

McMASTER FAST FACTS



OUR MISSION

At McMaster, our purpose is the discovery, communication and preservation of knowledge. In our teaching, research and scholarship, we are committed to creativity, innovation and excellence. We value integrity, quality and teamwork in everything we do. We inspire critical thinking, personal growth and a passion for learning. We serve the social, cultural and economic needs of our community and society.

OUR HISTORY

- Founded in 1887 in Toronto through a bequest from Senator William McMaster, a member of the first senate after Confederation and founding president of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- Maroon and grey were adopted as the official colours in 1912.
- Relocated from Toronto to Hamilton in 1930.
- Celebrated our 125th anniversary in 2012.

OUR STRENGTHS

- One of only four Canadian universities ranked among the top 100 in the world (Academic Ranking of World Universities, August 2014, and Times Higher Education World University Rankings, fall 2013).
- A comprehensive medical-doctoral, research-intensive university dedicated to teaching, research and service.
- The McMaster Model, a student-centred, problem-based, interdisciplinary approach to learning, has been adopted by universities around the world.
- Sixth in the country in research intensity – a measure of research income per full-time faculty member.
- The only North American host site of a United Nations University, the Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH).
- Home to more than 50 research centres and institutes.
- More than 70 international exchange agreements.
- World-class athletic facilities and 2011 Vanier Cup football champions.

OUR STUDENTS

- 22,367 full-time undergraduates and 3,408 full-time graduate students (fall 2013).
- 29,765: total student population, including part-time, interns/residents and Divinity College (fall 2013).
- McMaster students hail from 88 countries.
- Average entering grade is 86.8 per cent.
- Students entering with an average of at least 90 per cent now comprise 30 per cent of the student population.
- Total full-time headcount enrolment (undergraduate and graduate students) has grown 28 per cent from 2004/05 to 2012/13.
- Full-time headcount enrolment for graduate students has increased 55 per cent in the same time period.

OUR ALUMNI

- 170,654 alumni now reside in 138 countries.
- 96.7 per cent of our graduates find careers within two years.
- Our alumni collectively gave more than \$8.3 million to McMaster in 2013.
- Cabinet ministers, business leaders, scientists, university presidents, Hollywood actors, Olympians and astronauts.

OUR FACULTY

- 1,394 full-time instructional faculty (including clinicians), of which 93 per cent hold a doctoral degree.
- Full-time faculty hail from 65 countries.
- Total sponsored research income of more than \$325 million, which translates to \$239,400 per faculty member, well above the national average (Research Infosource, fall 2013).
- Former home to Dr. Bertram Brockhouse (professor of physics at McMaster from 1962 until his retirement in 1982), co-winner of the 1994 Nobel Prize for Physics.

OUR CAMPUS

- 300 acres of property with 30 acres designated as a central core pedestrian campus.
- Four libraries, 12 residence buildings, an athletics complex, a research reactor, a planetarium and the McMaster Museum of Art.
- Regional campuses in Burlington, Waterloo, Niagara and downtown Hamilton.