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# Notes for Successful Applicants:

**CONGRATULATIONS** on receiving an offer of admission from the School of Graduate Studies at McMaster University. The information below will help prepare you for the beginning of your academic career. Your program office may follow up with additional information specific to your program.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR OFFER STATUS

Final Offer: "Good Academic Standing" as it appears in the offer letter, refers to maintaining the required minimum grade in all currently in-progress courses, required by your program and free of academic misconduct/dishonesty. Please note failure to maintain good academic standing could result in your offer of Admission being rescinded.

Conditional Offer: Your condition(s) of admission are listed in your offer of admission. Please be aware of the due dates as most conditions need to be satisfied well before the start of term. You are responsible for ensuring that all documentation is submitted to your program office prior to the deadline. Late submissions will jeopardize your admission status. Additional information can be found online: <https://gs.mcmaster.ca/academic-services/conditions-admission>

Your offer status will not change on the Applicant Portal when your condition has been met.

## DEPOSIT FEE PAYMENT

If your program requires you to pay a deposit fee, the Applicant Portal (Account Summary) will display the amount due.

## RESPONDING TO YOUR OFFER

You may accept or decline this offer of admission by completing the on line response form on the Applicant Portal at: <https://graduateapplicants.mcmaster.ca>. Please note that your response due date is indicated under the "Admissions-My Applications" section of your Applicant Portal.

Please ensure you respond to any subsequent revised offer letters issued to you by following the same steps as above. Revised offers replace any and all previous offers issued.

## ENROLLMENT

### ENROLLING IN YOUR PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST TIME

Approximately two weeks before enrollment opens (mid-July, mid-November, mid-March) you will receive an email notifying you about the opening of enrollment. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact your program or supervisor directly and check our website periodically for news and updates about how to enroll and information regarding scholarship deadlines and other important information:

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/academic-services/how-enroll>

## ACTIVATING YOUR McMASTER EMAIL

Information and instructions for activating your McMaster email account:

[http://www.mcmaster.ca/uts/selfservice/student\\_email.html](http://www.mcmaster.ca/uts/selfservice/student_email.html)

## GRADUATE PAYMENTS

All scholarship payments are paid in a lump sum per term by mid-September, mid-January and mid-May.

If you withdraw, take a leave of absence, or graduate (or become approved to graduate) part way through the academic year you are not entitled to any further portion of the scholarship award and you may have to repay a portion of the award you received for the term. A Teaching Assistantship (TA) is paid as earned over the period in which you hold a TA. Please note taxes, CPP, EI, union dues, dental (if eligible) etc., will be deducted from your teaching assistantship income.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

### FAST FACTS ABOUT FUNDING

#### OSAP:

Students are encouraged to apply for OSAP. Your OSAP application could automatically consider you for bursaries available through McMaster. Link to OSAP website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

#### Federal and Provincial Awards:

Students are encouraged to apply for CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC Master's or Doctoral scholarships through McMaster's competition. If you apply for one of these federal scholarships, you will automatically be considered for an Ontario Graduate Scholarship at McMaster. Applications for the federal awards are due in the fall of 2019 for the 2020-21 academic year.

For more information, please go to McMaster's Award and Funding website page:

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/awards-funding/awards-funding>

#### Internal McMaster Scholarships and Awards:

There are internal McMaster scholarships and awards for which students will be able to apply this fall. In order for you to be able to apply, you will need to complete your student profile in Mosaic once you begin the academic year. Instructions on how to complete your personal profile and more information about the online Aid by Application process are available on the Office of the Registrar's website under <https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/financial-aid/scholarships-and-bursaries/#tab-3>

For a list of internal scholarships and awards please go to our website

(Some awards may not be available each academic year): <https://graduate.mcmaster.ca/awards-funding/scholarships>





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## TUITION & FEES

For more information on tuition, fees, and other related financial matters please visit the Student Accounts and Cashier's website:

<https://student-accounts.mcmaster.ca/>

## HAMILTON LIVING

If you're new to Hamilton, please visit the School of Graduate Studies website for a variety of resources to help familiarize yourself with moving to and living in Hamilton: <https://gs.mcmaster.ca/resources>

## GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

Visit [gs.mcmaster.ca](https://gs.mcmaster.ca) and check out Graduate Student Life for skills training opportunities, grad community initiatives, grad writing support, and more.

**Orientation:** <https://gs.mcmaster.ca/news-events/events/category/orientation>

**Skills and Opportunities:** <http://gs.mcmaster.ca/skills-and-opportunities-our-graduate-community>



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## GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

For more information on the Graduate Student Association, please visit: <https://gsamcmaster.org/>

International Grad Students may also be interested in visiting the International Graduate Student Association Facebook page:



iGSA Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/283101788458795/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/283101788458795/)

## GRADUATE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Be sure to check in with your Graduate program for important information on condition clearing, registration, and orientation. For a list of Graduate programs, including program contact details, please visit:

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/programs>

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES (ISS)

Please visit the International Student Services website for information on Study Permits, upcoming events, and health care: <https://iss.mcmaster.ca/>

Please note that Health Insurance is mandatory for all Visa students and is provided through the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). For more details on UHIP enrollment, please visit:

<https://iss.mcmaster.ca/studentlife/healthcare/>

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