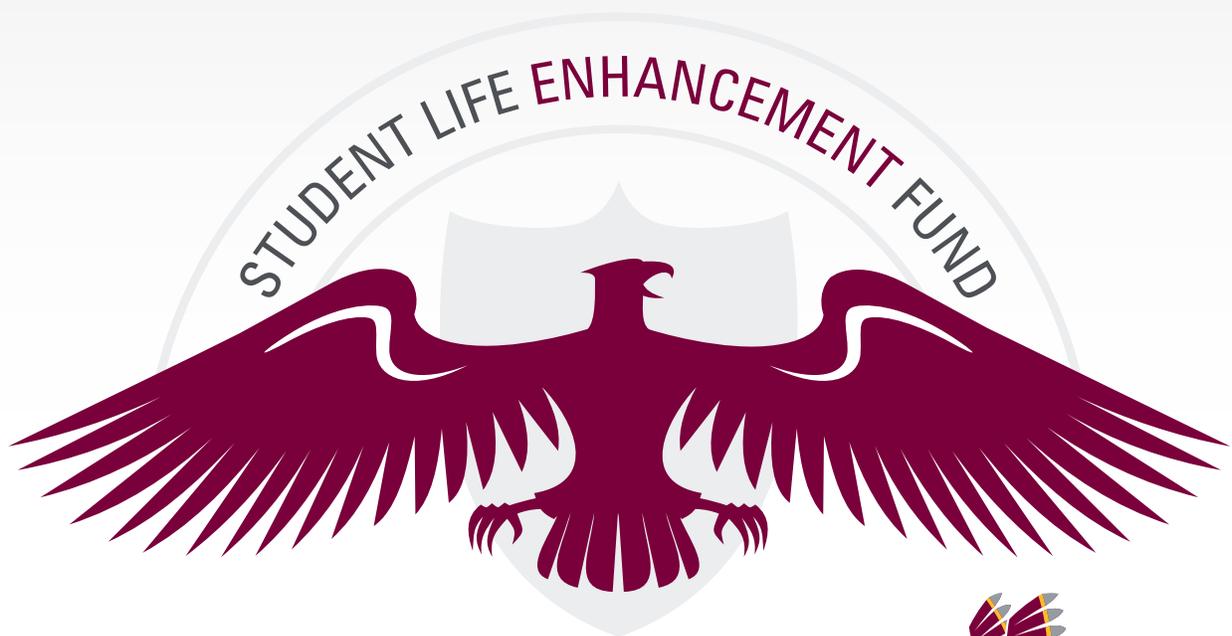


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STUDENT LIFE ENHANCEMENT FUND

The Student Life Enhancement Fund is designed to provide seed capital and financial support for student-run and University-based service providers to expand their programming, infrastructure and/or operations. The Student Life Enhancement Fund welcomes submissions that demonstrate a commitment to enhancing student life at McMaster University.

The Student Life Enhancement Fund is administered by the **Student Services Committee (SSC)**. The SCC invites the submission of collaborative student services projects/programs, under the umbrella of the **Office of Student Affairs** and the **McMaster Students Union (MSU)**. The membership of the SSC consists of representatives from the MSU and the University. The SSC is accountable to full-time undergraduate students for the governance of the Compulsory Ancillary Fee Protocol and the use of student fees levied by the institution.

We are partners for students.

Funding requests can range from hundreds of dollars to tens-of-thousands, depending on the scale and magnitude of the project. All requests which demonstrate a commitment to augmenting student services and enhancing student life will be given full consideration.

To apply for a grant from the Student Life Enhancement Fund, please visit enhance.mcmaster.ca and submit your idea(s) online.

Ideas must be submitted by **November 20th, 2015**

The following criteria will be considered for proposals:

- Represents key service priorities and supports the overall mission of Student Affairs
- Needs based
- Presents improved level of service that enhances student life
- New, innovative or creative program/service initiatives to benefit students
- Have long-term benefits
- Ongoing viability and sustainability of the program
- Promotes collaboration and partnership with MSU services to create synergies and maximize benefits to students
- Matched funding opportunities
- Faculty collaboration
- Promotes integrated learning
- Supports initiatives that demonstrate diversity and inclusiveness

Inquiries can be directed to:

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Teddy Saull, MSU President

905.525.9140, ext. 23885 or president@msu.mcmaster.ca

Please review past recipients and learn how the Student Life Enhancement Fund has allowed diverse campus groups to expand their service delivery and enhance student life.



THE McMASTER TEACHING & COMMUNITY GARDEN (MTCG)

The McMaster Teaching & Community Garden (MTCG) is a University sustainability initiative with the objective of facilitating local food production while providing teaching and learning opportunities, and engaging the McMaster and greater Hamilton community. The MTCG is accessible to all students, staff and members of the community. With the help of the Student Life Enhancement Fund, MTCG was implemented in the summer of 2011. The initiative has supported the experiential learning of more than 14 students who received academic course credit for their contribution.

In addition, twice-weekly garden sessions provided an avenue for community engagement whereby campus and community members get their hands dirty and have fun gardening in a shared space. Student-staff, interns and volunteers take part in learning about gardening and by sharing their knowledge of sustainable food production through hosting hands-on, educational workshops. As an added treat, anyone may pick produce from the garden whenever they wish.

Kate Whalen,
Senior Manager, University Sustainability

WELLNESS AND MINDFULNESS CENTRE

The Wellness and Mindfulness Centre officially opened in September in the former Activity Room of the Ivor Wynne Centre. Sponsored by Great-West Life, London Life, Canada Life, the Student Life Enhancement Fund and the Department of Athletics and Recreation, the multi-purpose room provides McMaster students with a quiet, meditative space where they can re-energize, relax and rejuvenate. The centre will also be a place for learning about physical fitness, stress reduction, life-work balance, improving mental health and other wellness activities run in partnership with the Student Wellness Centre.

The Centre offers four meditation classes each week lead by a variety of instructors with varying backgrounds. In addition, there are 13 different yoga classes offered each week as well as tai chi and Pilates classes. The centre is open every afternoon (1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Monday – Friday) for drop-in unstructured opportunities to pray, meditate or participate in quiet, tech-free activities.

Debbie Marinoff-Shupe,
Manager, Recreation Services



CAMPUS MEDIA SCREENS

For years, many unique groups on campus were looking at ways to better update students on what was available to them at McMaster. In partnership with Security Services, as well as the offices of Student Affairs and Public Relations, the McMaster Students Union designed a proposal to meet that goal. A network of campus-wide display screens now offers another method of outreach to the campus community. The network, with its 29 screens in 17 major buildings across campus, is available for use by all departments and student groups. In the case of an emergency, the system can be utilized by Security Services to broadcast important/critical information or instructions. This project could not have been completed without the support of the Student Life Enhancement Fund.

John McGowan,
General Manager, McMaster Students Union



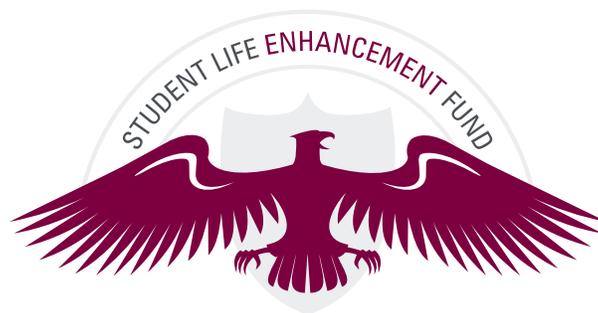


SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Student Life Enhancement Fund generated tremendous outside-the-classroom learning opportunities for McMaster students. The Student Success Centre works to build the whole student, as both a citizen and a scholar. We have been able to meet the expectations of a volunteer minded generation and help foster the creation of global citizens. We have inspired such programs as the Mac Day of Service and Mac Serve Global. Our office prides itself on building bridges between students, the University, student government, clubs and services.

Specifically, funding from the Student Life Enhancement Fund has allowed us to hire staff, consolidate several operations and expand the education purposefulness of our programming. We have been able to conduct very useful research into the needs and wants of McMaster students and as a result, we are better equipped to add value to student life. Moreover, we have been able to shape our Mac Serve Global trip into a cost recovery model, thus expanding the accessibility of our service learning experience to the campus population. Our numerous Mac Serve Global trips take students around the world to share in an unforgettable experience of cultural exchange, whilst providing charitable/infrastructural assistance to our hosts.

Gina Robinson,
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs
& Director, Student Success Centre



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