to \$52,500) to cover tuition and living expenses.

No application process: all UAE applicants who are offered admission to the university will automatically be considered for the fellowship