



Leap to the World's Top University guaranteed admission

Signing of Guaranteed Admissions Agreement between Mr. Clement Chan, Executive Director of Columbia International College and Dr. Peter George, President of McMaster University
Gilmour Hall, McMaster University, Feb. 4, 2009



Guaranteed Admission with Priority for Columbia's Graduates

McMaster University is reputed to offer excellent education. This has made it one of the most sought after universities by high school graduates. As a result, more students apply to McMaster than they are able to accept. Our exclusive new partnership will guarantee Columbia graduates who have met the minimum requirements priority admission into any McMaster faculty.



McMaster University

- Ranked 2nd as Canada's most innovative school by Maclean's Magazine in 2008
- One of the only four Canadian universities to be named to the world's top 100 universities according to Shanghai's Jia Tong University

- One of the only 12 Canadian universities to be listed in the top 200 universities in the world
- Home to Dr. Bertram Brockhouse, a co-winner of the 1994 Nobel Prize for Physics (He is the 14th Canadian ever to win this prestigious award)

“I am pleased to announce an exciting new partnership between Columbia International College and McMaster University. As a result of this agreement, McMaster University will guarantee admission to any Columbia International College Applicant who meets our admission requirements. If your son or daughter applies to McMaster University, his/her application will receive priority attention from our dedicated International Admission Officer.”



*Dr. Peter George
President & Vice-Chancellor
McMaster University*

Benefits of McMaster's "Guaranteed Admissions"

- No program over-subscribed for qualified Columbia graduates who apply to McMaster through the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) prior to the January deadline for September admissions
- Columbia graduates will not be held to a higher standard. Once they meet the same minimum admission requirements set for all Ontario high schools, they will be admitted
- No regional quota based on country of origin. McMaster will not reject a graduate from Columbia because McMaster has too many applicants from that particular country already
- Students deficient in the iBT-based TOEFL score needed for admission (86 with a minimum of 20 in each of the four component parts – reading, listening, speaking and writing) may be granted an interview for TOEFL exemption with the Associate Dean of the corresponding Faculty if applicant's Pre-University averages are satisfactory

All graduates of Columbia International College Pre-University program will be admitted to McMaster University once they have met the minimum admissions requirement. Normal TOEFL requirement still applies to international students.



Columbia International College

- The largest boarding junior middle and high school in Canada
- 1,200 students from 66 countries
- 100% of Columbia graduates have been accepted into universities worldwide over the past 12 years
- C\$2,000,000 University Entrance Scholarships earned by 2008 Pre-U graduates
- 88.9 % of our graduates were accepted into top 7 Canadian Universities in 2008
- The largest number of Pre-U graduates entering university year after year

“This partnership gives an advantage to our graduates in gaining acceptance into a highly recognized Canadian university. Columbia is proud to enhance our partnership with McMaster for the benefit of our graduates.”



*Mr. Clement Chan
Executive Director
Columbia International College*