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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: FEATURED NEWS

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

IIMF Call for Proposals Opening January 8, 2024

The International Initiative Micro Fund is intended to provide faculty with small investments in first-time international research contacts or initiatives. Each project is eligible to receive up to \$5000 in funding.

The call for proposals will open on Monday, **January 8**, 2024.

The deadline to submit applications is Monday, **February 5**, 2024.

Read more about the IIMF at [McMaster Global](#).

Upcoming Calls for Proposals: ELAP, SEED, SICS Scholarships

In late January 2024, Global Affairs Canada will open calls for proposals for the Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP), the Canada-ASEAN

Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

RECENT EVENTS

McMaster Visits the American University of Sharjah



In December, McMaster's Vice-Provost Bonny Ibhawoh, Dean of Business Khaled Hassanein, Associate Dean Elkafi Hassini, and DSB Director of Development Meaghan Middleton visited the American University of Sharjah to explore promising collaborations with Dr. Narjess Boubakri, Dean, School of Business Administration, and other senior AUS administrators. To read more about their visit, click [here](#).

U21 Leaders Meet in Singapore to Discuss Balancing Sustainability with International Goals



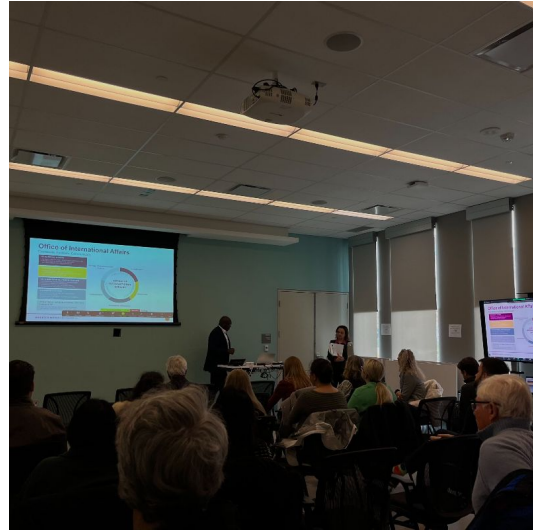
The Universitas 21 (U21) Senior Leaders' Meeting hosted by the National University of Singapore from October 18th to 20th brought together university leaders and delegates from 27 member institutions in the global network of research-intensive universities. Leading the delegation was the U21 Provost Professor Jenny Dixon (first row, seventh from right). See McMaster Vice-Provost, International Affairs, Bonny Ibhawoh, at the bottom right. Read more at [NUS News](#).

Amira El Masri's Article in The Pie News Addresses Canada's Approach to International Education

As the education sector awaits the release of Canada's third International Education Strategy, OIA Director Amira El Masri and York University Professor Roopa Desai Trilokekar write about challenges with Canada's current approach to International Education in The Pie News. They contemplate on the proposed pillars of the new strategy which they describe as micro-level implementation strategies. To read more, click [here](#).

On November 6th, the Office of International Affairs presented “An Analysis of Internationalization at McMaster: Current Status and Ways Forward” to faculty and staff to kick off the first event of International Education Week.

Read more at [McMaster Global](#).



African Research Universities Alliance & U21: Early Career Researcher Collaborative Awards



McMaster is partnering with top universities in Africa on research, student exchange and faculty development. Dr. Bonny Ibhawoh joined U21 Provost Dr. Jenny Dixon and other delegates at the conference of the African Research Universities Alliance at the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

Read about the U21-ARUA Awards Program grant at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster Visits Chinese Consulate General in Celebration of China's National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival

reception hosted by the Chinese Consulate General in Toronto celebrating the 74th anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China. To read the full story, visit [McMaster Global](#).



McMaster Presents at CAIE 2023

Integrating the UN SDGs & Indigenous Worldviews
...in the International Engagement of Higher Education Institutions

Themes

Panelists

Questions

Conference of the Americas of International Education
CAIE 2023 Parallel Session Day 1 (6 November 2023)
14:00 - 15:00 PST

In November 2023, OIA Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects Paul Leegsma along with Dr. Dawn Martin-Hill (Mohawk, Wolf Clan), inaugural Paul R. McPherson Indigenous Studies Chair at McMaster and David Cano, Director of McMaster's Office of Sustainability co-presented "Integrating the UN-SDGs & Indigenous Worldviews in the International Engagement of Higher Education Institutions" at the annual Conference of the Americas on International Education organized by the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education. The conference is a multi-lingual forum for higher education leaders in the Americas to discuss and exchange ideas on international engagement and explore opportunities for partnership.

Medical Education and Research at McMaster University and Hamilton Health Sciences

On November 13, the Office of International Affairs kicked off “Approaches to Medical Education and Research at McMaster University and Hamilton Health Sciences,” an online workshop for a group of twenty-six medical professionals from the First Affiliated Hospital to the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC).

The five-day program with a focus on problem-based and evidence-based learning is the second training workshop McMaster has offered to USTC’s medical school. Vice Provost Dr. Bonny Ibhawoh welcomed the group at the opening session and assured that the continuation of the training initiative would lead to closer cooperation between McMaster and USTC in the areas of scholarly exchange, education and research.

Vice-Provost (International Affairs) Discusses McMaster and UN SDGs in Geneva



McMaster Vice-Provost (International Affairs) visited Geneva in November to chair and moderate two United Nations human rights events in his capacity as a UN human rights expert and rapporteur. Dr. Ibhawoh also used the opportunity to highlight McMaster’s initiatives and contributions to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. To read more, click [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Did you know that McMaster is a member of the [United Nations Academic Impact \(UNAI\)](#)? As a member, McMaster has received an invite to apply to participate in the following United Nations high-level conferences:

1. 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States:

- [Application](#)
- Application deadline: 10 November 2023
- [Conference website](#)

2. 3rd UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries:

- [Application](#)
- Application deadline: 27 November 2023
- [Conference website](#)

If you are interested in these conferences, please check out the process outlined in the above links.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS

Below is a list of recent agreements:

Memorandum of Understanding, **La Trobe University**, Australia

Memorandum of Understanding, **Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University**, China

Memorandum of Understanding, **Doobay Medical Research Centre Inc.**,
Guyana

Student Exchange Agreement, **University of Trento**, Italy (renewed)



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