



McGill

Faculty of
Arts

Cultivating the leaders of tomorrow

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A person is standing in a field, looking out over a landscape at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

**Our world is facing a multitude
of intersecting challenges.**

Increasing political polarization and social isolation present a fundamental threat to democracies.



Emerging technologies are increasingly disrupting how we live, challenging us to get clear on what we value – and to ensure technology is genuinely beneficial.



Sustainability crises present an existential threat to humanity. Workable solutions will involve not only scientific inquiry but also the promotion of equity, peace and justice.

Various forms of systemic oppression and discrimination persist throughout society. Addressing these inequities demands significant investment and time.

How will we address these challenges?

By conducting research to shape solutions to real-world issues and training a new generation of problem-solvers in our classrooms.



Our academic vision

To start our third century, the Faculty of Arts is focused on four areas:

- **A student experience** designed to inspire curiosity, confront complexity and build community
- **Addressing the real and potential impacts of technology on human nature and society** through our interdisciplinary research and learning environment
- **Informing social systems, governance structures and policy** at the local, national and global levels in order to live more sustainably in a rapidly changing world
- **Embodying and championing a principle of fairness**, which ensures diverse voices that participate fully in our research and teaching activities, and in the communities we build, both in and beyond the University

These initiatives empower us to support the **leaders of today – our faculty –** as they cultivate the **leaders of tomorrow – our students.**

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The student experience

Help us provide an Arts education for a rapidly changing world

The groundwork

The Faculty of Arts is redesigning the undergraduate student experience with an emphasis on active learning, community building, and approaching complex problems with creative, multifaceted thinking.





Your impact

With your support, we can:

- Launch a redesigned [Foundation Program](#) that **revolutionizes the first-year experience**, empowering undergraduates to make the most of their university experience
- Provide sustainable funding for the [Office of Arts Education](#), which supports teaching and learning with the **best practices in pedagogy**, benefitting instructors and their students across every program
- Further leverage the [Arts Internship Office](#) and provide more **opportunities for experiential learning**, including through partnerships with cultural and community institutions in Montreal, across Canada, and around the world



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Technology, society and democracy

Invest in research into the ethical development and application of emerging technologies

The groundwork

Our faculty members are engaged in cutting-edge research in their fields, influencing policy related to the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and the impacts of media on democracy.

Your impact

Your support will help us:

- Build on our current efforts to grapple with **the ethical challenges of technology**
- Develop real-time insight into **the role of media and emerging technologies** in shaping democracy and public life, through research and outreach at the [Centre for Media, Technology and Democracy](#)
- **Embed ethical reasoning into the education of technologists** of the future so that they keep societal impacts front of mind as they innovate
- **Leverage digital humanities tools** to facilitate the ongoing inter-generational transmission of culture



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Informing policy development

Support research into equitable and sustainable social systems, governance structures and policy

The groundwork

Our researchers inform policy at the local, national and global levels on issues of governance and sustainability – ranging from housing in Montreal, to energy and healthcare within Canada, to international peace and security.





Your impact

Your support will help us:

- Contribute to knowledge and policy affecting **international development, human migration and refugees** through research, as well as the [Centre for International Peace and Security Studies](#) and new resources for studies on women, peace and security
- Increase capacity for **effective policy work in Canada and abroad** through the teaching, research and outreach of the [Max Bell School of Public Policy](#)
- Establish a **dedicated centre for data-driven social science research** that builds on the existing [Centre on Population Dynamics](#), bringing together international and local researchers and students



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Diverse perspectives, enriching contexts

Help us advance inclusivity

The groundwork

The Faculty of Arts is committed to addressing anti-Black racism, promoting gender equity, and advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, in line with [McGill's own commitments to reconciliation](#). We are taking concrete action on these commitments through faculty appointments and academic program development.

Your impact

With your contributions, we can:

- Continue to build the [Faculty of Arts Institute for Indigenous Research and Knowledges \(FAIRK\)](#) by expanding support for **Indigenous research, on-site knowledge keepers, events and symposia**



- **Pioneer new interdisciplinary MA programs**, including in the Institute for Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies
- **Reinforce our full range of language programs** – from Arabic and Italian to Mandarin and Russian, and many more
- **Support our Black and African Studies initiatives and provide research support for Black and African students** to pursue their intellectual passions, facilitating the diversification of our collective knowledge and increasing and sustaining diversity amongst society's leaders
- **Expand the reach** of the prestigious [Cundill History Prize](#)

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Giving strategically

The Arts Opportunities Fund



You can maximize the impact of your donation by giving through the **Arts Opportunities Fund**, which allows us to respond quickly and strategically to emerging opportunities such as:

- **Experiential learning opportunities** that enhance the Arts student experience, from internships to student journals to student-organized research events
- Incorporating technology into **modernized teaching and learning spaces**
- **Funding for early-career researchers and scholars**, including graduate students and post-doctoral fellows
- Support for **visiting speakers, conferences and student mobility opportunities**

The result:
Partnering for impact

**By supporting the Faculty of Arts,
you are investing in the leaders of tomorrow.**

Across a multitude of disciplines, **we stimulate students' curiosity, build community and graduate creative thinkers** able to articulate values and solve complex problems across traditional boundaries. McGill's students and faculty are committed to transforming engagement into action.

Join us in creating knowledge, nurturing curiosity and fostering communities **committed to shaping a more equitable world.**



With your philanthropic support, we can create:

Opportunities that open doors

Ensuring that no qualified student is denied a McGill education for financial reasons, while expanding the range of perspectives on campus.

Research that changes lives

Pushing the boundaries of knowledge and collaborating at the intersection of disciplines where solutions to global challenges will emerge.

Innovation that drives progress

Building a vibrant innovation ecosystem that brings creative ideas from the classroom or the lab to the marketplace and the community.

Education that shapes future-ready students

Training students to thrive as engaged citizens and leaders, while making a positive impact on the world around us.

McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

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