

# 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 five Canadian universities (and one of only two in Ontario) consistently ranked among the Top 100 in the world by the major global ranking systems.
- A medical-doctoral, research-intensive university dedicated to teaching, research and service.
- The McMaster Model, a student-centred, problem-based approach to learning, has been adopted worldwide.
- Named Canada's most research-intensive, medical-doctoral university in the October 2017 results from Research Infosource.
- Home to more than 70 research centres and institutes.
- The only North American host site of a United Nations University, the Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH).
- More than 70 international exchange agreements.
- World-class athletic facilities; 2011 Vanier Cup national football champions and 2012/2014 Vanier Cup finalists.

## OUR STUDENTS

- 24,473 undergraduate and 3,514 graduate students, for a total full-time student population of 27,987.
- International students represent 98 countries.
- The percentage of undergraduates registering with an admission average of 90 per cent and above has risen from 13.5 per cent in 2000 to 35.4 per cent in 2015.

## OUR ALUMNI

- More than 182,000 alumni represent 134 countries.
- 90.36 per cent of our graduates find careers within two years.
- Cabinet ministers, business leaders, scientists, university presidents, Hollywood actors, Olympians and astronauts.

## OUR FACULTY

- 955 full-time faculty members, of which 93.7 per cent hold doctoral degrees.
- Full-time faculty members represent 57 countries (not including Canada).
- Outpacing peers in research-intensity, averaging \$405,300 per faculty member – more than double the national average. ("Research intensity" measures research income per full-time faculty member.)
- 82 endowed chairs, 69 Canada Research Chairs, six endowed professorships, six Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Industrial Research Chairs, three Canadian Institutes of Health Research Chairs, and one Canada Excellence Research Chair.
- Dr. Bertram Brockhouse (a 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 <http://www.mcmaster.ca/nature/>
- Four libraries, 12 residence buildings, an athletics complex, a research reactor, a planetarium, and the McMaster Museum of Art.
- Regional campuses in Burlington, Kitchener-Waterloo, Niagara, and downtown Hamilton.