McMASTER FAST FACTS

OUR MISSION
At McMaster our purpose is the discovery, communication and preservation of knowledge. In our teaching, research and scholarship, we are committed to creativity, innovation and excellence. We value integrity, quality, inclusiveness and teamwork in everything we do. We inspire critical thinking, personal growth and a passion for lifelong learning. We serve the social, cultural and economic needs of our community and our society.

OUR HISTORY
• Founded in 1887 in Toronto through a bequest from Senator William McMaster, a member of the first senate after Confederation and founding president of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
• Maroon and grey were adopted as the official colours in 1912.
• Relocated from Toronto to Hamilton in 1930.
• Celebrated our 125th anniversary in 2012.

OUR STRENGTHS
• One of only four Canadian universities ranked among the top 100 in the world (Academic Ranking of World Universities, August 2014, and Times Higher Education World University Rankings, October 2014).
• A medical-doctoral, research-intensive university dedicated to teaching, research and service.
• The McMaster Model, a student-centred, problem-based, interdisciplinary approach to learning, has been adopted worldwide.
• Seventh on the list of Canada’s top 50 research universities (Research Infosource Inc., October 2014).
• The only North American host site of a United Nations University, the Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH).
• Home to more than 50 research centres and institutes.
• More than 70 international exchange agreements.
• World-class athletic facilities; 2011 Vanier Cup national football champions and 2012/2014 Vanier Cup finalists.

OUR STUDENTS
• 21,441 full-time undergraduates and 3,519 full-time graduate students (December 2014).
• 30,117: total student population, including part-time, interns/residents and Divinity College (December 2014).
• McMaster students hail from 92 countries plus Canada.
• Average entering grade is 87.08 per cent (December 2014).
• Students entering with an average of at least 90 per cent now comprise 27.6 per cent of the student population.

OUR ALUMNI
• 170,654 alumni now reside in 137 countries plus Canada (August 2014).
• 92.3 per cent of our graduates find careers within two years.
• Our alumni collectively gave more than $8.3 million to McMaster in 2013.
• Cabinet ministers, business leaders, scientists, university presidents, Hollywood actors, Olympians and astronauts.

OUR FACULTY
• 1,413 full-time instructional faculty (including clinicians), of which 94 per cent hold a doctoral degree.
• Our full-time faculty hail from 69 countries plus Canada.
• McMaster attracted more than $322.5 million in sponsored research income in 2013 (Statistics Canada).
• Research intensity of more than $234,000 per full-time faculty member, well above the national average of $175,900 (Research Infosource Inc., October 2014). “Research intensity” measures research income per full-time faculty member.
• Dr. Bertram Brockhouse (professor of physics at McMaster from 1962 until his retirement in 1982) was co-winner of the 1994 Nobel Prize for Physics.

OUR CAMPUS
• 300 acres of property with 30 acres designated as a central core pedestrian campus.
• Explore the natural beauty in McMaster’s own backyard at nature.mcmaster.ca
• Four libraries, 12 residence buildings, an athletics complex, a research reactor, a planetarium and the McMaster Museum of Art.
• Regional campuses in Burlington, Waterloo, Niagara and downtown Hamilton.