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**1 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**

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**1.1 Administrative Officers**

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- Coursework for Graduate Programs, Diplomas, and Certificates

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## 5 Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures

Please refer to [University Regulations & Resources > Graduate > : Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures](#) for information on:

- Application for admission;
- Admission requirements;
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- ii. Upon registration, postdocs will be eligible for a University identity card issued by Enrolment Services.
- iii. Leaves of absence must comply with the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Policies for Vacation, Parental/Familial, and Health Leave (see [section 7.3: Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#) and [University Regulations & Resources](#) > Graduate > Regulations > Categories of Students > : [Leave of Absence Status](#)).

### **3. Appointment, Funding, Letter of Agreement**

- i. Postdoctoral appointments may not exceed the registration eligibility period as defined above.
- ii. In order to be registered, the postdoc must be assured of financial support other than from personal means during their stay at McGill University. This amount must be equivalent to the minimal stipend requirement set by the University in accordance with guidelines issued by federal and provincial research granting agencies or the collective agreement, as applicable. Funding during parental leave is subject to the conditions of the funding agency or the collective agreement, as applicable.
- iii. Postdocs require a [Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education](#) signed by the postdoc, the supervisor, and the department/unit head or delegate.
- iv. Postdocs with full responsibility for teaching a course should be compensated over and above

- to clarify expectations regarding intellectual property rights in accordance with the University's policy;
- to provide mentorship for career development; and
- to prepare, sign, and adhere to a Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education.

vi. Some examples of the responsibilities of postdocs are:

- to inform themselves of and adhere to the University's policies and/or regulations for postdocs as outlined at [mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs](http://mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs) and [mcgill.ca/students/srr](http://mcgill.ca/students/srr), and the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies *University Regulations and Resources*;
- to submit a complete file for registration to Enrolment Services;
- to sign and adhere to their Letter of Agreement for Postdoctoral Education;
- to communicate regularly with their supervisor; and
- to inform their supervisor of their absences.

vii. Some examples of the responsibilities of the University are:

- to register postdocs;
- to provide an appeal mechanism in cases of conflict;
- to provide documented policies and procedures to postdocs;
- to provide postdocs with the necessary information on McGill University student services (Postdoctoral Fellows and Scholars) and HR policies and guidelines (Postdoctoral Researchers).

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### 7.3 Vacation Policy for Postdocs

Please refer to the : [Vacation Policy for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#).

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## 10 Information, Policies and Guidelines, Patents, Postdocs, Associates, Trainees

Refer to [University Regulations > Graduate > : Research Policy and Guidelines](#) for information on the following:

- Regulations on Research
- Regulations Concerning of Research Misconduct
- Requirements for Research Human Participants
- Policy on the Study and Care
- Policy on Intellectual Property
- Regulations Governing Conflicts
- Safety in Field Work
- Office of Sponsored Research
- Postdocs
- Research Associates

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## 11 Browse Academic Units & Programs

The programs and courses in the following sections have been approved for the 2024–2025 session as listed.

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### 11.1 Environment

#### 11.1.1 Location

##### **Macdonald Campus**

Bieler School of Environment  
Rowles House  
21,111 Lakeshore Road  
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue QC H9X 3V9

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Graduate Option website: [mcgill.ca/environment/envroption](http://mcgill.ca/environment/envroption)

#### 11.1.2 About Environment

Resolving environmental issues requires a dialogue between pure and applied sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities. The degradation of the biological and biophysical environment has roots in the structure of human societies while solutions to environmental problems have an impact on human livelihoods.

A number of academic departments and institutes at McGill promote graduate-level research and training on environmental topics and ha

## Goals of the Option

- To provide thesis or non-thesis students with an understanding of how knowledge is transferred into action with regard to the environment;
- To develop an appreciation of the role of scientific, political, socioeconomic, and ethical judgments in influencing that process;
- To provide a forum whereby graduate students in environment throughout the University bring their disciplinary perspectives together and enrich each other's learning through structured courses, formal seminars, and informal discussions and networking.

Students admitted into the Environment option will be supervised or co-supervised by either a Bieler School of Environment appointed faculty member or a Bieler School of Environment associate member. Their advisory committee will include at least one individual from outside the home department. It is expected that the thesis, dissertation, or project, as well as the final seminar presentation, will contain an environmental component and will include a discussion of the applied implications of the research findings. Together with the courses common to the Environment option, specific course requirements for each program are given within the departmental listings cited below.

## Program List

The Environment option is currently available with the following graduate programs:

### ***: Anthropology***

*: Master of Arts (M.A.) Anthropology (Thesis): Environment (45 credits) ( [Arts](#) > Graduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Anthropology)*

### ***: Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences***

*: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences: Environment ( [Science](#) > Graduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences)*

### ***: Biology***

*: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Biology (Thesis): Environment (45 credits) ( [Science](#) > Graduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Biology)*

*: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Biology: Environment ( [Science](#) > Graduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Biology)*

### ***: Bioresource Engineering***

*: Master of Science (M.Sc.) Bioresource Engineering (Thesis): Environment (45 credits) ( [Agricultural & Environmental Sciences](#) > Graduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Bioresource Engineering)*

*: Master of Science, Applied (M.Sc.A.) Bioresource Engineering (Non-Thesis): Environmental Engineering (45 credits) ( [Agricultural & Environmental Sciences](#) > Graduate > Browse Academic Units & Programs > Bioresource Engineering)*

