

[View this email in your browser](#)



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: FEATURED NEWS

Winter 2024

SPOTLIGHT

New Global Engagement Strategy builds on McMaster's strengths



McMaster University has unveiled a framework to enhance international partnerships, foster inclusive global learning, and further position McMaster as a leader in addressing global challenges. The [2025-2030 Global Engagement Strategy](#) outlines seven main goals

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#) ▼

inclusivity, enhancing mobility, integrating global learning into academic and extracurricular programs, addressing global challenges through partnerships, empowering faculty for impactful international collaboration, and highlighting McMaster's achievements to inspire lasting engagement. Working toward the goals will also promote McMaster's global success stories to enhance visibility and reputation. Access to additional information is available [here](#). Read more at [Daily News](#).

Canadians now need a permit for short-term visits to the United Kingdom

Starting January 8 2025, Canadians with short-term travel plans to England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland will need an electronic travel authorization — or an ETA. Travellers planning to visit the United Kingdom for less than six months will be asked to submit information such as their passport details, dates of travel and modes of transportation, which will be reviewed by authorities. More information available [here](#).

Register Now: Enhancing Your Cultural Intelligence: Navigating Cultural Differences for Intercultural Success



The Office of International Affairs has announced its upcoming series of hybrid workshops, *Enhancing Your Cultural Intelligence: Navigating Cultural Differences for Intercultural Success*, scheduled for April 23-24, 2025.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

diverse communities. The first workshop will be tailored for McMaster faculty, staff of the MacPherson Institute, and others interested in cultural intelligence in the classroom. The second workshop will be geared towards members of McMaster's Global Ambassador Programme, and the third workshop, towards McMaster staff with an international portfolio.

For more information about these workshops, including the schedule and registration forms, please access [McMaster Global](#).

Empowering Youth: International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) prepares for global Impact



Excitement fills the air as our cohort of interns under the [International Youth Internship Program \(IYIP\)](#) gathers for their pre-departure training with McMaster and Empowerment Squared. This program, a partnership between McMaster (led by the OIA) and Empowerment Squared, is set to send 100 Canadian youth aged 18 to 30 on transformative four-month internships to Liberia and Ghana. The first cohort will include nine interns, including 5 McMaster students and alumni, departing to Ghana and Liberia on January 17th to commence their internship.

As part of their internship, the interns completed the Global Citizenship Training Program developed by [Dr. Lydia Kpiriri](#). This program focuses on global citizenship and provides a valuable background to the interns' experiences in Ghana and Liberia. They have also been supported by the [Student Success Centre](#) offering them pre-departure training to ensure that they are well prepared for this transformative journey. The training included matters like roles and expectations, McMaster's resources, safety and risk management abroad among many others. [The African-Caribbean Faculty Association of McMaster \(ACFAM\)](#) members will mentor the IYIP interns, providing them with guidance and coaching and encouraging them to progress toward achieving their professional and personal goals.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

health challenges in Liberian grassroots organizations.

Funded by Global Affairs Canada, this initiative aims to provide young Canadians with invaluable international development experience while contributing to meaningful community projects. The internship is part of a larger \$4.9M investment that will run until 2028, offering participants a unique opportunity to develop professional skills and make a global impact.

For more information, please reach out to our Project Coordinator for IYIP, [Mahmoud Mouselli](#).

Reflections from COP 29 and Ambitions for COP 30: A Journey Toward Climate Action

Through [dedicated work of Office of International Affairs \(OIA\)](#), [in partnership with Planetary Health](#), [the Office of Sustainability](#), [the Department of Family Medicine](#), and [CMPA](#), McMaster University made [significant contributions to the global climate dialogue](#) through engagements and discussions with stakeholders participating at the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Baku, Azerbaijan, between November 11-22, 2024. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

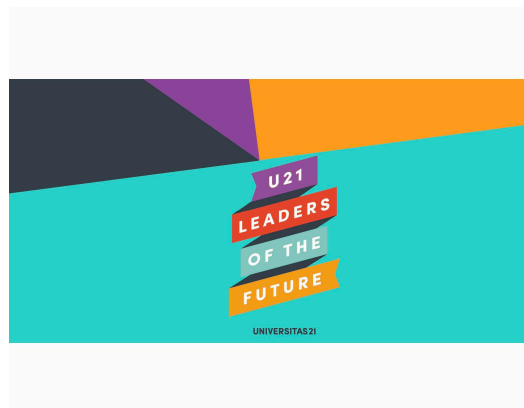
Registration for Summer Programs 2025 is now open!

The OIA is pleased to announce open applications for [In-Person and Online Summer Programs 2025](#). Various courses available in July and August, offer an opportunity for international students to attend lectures covering cutting-edge technologies and research methods and improve their English communication skills. Similarly to previous years, offered courses are in [English and Cultural Immersion Program](#), [Medical Research & Digital Health](#), [Entrepreneurship & Innovation](#), and [Digital Transformation for Entrepreneurs](#). For more information, please reach out to our Program Manager, [May Zhai](#).

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#) ▼

Awards Now Live!

The [U21 Awards](#) celebrate the achievements of individuals or teams showing great impact in internationalization and/or education or research in higher education while [Leaders of the Future- Students and Alumni](#) celebrate either current students or recent alumni at U21 member universities who show great promise or impact in internationalisation.



Please nominate McMaster internationalization leaders [here](#). Voting is open until 17 January 2025 and the winners will be announced at the U21 Annual Network Meeting & Presidential Symposium UC Davis in May 2025.

Register for an upcoming workshop on Local & Global Collaborations: Insights into Internationalization and Interdisciplinary Partnerships

This session is part of the [2024-25 New Faculty Workshop Series](#). Learn about McMaster's management and support structures, and explore opportunities for impactful collaborations both locally and globally.

Date: Thursday, March 20

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: West Room, Faculty/University Club (Alumni Memorial Hall)

Open to new faculty members at McMaster University. **Register now!**

Questions? Contact: Cara-Jane Dempsey, FacultyLeadership@mcmaster.ca

RECENT EVENTS

strengthening their long-lasting relationship through a series of visits organized during the last quarter of 2024



The [Aga Khan University's School of Nursing and Midwifery \(East Africa, Pakistan\)](#) visit in October followed by [Aga Khan University senior leaderships' visit at McMaster University](#) in November and [President David Farrar and Provost Susan Tighe alongside other senior leaders](#) visit of the Aga Khan University's [Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations \(AKU-ISMC\)](#) in London were embraced opportunities to build upon the lengthy history of collaboration between two institutions, discussing numerous areas for expanding upon current connections and building new collaborations based on the strategic discussions and [MOU](#) which was signed during the previous visit in May 2024, potential for further collaboration in the areas of oncology and surgery as well as further study and research activities related to the themes of planetary health and environmental science and engaging in meaningful discussions with AKU and Aga Khan Development Network leaders about shared priorities in global engagement, education, and research.

McMaster is granted organizational accreditation for the United Nation's 4th International Conference on Financing for Development Conference in Sevilla, Spain



McMaster University has been granted an organizational accreditation to attend [The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development Conference](#) to be held in

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

Goals, and support reform of the international financial architecture. Additionally, it will assess the progress made in the implementation of the [Monterrey Consensus](#), the [Doha Declaration](#) and the [Addis Ababa Action agenda](#). Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster and Grenoble International Colloquia

On October 24th, the Office of International Affairs and Université Grenoble Alpes' Outreach Direction (UGA, DRI/DGD DIT) launched the [McMaster and Grenoble International Colloquia \(MaGIC\) initiative](#). Through a series of virtual colloquia, MaGIC aims to connect faculty and students across both universities working on varied shared topics. Its focus on knowledge exchange, building and maintaining international partnerships, and exploring opportunities for research collaboration and student mobility has positioned MaGIC as a generative new project that honours McMaster and UGA's 40-year history of cooperation.

The first MaGIC session, Materials Science: Metallurgy, brought together presenters Dr. Hatem Zurob (McMaster), Dr. André Phillion (McMaster), Prof. Alexis Deschamps (UGA), PhD student Marion Bregeault (UGA), and post-doc Dr. Bitu Pourbahari (McMaster). Over 30 attendees participated across McMaster and UGA, as presentations spoke to the resources available, and work being done, at each university in the field of metallurgy. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

The second MaGIC session, "Challenges in Democratic Societies: Political Polarization and Economic Inequality", was held on November 14th on political science. McMaster's Dr. Andrea Lawlor and Sciences Po Grenoble-UGA's Prof. Sonja Zmerli gave presentations on the topic, with over 60 students and faculty in attendance. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

New sessions are in development for the Winter 2025 semester – to stay informed and to access a list of Canada-France funding opportunities, please [click here](#). Faculty members interested in contributing to MaGIC, please reach out to [Maia Lepingwell-Tardieu](#).

'SHOW ME the evidence' consensus statement

Features of an approach to reliably deliver research evidence to those who need it

- Support systems locally** that use many forms of research evidence to help address local priorities
- Harmonized efforts globally** that make it easier to learn from others around the world
- Open-science approaches** that make it the norm to build on what others have done
- Waste-reduction efforts** that make the most of investments in evidence support and in research
- Measured communications** that clarify what we know from existing evidence and with what caveats
- Equity and efficiency** in all aspects of this work

Global Commission on Evidence, with its Secretariat housed at the McMaster Health Forum, is pleased to make available 'SHOW ME the evidence' as a consensus statement on what the future needs to look like if we are going to reliably get evidence to those who need it. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

McMaster Health Forum's latest awardees in developing skilled future leaders in strengthening health and social systems

Four awardees of the McMaster Health Forum's Developing Skilled Future Leaders in Strengthening Health and Social Systems project travelled to South Africa in 2024, spending five weeks with Forum partners at the Pan-African Collective for Evidence (PACE) assisting with various initiatives including a project on gender-based violence and artificial intelligence in South Africa. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).



MIRA welcomes scholars from across the globe for landmark International Consensus Meeting on Wearables for Measuring Mobility in Aging Populations

International consensus meeting on wearables for measuring mobility in aging populations

November 25 & 26, 2024
Burlington, Ontario, Canada



In late November, the McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA) hosted the 'International Consensus Meeting on Wearables for Measuring Mobility in Aging Populations,' in Burlington, Ontario. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster's medical team makes their annual visit to Uganda

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

Ally Prebtani, Dr. Rebecca Kruisselbrink, Dr. Ahraaz Wyne, Dr. Jessica Scott, Dr. Ghazal Haddad, Dr. Justin Senecal, and Ms. Sudduf Wyne, medical doctors and medical residents from McMaster University, made their annual visit to Uganda. The overall goal was to build capacity in healthcare in a holistic manner through education, clinical work, and community support in a sustainable and culturally sensitive manner based on local needs, requests, and resources. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).



International and exchange students bring a taste of home to McMaster for the holidays



As part of the initiative, international and exchange students and the McMaster alumni community were invited to share their favourite recipes that remind them of home. After a vote by McMaster community members, four dishes were selected to be featured as part of the Taste of Home menu. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster Celebrates International Education Week 2024

McMaster community was excited to celebrate the International Education Week (IEW) 2024 in November. As part of the celebrations, the Office of International Affairs lead McMaster's Global Engagement Strategy 2025-2030 session; contributed to a session for faculty and staff focusing on the exchange agreement creation process in collaboration with SSC; and presented exciting opportunities offered by Global Affairs Canada (GAC),

McMaster hosts Laura Pritsch, Head of Communication and Public Affairs at the Association of Commonwealth Universities

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Laura Pritsch, Head of Communications and Public Affairs, from the [Association of Commonwealth Universities](#) in November. The ACU's commitment to deliver educational opportunities for university staff and students to pursue research and innovation is made through a range of funding opportunities. For the year 2024-2025, ACU's is promoting eight funding opportunities, available on the [OIA's webpage](#). Read more at [McMaster Global](#).



McMaster's OIA and Department of Athletics & Recreation welcome Nanjing Sport Institute Delegation



The Office of International Affairs along with the Department of Athletics & Recreation welcomed a delegation from Nanjing Sport Institute (NSI). The delegates learned more about McMaster's athletics and recreation programs at McMaster as well as a brief on McMaster's kinesiology, sport rehabilitation, health education and sports therapy academic programs and research. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

University of Birmingham visit highlights research partnerships and student exchange programs

As part of an ongoing partnership focused on collaboration, student experience and research, McMaster welcomed visitors this month from the [University of Birmingham \(UoB\)](#) to discuss shared goals, successful outcomes and future opportunities. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).



McMaster University Hosts a Delegation from Chungbuk National University



On November 7th, the Office of International Affairs had the pleasure of welcoming representatives from Chungbuk National University, South Korea. The discussions centered around a variety of potential collaborative opportunities, including the development of summer short programs, student and faculty mobility programs, joint research initiatives, and formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding MOU to establish a framework for potential collaboration. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster's OIA Facilitates a Five-Day Online Training Program at the University of Science and Technology of China

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#) ▼

training program offered to medical doctors and nurses from the First Affiliated Hospital of the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC). In his congratulatory remarks at the closing session, Dr. Bonny Ibhawoh stressed McMaster's dedication to cultivating global competencies and expressed our willingness to further strengthen and explore new collaboration opportunities with the prestigious research institution across the world. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).



'It's an honour': Renae Watchman is the first Indigenous Obama Fellow at University of Mainz



Indigenous Studies Associate Professor Renae Watchman has been selected for a prestigious Obama Fellowship in Germany, where she will work on filling a gap in scholars' understanding of transnationalism and America. The Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, based at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany, offers research and teaching relating to the Americas in a global context. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster University Champions Global Competencies at U21 Meeting in Shanghai

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#) ▼

Education and Senior Leaders Meeting held in Shanghai, China, from October 19 to 26, where global academic leaders gathered under the theme: “Preparing Students for a Global Future: Global Competencies, Opportunities, and Learning Across the Campus.” With representation from 32 universities across 20 countries, the U21 meeting served as a platform for thought leaders to explore pressing topics such as “AI in Teaching and Learning” and “Transforming Global Education through the UN Sustainable Development Goals.” Read more at [McMaster Global](#).



2024 Canada-Caribbean Institute Research Symposium at McMaster University



Between 16-19 October, Canada-Caribbean Institute Research Symposium brought together Senior Administrators, Researchers, Faculty, and Community across the Caribbean and Canada at the 3rd annual Canada-Caribbean Research Symposium held at McMaster University to explore innovative solutions to mitigate the growing impacts of the climate crisis. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

France appoints Professor Hatem Zurob to prestigious Order of Academic Palms

McMaster Engineering Professor Hatem Zurob has been appointed a Knight of the Order of Academic Palms ([Ordre des Palmes académiques](#)) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to advancing academic culture in France. The award was established by Napoleon



[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

France's education, within the country as well as abroad. Zurob's appointment recognizes his leadership in further developing research and exchange opportunities between McMaster University and [Université Grenoble-Alpes](#) (UGA) for engineering students. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

Fête de la science brings Hamilton families to campus for a celebration of science



Testing uranium levels in various household items, analyzing materials through a high-powered microscope, and launching film canisters into the air with a chemical reaction were some of the activities at the Fête de la Science (Science Festival) at McMaster University on October 10. Jointly hosted by McMaster's Office of International Affairs and the Faculties of Engineering and Science, in partnership with the Consulate of France in Canada, the Fête focused on the theme: Oceans of Knowledge. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

Inaugural McMaster Dialogue explores global challenges

The inaugural discussion held in October, facilitated by Bonny Ibhawoh, vice-provost, International, focused on how to enhance multilateralism for international peace and security in an increasingly conflicted world. Panelists and McMaster experts included Lisa Schwartz, professor of Health Research Methods, Evidence &



[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

academic director, Wilson College of Leadership and Civic Engagement. The conversation, held at McMaster, explored how multilateral efforts can address these global challenges. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster hosts Dr. Pei Liu from Feng Chia University



On October 15th, the Office of International Affairs welcomed [Dr. Pei Liu](#), Professor, Department of Transportation & Logistics, at Feng Chia University. The visit aimed to explore collaborations between the two universities and opportunities for partnership. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

McMaster's OIA speaks about the UN'S SDGs in the Child Health Specialization of the Honour Health Sciences Program

Dr. Amira El Masri, Director of the OIA, was invited to speak on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to McMaster's fourth-year course in the Child Health Specialization of the Honour Health Sciences (BHSc) Program. She provided a general overview of the SDGs, their history, recent achievements and challenges, next steps and emphasized the critical role global universities, like McMaster, play in advancing the SDGs. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).



Career Researcher Program



[U21 Mid-Career Researcher Programme: Reset, Re-imagine, Reframe](#), held between October-November in partnership with Common Purpose, engaged participants across the U21's global membership to share knowledge, perspectives and ideas as an opportunity to refocus and reset; to adopt the right mindset and identify the skills and attributes required to adapt and thrive within a creative and collaborative research culture. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

The OIA attends the Spring Festival and the 40th anniversary of the Chinese Consulate General establishment in Toronto

At the invitation of the Chinese Consulate General in Toronto, The Office of International Affairs, represented by Ms. May Zhai, Program Manager, attended the Spring Festival and the 40th anniversary of the Consulate's establishment reception. Read more at [McMaster Global](#).

Five faculty members apply Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program 2025-2026

The Office of International Affairs facilitated submission of five applications for EduCanada [Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program](#) (FMPBP), which is a part of Global Affairs Canada's International Scholarships Program. Open to full time professors, the Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program (FMPBP) provides opportunities to do short-term research and teach in Latin America and the Caribbean and the primary objective of the program is to increase, diversify and strengthen institutional collaborations between Canadian post-secondary institutions and their counterparts eligible under the [Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program](#) (ELAP). Results are expected to be communicated by the Scholarship Administrator in February 2025.

ACTIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Under [the OIA's Funding Opportunities](#) page can be found nine active funding opportunities, open to faculty and students, as follows:

1. Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program- Applications for [Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program](#) are now open. This opportunity is a short-term exchange in which a student from an institution eligible under ELAP can visit McMaster and work with specific faculty.
2. Study in Canada Scholarships- Applications for [Study in Canada Scholarships](#) are now open. This program aims to strengthen and diversify Canada's international linkages and partnerships. By offering Canadian post-secondary institutions the opportunity to host international students from a diverse range of countries and territories for short-term exchanges, the program enriches Canada's educational engagement with a wide range of partners.
3. Canada-China Scholars's Exchange Program- Applications for [Canada-China Scholars' Exchange Program](#) are now open. Canadian students, faculty, researchers, and mid-career professionals are eligible to apply. This prestigious scholarship offers a unique opportunity to pursue post-secondary studies, research, and Chinese language training at leading institutions across China. Applications close on
4. Inter-American Organization for Higher Education and Tecnológico de Monterrey 2025-2 Joint Scholarship Program- [Tecnológico de Monterrey \(Mexico\)](#) offers the members of the [Inter-American Organization for Higher Education](#) (IOHE) Scholarships for Scientific Graduate programs taught on-site at TEC's facilities. Full scholarships will be offered for in-person studies in research-focused graduate programs (Master's and Doctorate) starting in the second semester of 2025. Preselection of applications closes on 31 January 2025.
5. OIA's Annual Call for Proposals for International Initiatives Micro Fund- Open to McMaster Researchers and Professional Librarians engaged in international initiatives related to their role at McMaster, the IIMF is intended to provide small, initial investments for first-time international research engagements, typically led by individual faculty members. Access [International Initiatives Micro Fund](#) for more information and how to apply. Applications close on 3 February 2025.
6. Maison de la Création et de l'Innovation UGA - Call for projects on International Excellence in the Humanities- Our partner [University of Grenoble Alpes \(univ-grenoble-alpes.fr\)](#) in France launched its call for international doctoral and post-doctoral research projects. Applications close on 30 January 2025.
7. [ACU Commonwealth Climate Resilience Network Grants](#) are professional and academic staff at ACU member universities to support collaborative work focused on the priority themes of the ACU [Commonwealth Climate Resilience Network](#) (CCRN). Applications close on 1 September 2025.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

Global Affairs Canada's thematic priority areas for engagement. Applications close on 31 January 2025.

9. [University of Grenoble Alpes \(univ-grenoble-alpes.fr\)](https://univ-grenoble-alpes.fr) in France launched its call for international doctoral and post-doctoral research projects. The IDEX-RI call for projects is intended for the entire scientific and academic community at UGA with no restrictions in terms of disciplines or methodology. It is led by UGA's Vice-Presidency for International Relations and Outreach, with support from UGA's International Development Directorate. Applications close on 13 February 2025.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

Affairs has facilitated since the 2024 Fall Bulletin, listed alphabetically by country.

1. University of Wollongong, Student Exchange Agreement, Australia
2. Universidade Estadual de Campinas (UNICAMP), Student Exchange Agreement, Brazil
3. Nanjing Sport Institute, Memorandum of Agreement, China
4. Centrale Méditerranée (Marseille), Internship Agreement, France
5. Université Grenoble Alpes, Memorandum of Understanding, France
6. Clermont Auvergne Institut National Polytechnique (INP), Student Exchange Agreement, France
7. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Student Exchange Agreement, Germany
8. MSH Medical School Hamburg, Memorandum of Understanding, Germany
9. Saint George's University, Memorandum of Agreement, Grenada
10. University of Trento, Addendum, Italy
11. Strathmore University, Memorandum of Understanding, Kenya
12. Chungbuk National University, Memorandum of Agreement, Korea
13. Pusan National University, Memorandum of Understanding, Korea
14. BI Norwegian Business School, Student Exchange Agreement, Norway
15. Prince Sultan University, Memorandum of Understanding, Saudi Arabia
16. Prince Sultan University, One Way mobility agreement, Saudi Arabia
17. Singapore Management University, Student Exchange Agreement, Singapore
18. The University of Johannesburg, Memorandum of Understanding, South Africa
19. Universitat de Barcelona, Student Exchange Agreement, Spain
20. Lund University, Student Exchange Agreement, Erasmus, Sweden
21. National Chengchi University, Student Exchange Agreement, Taiwan
22. Ifakara Health Institute, Memorandum of Understanding, Tanzania
23. American University of Sharjah, Student Exchange Agreement, United Arab Emirates - Sharjah
24. Liverpool John Moores University, Student Exchange Agreement, United Kingdom
25. Keele University, Student Exchange Agreement, United Kingdom



Copyright © 2023 McMaster University, All rights reserved.

Questions? Reach us at:

oia@mcmaster.ca or use this [form](#).

Subscribe [here](#).

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▼

This email was sent to sylaja@mcmaster.ca

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

McMaster University Office of International Affairs · 1280 Main St W · Hamilton, ON L8S 1C6 · Canada

