



McMUN 2024

Delegate Brochure



Letter from the Secretary General

Dear Delegates, Faculty Advisors, Staffers, and Partners,

It is with great honour that I welcome you all to the 35th iteration of the McGill Model United Nations Conference. From attending McMUN as a delegate twice, to now being the Secretary-General of the conference, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead such an incredible event, and I am confident that this year's conference will be impactful and memorable in our history.

At McMUN, our mission has always been to provide a platform for young leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue and collaborative problem-solving. We aim to inspire a new generation of changemakers who will tackle our time's most pressing global issues.

This year, we are excited to continue this tradition with diverse committees, topics, and events that will challenge and inspire our participants. Our three General Assemblies tackle the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which provides delegates with a simulation of the UN in their efforts to pursue their agenda. Our Specialized Committees cover various topics that engage with specialized procedures, as seen in the International Court of Justice Committee and the Journalistic Committee. We are also happy to announce the Ad Hoc Specialized Agency, a first for McMUN! In our crisis committees, whether delegates are in a historical JCC or a technological crisis committee, we hope that they are inspired to use their creativity and quick-thinking skills to develop out-of-the-box solutions.

In addition to our committees, we provide out-of-committee programming that allows delegates to connect, learn and engage. By partnering with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), headquartered in Montreal, as well as holding our Global Leadership Forum (GLF), delegates will be able to engage more closely

with our conference theme and charity and hear from a panel of experts on the subject.

At McMUN, we take pride in offering some of the most sought-after social events in the MUN circuit. We are thrilled to once again extend an invitation to our renowned McParté on Saturday night, as well as our Friday night social event.

None of this would be possible without the support of our dedicated faculty advisors, staffers, partners and my wonderful Secretariat. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your commitment to making McMUN 2024 a success. Together, we can create an unforgettable experience for our delegates and inspire a new generation of leaders.

I am excited to see what this year's conference will bring, and I look forward to welcoming you all to Montreal in 2024.

Sincerely,

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Secretary-General, McMUN

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Important Dates

July 1st, 2023

- Priority registration opens (payment deadline: September 1st)
- Bursary application opens

July 31st, 2023

- Deadline for priority registration

August 1st, 2023

- Early bird registration opens (payment deadline: October 1st)

August 31, 2023

- Deadline for early bird registration

September 1st, 2023

- Regular registration opens (payment deadline: December 1st)

November 30th, 2023

- Deadline for Regular Registration
- Bursary Application Closes

December 1st, 2023

- All Payments Due
- Refund Request Deadline (Up to 80% Refundable)
- Waitlist Opens

December 6th, 2023

- First Round of Committee Assignments Released^{1,2}

December 13th, 2023

- Second Round of Committee Assignments Released²

December 15th, 2023

- Recommended Deadline for Sheraton Hotel Room Booking

January 11th, 2023

- Final Deadline for Sheraton Hotel Room Booking Before Additional Fees (refer to hotel information on page 14)

January 23rd, 2024

- Position Papers Due (Online Submission)

January 25th-28th, 2024

- McGill Model United Nations Assembly 2024

¹ Subject to payment status

² Date subject to change

History and Values of McMUN

The McGill Model United Nations Assembly is a highly anticipated student-run conference held in the heart of downtown Montreal, Quebec, since **1989**. For *more than 30 years*, McMUN continues to operate as the most prestigious initiative of its kind in Canada and ranks among the top academic events at McGill University. As *the largest collegiate Model United Nations conference in Canada and the third largest in North America*, McMUN holds a 500-strong staffing base and attracts over 1600 delegates worldwide to participate in lively debate. As an annual initiative, McMUN is one of the largest international conferences and high-ranking events of its kind, attracting distinguished keynote speakers such as Roméo Dallaire, former Force Commander of UNAMIR, Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Badiya al Hassan, The Princess of Jordan.

This year, McMUN offers a wide range of communities; inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), General Assemblies at McMUN will focus on providing a platform for students to engage in critical thinking and strategic negotiation structured around the goals and frameworks of the SDGs. Our conference will also offer a French Bilingual committee and feature committees such as the Ad Hoc Specialized Committee & Ad Hoc Crisis. Through its ever-growing network of delegates from around the globe and diverse committees, McMUN has grown to be a hugely inspiring and rewarding experience for all those involved.

Our Three Pillar Mission

CHALLENGE. McMUN provides attendees with a competitive environment where individuals debate and resolve global issues. Both participants and staff members alike are encouraged to challenge the status quo, question long-standing norms, and rethink their positionality in the dynamic global environment to best adapt and

promote individual and community growth.

INNOVATE. McMUN offers *dynamic opportunities* where all participants are encouraged to be *bold and daring in thought and action*, creating a unique experience that is rewarding for all individuals. Through its *ongoing commitment to promote diverse, inclusive, and open dialogue*, McMUN is a platform for the *emergence of innovative thought and creativity in the leaders of tomorrow*.

EMPOWER. McMUN cultivates a positive environment for the leaders of tomorrow to engage in *impactful relationships and build a community centred around youth empowerment, collaboration, and respect*. The conference intends to *elevate young leaders' innovative thought with an enhanced global awareness and awakened will to enact change in their communities*.

This Year's Theme

McMUN 2024's theme, **Unlimited Potential: Empowering Refugees Through Education**, seeks to highlight refugees' challenges and massive potential, both in Montréal and worldwide. In concert with our partners, this year we invite all delegates and staff to explore how we can all do more to support those most in need. Particularly, McMUN 2024 highlights the unique challenges that refugee children face, most important of which are the significant developmental impacts from violence, displacement, and integration into new environments. With a special emphasis on childrens' education, we seek to translate our recognition into action and support refugees' integration, improve their access to work opportunities, and, especially, support and empower refugee children to fully unlock their unlimited potential.

McGill University

Founded in **1821**, McGill University is a public research university located in downtown Montreal, Canada and is *one of the oldest and most well-known*

universities in Canada. McGill counts eleven main faculties and schools and offers **over 300 fields of study**. Consistently ranked among the top universities, McGill is one of the *most prestigious* universities in the world, attracting students from more than **150 countries**, making it the most internationally diverse medical-doctoral university in the country. Notable alumni include *Justin Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Canada*, and *Julie Payette, the former Governor General of Canada*, with the current Governor General of Canada, *Mary Simone*, having previously taught at McGill University.

The City of Montreal

McMUN takes place in the beautiful city of Montreal, Quebec. A diverse and multicultural city, Montreal is constantly buzzing with life – from the vibrant nightlife full of bars and clubs on Rue St Laurent to the cobblestone streets of Old Montreal filled with charming cafes and boutiques and everything in between. As the conference itself takes place in the heart of downtown Montreal, McMUN presents the perfect opportunity to explore the city between committee sessions. Montreal:

- Is the **second largest** French-speaking city in the world.
- Has the **highest** number of restaurants per capita in Canada
- Has **an underground city** that runs 32 km connecting metro stations, shopping malls, and restaurants.
- Was named **a UNESCO** City of Design in 2006.

Make Sure To

- Transport yourself to 16th century Europe by strolling down the cobblestone streets in the historic Old Port, just a short walk from Le Centre Sheraton!
- Go for a walk up **Mont Royal** for scenic hiking trails, breathtaking views of the city, and winter sports like ice skating and snow tubing!
- Visit (for **free!**) the **Montreal Museum of Fine Arts**, with collections by Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Rembrandt, and more. (Only a 10-minute walk from the hotel!)

Grab a bite at:

- **La Banquise**, the best late-night poutine in the city
- **Schwartz's**, the celebrated delicatessen on St. Laurent
- **St. Viateur Bagels**, bagels that rival and outdo New York City's
- **Olive et Gourmando**, artisanal bread, pastries, and amazing sandwiches
- **Hof Kelsten Bakery**, the best croissant this side of the Atlantic
- **Les Enfants Terribles**, for dinner with a view overlooking Montreal

Grab a drink at:

- **Randolph**, cocktail bar with a variety of board games
- **Crew Collective and Cafe**, caffeinate before your committee session at a historic bank-turned-cafe

Equity at McMUN

At McMUN, we are always looking to make the delegate experience more inclusive and equitable. This year, our Director of Equity [Nina Sekaï](#) has worked tirelessly with her two Coordinators not only to train all McMUN Staff, but also to create and set new equity standards at our conference.

Please note that McMUN strictly prohibits any form of discrimination or bias based on sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, race, socio-economic status, or any other factors that could hinder our commitment to equity.

Should you have any questions, concerns or feedback regarding McMUN's equity policies, please do not hesitate to contact Nina at any time at equity@mcmun.org.

Committees List

General Assemblies

- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) // *Double Delegate Committee*
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure - First Committee: The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) // *Double Delegate Committee*
- SDG 5: Gender Equality - UN Women

ECOSOCs:

- Organization of American States (OAS)
- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2030 (UNDRR)

SPECs:

- On the Hill: Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery // *Journalistic Committee*
- Seas of Sovereignty - China vs Philippines: International Court of Justice // *Legal Committee*
- Souvenirs Sur La Colonisation: Confronting France's Colonial Past // *French Bilingual*
- History as Art: Indigenous Artwork in Museums
- The Ball's In Your Court: Confronting Sexism in NCAA Women's Sports
- Music's Biggest Night: GRAMMY Awards
- The Ad-Hoc Specialized Agency Committee

Crisis:

- Disaster in the Age of Information: Anonymous' Network of Hackers vs. Heads of State, 2011 // *Joint Crisis Committee:*
- The Battle of Köse Dağ, The Mongol Empire v The Seljuk Sultanate of Rum, 1243 // *Joint Crisis Committee:*
- 49 Days of Chaos: Liz Truss' Cabinet, 2022
- Caught in a \$1.2 Billion Lie: Toshiba's Board of Directors, 2015

- Warring Political Ideologies: The Rebels of Colombia's War of a Thousand Days, 1899
- Hope County's Only Hope: The Council of Opposition, Far Cry 5, 2018
- The First Femme Fatales: the Vishakanyas of the Mauryan Empire, 300 BCE
- Ad Hoc Crisis Committee of the Secretary-General

Sustainable Development Goals at McMUN

The United Nations, in an attempt to solve the world's most challenging political questions, has developed **seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** that provide clear guidelines for countries to *root out poverty, end inequality, and achieve sustainable development*. The SDGs are valuable as they are precise; *setting clear targets for development ensures individual governmental accountability while contributing to a broader international agenda*. This year, McMUN will provide delegates with the opportunity to be immersed in meaningful dialogue on SDGs through its General Assembly committees: **SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure - First Committee: The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)**, and **SDG 5: Gender Equality - UN Women**. Delegates will be able to explore methods for the realistic implementation of these goals in various nations with *diverse social, cultural, economic, and political climates*.

Centring the three McMUN General Assemblies around SDGs represents an extraordinary opportunity for *youth empowerment* in the collegiate Model United Nations setting and beyond. At McMUN, delegates will research, speak on, and write resolutions that reflect the very issues we face today. This unique experience and skills gained at McMUN will be transferred back into the networks of universities across the world, *encouraging conscious communities that are engaged with international institutions*. As global firms and organizations move towards more *sustainable practices*, SDGs serve as a crucial guiding point. Delegates will be

able to bring specialized knowledge of the SDG framework to *diverse real-world settings*. This process of *engagement* and *empowerment* all begins at McMUN.

Innovative and Featured Committees

McMUN prides itself on providing delegates with committees that allow them to think outside the box and come up with innovative solutions to past, present and future discussions. This year, our three Deputy USG Committees have each chosen two of their most innovative committees that they'd like to feature.

General Assemblies and ECOSOCs:

- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth - The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- SDG 5: Gender Equality - UN Women

Specialized Committees:

- History as Art: Indigenous Artwork in Museums
- Music's Biggest Night: GRAMMY Awards

Crisis:

- The First Femme Fatales: the Vishakanyas of the Mauryan Empire, 300 BCE
- 49 Days of Chaos: Liz Truss' Cabinet, 2022

Attending McMUN 2024

Assignment Policy

While delegations are welcome to make requests and list their top committee choices while registering, McMUN does not guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled. Logistically, it is not feasible for us to accept all requests or grant everyone their first choice committee assignment, and therefore we distribute assignments equitably and by ratio. This means that every delegation will receive relatively the same percent of crisis committee assignments, for example. For more information

on our assignment policy, feel free to email chargee@mcmun.org or sg@mcmun.org and we will be more than happy to answer any and all of your questions.

Delegate and Delegation Awards

McMUN offers both individual delegate and team-based delegation awards, given to those who have displayed *outstanding commitments to creativity, diplomacy, comprehensive knowledge, and cooperation.*

Delegate Awards

Best Delegate
Outstanding Delegate
Honourable Mention
Verbal Communication

Delegation Awards

Best Large Delegation
Best Small Delegation
Outstanding Large Delegation
Outstanding Small Delegation

Delegation Sizing Cut-offs

Minimum: 6 people
Small Delegation: 6-12
Large Delegation: 13+

Delegate Fees³

- Delegation Fee: \$60 (Non-Refundable)
- Priority Delegate Fee (Registration: **July 1st - July 31st, 2023**): \$110
- Early Bird Delegate Fee (Registration: **August 1st - August 31st, 2023**): \$120
- Regular Delegate Fee (Registration: **September 1st - November 30th, 2023**): \$130

Balance of Fees Due: December 1st, 2023.

³ Prices do not include relevant taxes and are calculated in CAD.

Hotel Information

McMUN is proud and excited to be hosting its 35th iteration at Le Centre Sheraton, located in the heart of downtown Montreal. The Sheraton is perfectly situated within walking distance to the Old Port, the shopping district, fantastic dining options, and an endless supply of Montreal's infamous nightlife.

The McMUN 2024 staff will continue to work hard to ensure that attending delegates have access to comfortable lodging at affordable prices. We therefore strongly encourage you to book your hotel accommodations before December 15th, 2023, in order to benefit from the following reduced rates:

Room Rates

- \$201 Single or Double Occupancy
- \$207 Triple Occupancy
- \$213 Quadruple Occupancy

Prices do not include relevant taxes and are subject to change without notice. Please check our website and subscribe to our newsletter for updates.

For any additional reservations made after the cutoff date, December 15th, 2023, will be accepted at the discretion of the Sheraton, subject to availability.

All the above prices are quoted in Canadian dollars. Payment in USD can be arranged through Le Centre Sheraton. Visit www.mcmun.org for more information, or contact our hotel liaison at Olivia.Sarguious@marriott.com.

Hotel Fees

Please be advised that there is a \$50 CAD per delegate per night fee if delegations choose not to stay at the Sheraton. Exceptions are made for commuting schools in the Greater Montreal area. The deadline for waiving the fee is January 11th 2024, with proof of booking.

Out of Committee Activities

Global Leadership Forum

Every year, McMUN brings together some of the brightest minds across Montreal to critically examine some key issues facing Canada and the global community at large.

To name a few, previous forums have brought together leaders like Mr. Ajay Markanday, senior economist at the United Nations Food and Agriculture, Mr. Kenneth Lester who serves as CEO of Lester Management and professor at McGill University, Honourable Karina Gould, Canadian Minister of Democratic Institutions and Award-winning broadcaster Ziya Tong, anchor of Daily Planet, Discovery Channel's flagship science program.

Friday Night Event

McMUN 2024's Friday Night Event is reborn and better than ever! Continuing the tradition of McMUN's Friday Night at the bar, this year's event will feature one of Montréal's favourite pubs. Delegates can enjoy food, drinks, and live music in a fun, chill vibe to decompress from the first two days of debate and prepare themselves for the final push on Saturday. Tickets for this event can be purchased during registration for delegations using our opt-in function, or at the conference itself until sold out! Tickets will include a limited amount of food and drinks.

Saturday Night Event

McMUN 2024 will feature McMUN's most popular event, McParte! We are thrilled to be hosting one of the most renowned socials on the Model UN circuit. Occurring on Saturday night, McParte will take place at MTELUS, a legendary event space located in Montreal's downtown Quartier des Spectacles neighbourhood.

Come for amazing music, great drink deals, and to be a part of the new generation of McParte at McMUN!

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, January 25th

12:00pm - 5:30pm Registration

5:30pm - 7:30pm Opening Ceremonies and Global Leadership Forum

8:15pm - 10:45pm Committee Session I

Bloc A: 8:15pm-10:15pm

Bloc B: 8:30pm-10:30pm

Bloc C: 8:45pm-10:45pm

Friday, January 26th

10:00am - 1:30pm Committee Session II

Bloc A: 10:00am-1:00pm

Bloc B: 10:15am-1:15pm

Bloc C: 10:30am-1:30pm

2:30pm - 3:00pm Head Delegate Feedback & Optional Workshops

3:00pm - 6:30pm Committee Session III

Bloc A: 3:00pm-6:00pm

Bloc B: 3:15pm-6:15pm

Bloc C: 3:30pm-6:30pm

Saturday, January 27th

10:00am - 1:30pm Committee Session IV

Bloc A: 10:00am-1:00pm

Bloc B: 10:15am-1:15pm

Bloc C: 10:30am-1:30pm

2:30pm - 3:00pm Head Delegate Feedback & Optional Workshops

3:30pm - 6:30pm Committee Session V

Bloc A: 3:00pm-6:00pm

Bloc B: 3:15pm-6:15pm

Bloc C: 3:30pm-6:30pm

10:00pm- 2:00am McParte

Bus Departures: 10:00pm-2:30am

Sunday, January 28th

10:00am-12:00pm Committee Session VI

Bloc A: 10:00am-11:30am

Bloc B: 10:15am-11:45am

Bloc C: 10:30am-12:00pm

2:00pm-3:30pm Closing Ceremonies

Please note this schedule is subject to change, and that delegates will be promptly notified in the event of modifications.

We are so excited to see you at McMUN 2024!