

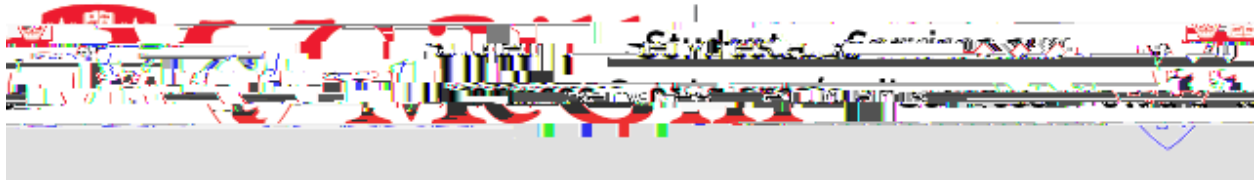
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Report on Scholarships & Student Aid 2015/16

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2015/16 REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIPS & STUDENT AID

This document fulfills the obligation of the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs report annually to Senate on awards and financial aid provided to McGill students.

OVERVIEW

In 2015/16, the volume of undergraduate and graduate need-based student assistance and undergraduate awards was \$10M, representing an increase of 1% in one year and a 7.8% increase in the past decade. Table below provides a high level breakdown by type of assistance. Appendix 1 provides all details by award type and study level. McGill funding sources (i.e. without government aid) are depicted in Table 2

Table 1:
Student assistance (need-based aid for all students and merit-based awards for undergraduates) reported by the Scholarships & Student Aid Office with 10 year comparison

	2015/16	2014/15	2005/06
McGill Need-Based Aid (all students)	\$17,591,214	\$16,227,277	\$6,286,663

Figure2:
Need
based
aid
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Funding for students is further enhanced by generous alumni and donors and due to the efforts of University Advancement (UA) and the faculties. It should also be noted that McGill students makesignificant contributions in support of needy students, often with matching contributions from the University including but not limited to:

- x Student Society of McGill University -

UNDERGRADUATE TRENDS

TYPES OF NEED-BASED SUPPORT (All students)

McGill offers several programs to assist students in need, which are available to all full-time students in degree programs: entrance and course bursaries, student loans that are interest free during studies, a Work Study Program as well as Mobility financial aid supplements for exchanges. In addition to 5,000 on-line application assessments, more than 13,000 one-on-one aid appointments were conducted by Financial Aid Counselors on both campuses. The number of applications for McGill financial aid increased in 2015/16 by 7.5% over the previous year due to a holistic approach to assess need for the entire academic year whenever possible. Over a five year period, the number of applications has increased by 24%.

The Scholarship and Student Aid Office

In-Course Bursary Program

For undergraduates in-course bursaries meet the ongoing needs of students. Entrance bursary recipients tend to return for aid in subsequent years, but there are also students newly emerging financial difficulties in their upper years of study seeking support for the first time

Appendix 1 shows a increase of 5.2% in undergraduates 5T8 Tw 12 -08 -1.22Td (1r4 0 Td mtc 0.00 170 (de

Fee Deferrals

Fee deferrals represent another important provision for students who lack the cash to pay tuition by the deadline. Students who do not have outstanding tuition or fees from a prior term may request the deferral of tuition and fees if they will be receiving funding from the University, government aid programs or external agency awards administered by McGill. This program

UNDERGRADUATE MERIT AWARDS

Renewable Entrance Scholarships

The major and prestige entrance scholarships remain our most attractive awards. Based foremost on academic excellence combined with achievement in leadership, community service, athletics and artistry, they are essential in ensuring McGill's

Undergraduate Faculty/Department Awards

While entrance scholarships are an effective tool to attract the best students to McGill, in-course awards, which are administered directly by faculties and departments, recognize meritorious achievement during studies. This category not only includes faculty administered scholarships, prizes and convocation awards, but also stipends paid from researchers' as well as awards from granting agencies. This complete picture, as shown in Appendix 1, represents a total value of \$3.39M across all funding sources, benefiting 3029 undergraduate students. This represents a similar funding level as the prior year but to 10% less recipients.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Mobility Awards for Official Exchanges

The Mobility Awards program is funded by two grants from the Québec government:

1. Le Programme de bourses pour de courts séjours d'études universitaires

1.

MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program

McGill's participation in the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program commenced in 2013/14 with the objective of enabling qualified students from sub-Saharan Africa to complete a degree program. Full-cost support is offered for the duration of each student's academic program and covers tuition, fees and standard allowance for living costs, books and travel. The first cohorts now comprise

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financially independent
from my parents as possible due to the ongoing family discord... The situation has not
changed considerably since first year, which is why I apply for financial aid from McGill
and [government aid]. This financial aid, increasing over the last two years, has resulted
in demonstrated increasing academic performance. I owe much of my academic success,
including making the Deans Honour List this year, to the care and consideration of one of
the most encouraging and fair staff people I've met at McGill, at Financial Aid who has
given impeccable due consideration to the complicated sociocultural background I come
from. I hope to continue to outperform myself for this final year thanks to this support."

"I am writing to express my sincere heart felt gratitude for awarding me a bursary as
well as a loan at a time when I almost wanted to give up with life... I am and will forever
be

to focus more on the
most important aspect of school (studies and research). Thank to you, I am one step
closer to that goal and

2015/16 Report on Scholarship & Student Aid Appendix 3

2015/16	744	563	3,033	2,637	839	632	207	3,068,195 \$	2,444,965 \$	1,156,856 \$	845,308 \$	311,548
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