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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: FEATURED NEWS

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

100K Strong North America CLIMA/IE Competition Now Open

The [100K Strong North America CLIMA/IE competition](#) will support sustainable partnerships between Higher Education Institutions to create and implement climate-focused, inclusive educational exchange and training programs. The focus of this CfP is to:

1. Design and execute inclusive, climate-focused, student/faculty exchanges, both virtually and in-person; and
2. Create opportunities for collaboration to support innovative, sustainable climate action projects (CAPs) that contribute solutions to regional climate challenges.

Partnership: Grant proposals must include a tripartite team of at least one higher education institution in the U.S., one higher education institution in Canada, and one higher education institution in Mexico. Proposals can involve new partnerships or build on existing ones.

The NEW internal deadline to submit the International Program Grant Application Approval form: March 8, 2024.

Read more about this grant at [EduCanada](#) or [McMaster Global](#).

Please note that this grant is only open to McMaster faculty.

Submission deadline: March 17, 2024.

Academics Without Borders Opens Call for Proposals

McMaster University belongs to the Academics Without Borders (AWB) [Network of Canadian universities and colleges](#), a nonprofit organization that mounts capacity-building projects in partnership with post-secondary institutions in low and middle-income countries. Its fundamental operating principle is that partners in the developing world must identify areas where assistance is needed and lead project design and implementation.

McMaster faculty are invited to submit a proposal to AWB introducing a capacity-building project in an institution of higher education in low or middle-income countries.

Read more [here](#).

Submission deadline: March 11, 2024.

BIRMAC Project and Ideas Fund Now Open



To help support academic collaboration between our two globally-leading universities, we have established the Projects and Ideas Fund: a seed fund created with matching funding from each university designed to identify, establish and develop first-rate research projects and student outcomes.

The fund's objective is to support new initiatives by providing bridge funding between ideas and the first grant, or academic initiative. The funding is designed to enable individuals to identify complementary strengths, leverage synergy, and design new outstanding research and education projects and opportunities for academic excellence across all disciplines.

Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

Submission deadline: March 29, 2024.

Other Funding Opportunities

The Office of International Affairs publishes a list of active international funding opportunities for faculty and students, including internal and external bursaries and awards.

View the full list at [McMaster Global](#).

EVENTS

McMaster Highlighted in U21's Annual Impact Report



On February 1, 2024, [Universitas 21](#) published its [annual impact report](#), which addresses McMaster in the U21, the U21 Educational Innovation Symposium at McMaster University, Provost Susan Tighe and Vice-Provost Bonny Ibhawoh's senior leadership appointments, ACFAM and the U21 Awards, and the U21 Mid-Career Researcher Programme.

Read a summary of the report at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster Signs MOU with Abu Dhabi University



On December 6, 2023, at the International Conference on Advancing Sustainable Futures, McMaster delegates met with Abu Dhabi University and signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster's Global Ambassador Program supports the university's global engagement and increases McMaster's international visibility and presence by leveraging faculty and staff's international knowledge and expertise to complement existing expertise and activities at OIA. It will strengthen existing partnerships, open doors for new collaborations, and foster research, academic, and professional opportunities.

If you are McMaster faculty or staff and would like to learn about joining the MGA program, visit [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster University Announces Second SDG Pitch Competition



Attention faculty: Please inform your students that preparations are currently underway to host McMaster's SDG Pitch Competition. Students and their teams will be able to share their ideas, network with experts and peers, and have a chance to win one of three \$2,000 cash prizes.

McMaster's second Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Pitch Competition will be held on Wednesday, March 13th in CIBC Hall from 5:00-8:00 pm. Registration for the event will open on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm.

Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

Internships



[McMaster University](#) is partnering with [Empowerment Squared](#), the University of Liberia and the University of Development Studies, Ghana, on an innovative International Youth Internship program for student exchange supported by Global Affairs Canada. The newly built Empowerment Squared Liberian Learning Centre will be a hub for the program.

Read more at [McMaster Daily News](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

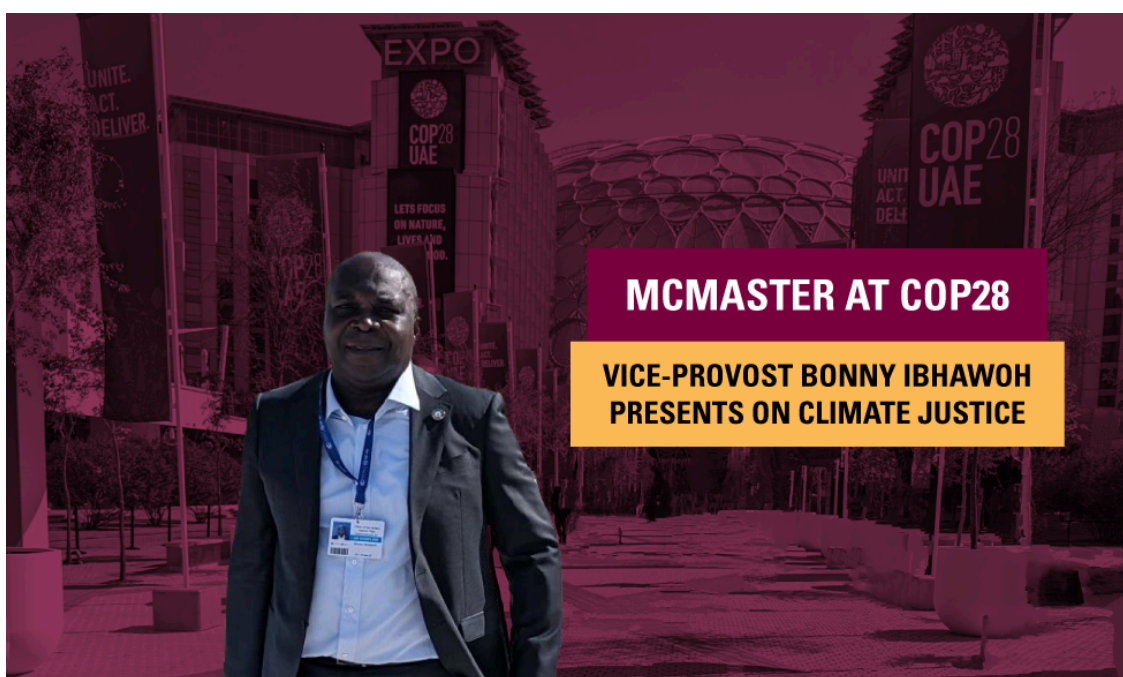
McMaster Participates in the U21 Mid-Career Researcher Programme

From October 11 to November 8, 2023, [Universitas 21](#) held its second [Mid-Career Researcher Programme](#) in partnership with [Common Purpose](#). This year, there were six participants from McMaster nominated by their respective Faculties.

Read about their experiences at [McMaster Global](#).



Vice-Provost Bonny Ibhawoh Talks Climate Justice at COP28



Bonny Ibhawoh, McMaster's vice-provost (International) is at COP28, a two-week international conference on climate change, to present his work on climate justice as a United Nations expert on human rights, and to forge stronger bonds and partnerships with other institutions.

Read more at [Brighter World](#).



On Friday morning, the McMaster Faculty of Engineering and the Office of International Affairs welcomed a delegation from [Tecnológico Nacional de México \(TecNM\)](#) to the McMaster Automotive Resource Centre (MARC) and the McMaster Manufacturing Research Institute (MMRI).

At MARC, McMaster and TecNM discussed further collaboration in research and mobility.

View the Faculty of Engineering's post about the visit [here](#).

OIA Director Addresses Recent Policy Changes Surrounding International Students

McMaster OIA Director Amira El Masri, York University Professor Roopa Desai Trilokekar, and University of British Columbia Postdoctoral Research Fellow Lisa Brunner write about Canada's changes to its international student policy in The Pie News. To read more, click [here](#).

McMaster Strengthens Relationships with Caribbean Partners



On January 17, 2024, McMaster welcomed Doug Fraser, Tammy Brathwaite, and Allison Miller to its main campus to discuss collaboration in research, education, and funding opportunities.

As of 2023, McMaster is the lead Canadian partner of the Canadian Caribbean Institute (CCI). McMaster is scheduled to host the next CCI research symposium, which will take place in October 2024. The theme will be Climate Change, Climate Resilience, and Alternative Energy Sources.

Read more about the delegation visit at [McMaster Global](#) and on [LinkedIn](#).

Read more about CCI at [McMaster Daily News](#).

DeGroote School of Business Signs MOU with Strathmore University



Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya with Dr. Benson Honig. At Strathmore, they met with Dr. [Vincent Ogutu](#), Dr. [Caesar J.Muriithi Mwangi](#), [Eric Saulo](#), and Antony Mbandi to sign an MOU.

In a [LinkedIn post](#), Dean Hassanein expressed his excitement for the meaningful educational impact that this fruitful partnership will bring.

2024 IRiS Conference Call for Proposals Now Open



The Call for Proposals (papers, panels, workshops) for the IRiS 2024 Conference, “Bordering Society: Understanding and Reimagining Migration, Displacement and Diversity in an Age of Rapid Transformations,” taking place from September 5-6, 2024, is now open.

Read more about the conference [here](#).

Submission deadline: March 27, 2024.

Climate Action: U21 Signs CANIE Accord

Strengthening U21's [Commitment to Sustainability](#), U21's secretariat has recently become a Signatory to the CANIE Accord.

The CANIE Accord has been developed in consultation with leaders from

bodies, scholarship bodies, and more.

CANIE activities include Climate Action Week, a global summit providing thematic panels and interactive sessions addressing hot topics surrounding climate action in international education. [Climate Action Week 2024](#) will take place 25-28 March including a keynote on sustainable energy transitions for the aviation industry, along with sessions on how to practically measure climate impact.

Read more at [U21](#).

NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS

Below is a list of recent agreements that the Office of International Affairs has facilitated since the 2023 Winter Bulletin, listed alphabetically by country:

Federal University of Sao Carlos, Brazil, Memorandum of Understanding

Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile, Student Exchange Agreement

University of Antioquia, Colombia, Memorandum of Understanding

Institut Polytechnique de Grenoble, France, Student Exchange Agreement

University of Rennes, France, Memorandum of Understanding

Seinan Gakuin University, Japan, Student Exchange Agreement

Strathmore University, Kenya, Memorandum of Understanding

Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco, Memorandum of Understanding

Tilburg University, Netherlands, Memorandum of Understanding

University of Almeria, Spain, Erasmus+ Programme Inter-Institutional Agreement

Taras Shevchenko National University, Ukraine, Memorandum of Understanding

American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, Memorandum of Understanding

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