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, founding president of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and chair of the Great Western Railway.
• Relocated from Toronto to Hamilton in 1930.

OUR STRENGTHS
• A medical-doctoral, research-intensive university dedicated to teaching, research and service.
• One of only four Canadian universities consistently ranked among the top 100 in the world by the major global ranking systems.
• Winner of the 2018 Global Teaching Excellence Award from the Higher Education Academy for our strengths in experiential learning and our commitment to global engagement.
• Named Canada’s most research-intensive, medical-doctoral university in 2017 and 2018 by Research Infosource.
• The McMaster Model, a problem-based, student-centred approach to learning, has been adopted worldwide.
• Home to more than 70 research centres and institutes.
• More than 70 international exchange agreements.
• The only North American host site of a United Nations University, the Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH).
• World-class athletic facilities; National women’s basketball champions (2019) and national football champions (2011).

OUR STUDENTS
• 27,282 undergraduates and 4,561 graduate students, for a total student population of 31,843 (of which 29,982 are full-time).
• International students represent 113 countries.
• International graduate students represented more than 24 per cent of the graduate student body in fall 2017.
• 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 42.44 per cent in 2017.

OUR ALUMNI
• More than 196,000 alumni represent 139 countries not including Canada.
• Cabinet ministers, business leaders, scientists, university presidents, Hollywood actors, Olympians, Nobel laureates, astronauts.

OUR FACULTY
• 988 full-time instructional faculty members [excluding clinical educators], of which 97 per cent hold doctoral degrees.
• Full-time faculty members represent 55 countries not including Canada.
• Outpacing peers in research-intensity, averaging $434,700 per faculty member — more than double the national average.
• (“Research intensity” measures research income per full-time faculty member.)
• 112 endowed chairs, 70 Canada Research Chairs, 13 endowed professorships, six Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Industrial Research Chairs, two Canadian Institutes of Health Research Chairs, two Ontario Research Chairs, and one Canada 150 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 scenic 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, an athletics complex, a research reactor, a planetarium and the McMaster Museum of Art.
• Regional campuses in Burlington, Kitchener-Waterloo, Niagara and downtown Hamilton.

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