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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Currently Open Funding Opportunities

- The Association of Commonwealth Universities Fellowships
- The Association of Commonwealth Universities: Higher Education and the SDGs Network Grants
- The Association of Commonwealth Universities: Routledge/Round Table Commonwealth Studentships
(QES)
- Lund University Ger Started Funding 2024
- IDRC International Doctoral Research Awards (IDRC-IDRA)

Read more at McMaster Global.

OIA will be launching soon a monthly funding opportunities bulletin. To receive the bulletin, subscribe here.

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**RECENT EVENTS**

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**OIA Welcomes Two New Staff Members**
Mahmoud will be supporting the implementation of the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) Grant. Mahmoud has over 18 years of international experience in education, specializing in program design, management, evaluation, and delivery. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team as he led the delivery of several large-scale cutting-edge education programs for thousands of students and coordinated and managed many institutional education agreements. We’re excited to see him apply his experience and knowledge in the IYIP and to support the international team grow our international engagement.

Adelina Sylaj is joining McMaster as a Grants and Projects Officer. She will help identify and promote international programs funding opportunities and support the development of grant applications. Adelina has over 15 years of experience in international development programming, funded by Global Affairs Canada, USAID, USAID/Office of Transition Initiatives, and the European Council, in Canada, Ukraine, Armenia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and Myanmar. She has managed multi-sectoral grants that supported education, government legislative structures, local governance, small-scale infrastructure,
activity cycle, and supported program teams with activity planning, monitoring and evaluation, and mitigating financial and procurement challenges. Adelina holds an undergraduate degree in Management and Entrepreneurship from Rochester Institute of Technology, and two graduate degrees, one in International Relations from Malmo University and another in Communication Studies from the University of Rhode Island.

McMaster’s Medical Training Program Welcomes Healthcare Professionals from Hebei Province

McMaster University’s Office of International Affairs hosted healthcare professionals from Hebei Province, China, for a training program on McMaster’s unique approach
McMaster and University of Liverpool Establish Seed Fund for Collaborative Research

McMaster and the University of Liverpool have partnered to advance research and innovation at both institutions.

As a part of the partnership, the two research-intensive universities have launched a $500,000 (£300,000) seed fund that will support collaborations in areas of complementary research strength.
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Pitch Competition: International Challenge Question

The second annual McMaster SDG pitch competition took place on March 13, 2024, and focused on sustainable transportation within McMaster’s campus, the City of Hamilton, and through international travel.

Read more at McMaster Global.

McMaster Participates in U21 Global Leadership Programme
Four McMaster faculty and staff completed the U21 Global Leadership Programme, a 4-week online program for leaders to connect with their global peers to discuss approaches to international education.

Participants included:

- Ben O’Connor, Acting Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Science
- Greg Rombough, Manager, Undergraduate and Specialized Graduate Programs, DeGroote School of Business
- Karen McGarry, Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Melanie Heath, Associate Dean of Graduate Students, Associate Professor of Sociology

To read more, visit McMaster Global.
International Research Collaboration Unites Students and Faculty from McMaster, the University of Tokyo and the University of Toronto

For the fifth year, and the largest workshop to date, a delegation from the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Tokyo and the University of Toronto joined McMaster faculty and students for three days of research-focused activities.

Read more at McMaster Engineering.

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New Federal Funding to Strengthen Teaching and Research in Canadian Universities
On April 19th, the Hon. Gary Anandasangaree and the Hon. Ahmed Hussen visited McMaster for a budget announcement.

The new funding “signals Canada’s continued commitment to international cooperation and development,” said Dr. Bonny Ibhawoh in a LinkedIn post, where he also noted that it will strengthen teaching and research in Canadian universities.

To read more, visit McMaster Daily News.

Office of International Affairs Announces Winners of the 2024 IIMF
this year’s International Initiatives Micro-Fund:

- Ronald Cummings
- Melike Yilmaz
- Carmela Laganse
- Lucy El-Sherif
- Patrick Clancy
- Baraa Al-Khazraj
- Antonio Paez
- Bartosz Protas
- Juliet Daniel
- Susan Jack
- Cynthia Lokker
- Ally Prebtani
- Basit Kareem Iqbal
- Nathan Andrews
- Andrew Roddick
- Adrianne Lickers Xavier
- Cal Biruk
- Tohid Didar & Kristen Delling
- Raja Ghosh
- Drew Higgins
- Saiedeh Razavi
- Hatem Zurob
- Catherine Connelly
- Addisu Lashitew
- Justin Yipiang Jin
- Yair Berson
McMaster, University of Alabama at Birmingham Deepen Ties and Explore Further Partnerships

McMaster University strengthened its growing partnership with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) by signing a Memorandum of Understanding to foster further collaboration between the two institutions.

McMaster and UAB committed to strategic investments in partnerships, building on their successful track records in commercialization and clinical impact.

Read more at Brighter World.
International Visiting Researcher Program Encourages Mutual Learning and Collaboration

A project in McMaster's ARIEAL is uniting academics from around the world to share ideas, conduct research and build international connections.

Read more at Brighter World.

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Are you planning to attend COP 29?

The COP 29 2024 Conference will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan from November 11-22, 2024. The Office of International Affairs in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability and CMPA are exploring McMaster University's participation and would like to hear from McMaster faculty, staff and students who have plans to attend.

Read more at McMaster Global.
McMaster University hosted the 2024 U21 Chief Operating Officer/Registrar network meeting. The two-day meeting saw the Chief Operating Officer network welcome guest speaker Alex Usher to discuss the shifting landscape of international student recruitment; and representatives from EAB to discuss the opportunities and challenges of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education.

Read more at McMaster Global
INTERNATIONAL VISITS

McMaster Meets with Universities of Canada in Egypt and Canadian Embassy

In late March, Dr. Bonny Ibhwoh, Dr. Amira El Masri, and Dr. Khaled Hassanein met with Dr. Magdy Elkady, Chairman of the Board, Universities of Canada in Egypt (UCE), and Joseph Tadros, Senior Trade Officer, Embassy of Canada.

Read more at McMaster Global.
MacMaster University Delegation Strengthens Ties with Academic Institutions in Saudi Arabia

A delegation from McMaster University visited Saudi Arabia from May 5th to 7th, 2024, as part of the first Canada-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Education Partnership Forum organized by the Canadian Embassy in KSA in collaboration with the Saudi Ministry of Education. More than 50 Canadian institutions and 70 Saudi institutions participated in the Forum.

This visit aimed to fortify educational ties and enhance research collaboration and partnerships with prominent Saudi Arabian higher education institutions.
Business; Dr. Maureen MacDonald, Dean of the Faculty of Science; Dr. Jeremiah Hurley, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences; and Dr. Amira El Masri, Director of the International Office.

The delegation's itinerary included meetings with officials from renowned Saudi higher education institutions and active participation in the KSA-Canada Education Partnership Forum. The aim was to explore potential collaborations in healthcare, engineering, business, science, and humanities. These interactions are expected to foster knowledge exchange and drive innovation, benefiting both countries.

The delegation's agenda also included engagements with government officials, including the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Interior to explore opportunities for collaboration in areas such as healthcare training. Such engagements enhance McMaster's visibility on the international stage and attract top talent from Saudi Arabia to its academic community.

In addition to formal meetings, the McMaster delegation met with prospective students and networked with Saudi alumni.

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**McMaster Celebrates 25 Years of Partnership with the University of Amsterdam**
McMaster Welcomes UM6P Delegation

On May 8th, McMaster University welcomed a delegation from Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P)’s Africa Business School in Morocco to discuss collaboration in actuarial and financial mathematics.

Read more at McMaster Global.

McMaster OIA and SSC Celebrate Partnership with the University of Birmingham
McMaster University Midwifery Program Welcomes Delegates from Airlangga University

McMaster University welcomed a delegation from Airlangga University in Indonesia for the McMaster Midwifery Research Centre 2024 McMaster Midwifery Research Symposium.

They met to discuss McMaster’s approach to international collaboration, work in the Faculty of Medicine at Airlangga University, and next steps in institutional collaboration.

Read more at McMaster Global.
Below is a list of recent agreements:

- Universidade Federal do Paraná (UFPR), Memorandum of Agreement, Brazil
- Federal University of Ceará, Memorandum of Understanding, Brazil
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, Memorandum of Understanding, United States of America
- NGI Enrichers, Memorandum of Understanding, EU
- KU Leuven, Student Exchange Agreement, Belgium
- Ministry of Higher Education of Kuwait, Memorandum of Agreement, Kuwait
- Shanghai International Studies University, One-way Mobility Agreement, China
- Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Memorandum of Understanding, Brazil
- IÉSEG School of Management (IÉSEG), Université Catholique de Lille, Student Exchange Agreement, France
- University of Adelaide, Student Exchange Agreement, Australia
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