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.
• Maroon and grey were adopted as the official colours in 1912.

OUR STRENGTHS
• Consistently ranked among Canada’s most research-intensive universities by Research Infosource (2023).
• Ranked 4th among Canada’s medical/dental schools in the Research University of the Year ranking by Research Infosource (2023).
• Ranked 98th in the world by ShanghaiRanking’s Academic Ranking of World Universities 2023.
• The McMaster Model, a problem-based, student-centred approach to learning, has been adopted worldwide.
• More than 70 international exchange agreements.

OUR ALUMNI
• More than 235,740 alumni represent 147 countries, including Canada.
• Cabinet ministers, business leaders, scientists, university presidents, Hollywood actors, Olympians, an astronaut.

OUR FACULTY AND STAFF
• 992 full-time instructional faculty members (excluding clinical educators).
• Our research intensity averages $407,300 per faculty member (“Research intensity” measures research income per full-time faculty member.)
• 111 endowed chairs, 86 allotted Canada Research Chairs, 13 endowed professorships, one Canadian Institutes of Health Research Chair, two Ontario Research Chairs.
• Recognized as one of Canada’s Best Diversity Employers for six consecutive years.

OUR CAMPUS AND LOCATION
• 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 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.