

The McGill Green Century Fund

Made to support sustainable investing

At the core of McGill's priorities is a commitment to make a positive contribution to environmental and social sustainability: in the research we conduct, in how we operate our campuses, in the ways in which we teach our students, and in how we manage our physical, human and financial resources.



Recognizing that a growing number of philanthropists share this commitment, the University is pleased to offer an innovative investment option for donors making an endowed gift of \$100,000 or more. They can now choose to have the funds placed in a segment of McGill's overall Endowment Fund called the **Green Century Fund**.

As McGill pursues its goals, it is committed to asking hard questions, challenging assumptions and, above all, including sustainability and climate considerations across its teaching, research and community engagement mission.

The holdings in the **Green Century Fund** are invested in a well-diversified portfolio of global equities that exclude companies that produce or have reserves in fossil fuels, or that generate power using thermal coal.

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Why did McGill create the Green Century Fund?

In 2016, the University's Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR), asked the Investment Committee to establish a socially responsible investment fund that would be available to donors interested in such an option. McGill's initial \$5 million investment in the Fund was made in March 2017.

Who can invest in the Green Century Fund?

Any donor who is making a new and endowed gift of \$100,000 or more to McGill can choose to designate their investment capital to the Fund.

Can previous gifts be transferred to the Green Century Fund?

No. This option only applies to **new gifts**. Donors cannot request a transfer of existing endowed funds to this new Fund. Nor can partially-paid pledges be transferred.

What happens if the Green Century Fund performs better – or worse – than the overall Endowment Fund?

When donors designate their gift to the Green Century Fund, the cash received is invested according to the Fund guidelines. Any gains or losses in the Fund are pooled with the Endowment Fund. The income distribution is calculated on the overall Endowment Fund value and the capital of all donors grows with the return of the overall Fund.

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Going Green

The creation of McGill's Green Century Fund is just one in a series of sustainability-related initiatives that McGill has undertaken in recent years.

Towards a sustainable campus

- In 2019, McGill was named Sustainability Institution of the Year by the UN Environment-endorsed International Green Gown Award for its "ambitious yet realistic" Vision 2020 Sustainability Strategy.
- Since 2002, McGill has invested more than \$26 million in energy management projects, accounting for energy-related greenhouse gas reductions of 40%.
- Since 2010, McGill's **Sustainability Projects Fund**, the largest fund of its kind in Canada, has provided more than \$10 million in seed funding to help students, faculty and staff kick-start more than 250 grassroots sustainability projects.

High-impact teaching & research

- More than 180 researchers from seven faculties and 22 departments, together with their 950 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, work on sustainability across a range of fields.
- Between 2013 and 2018, these researchers secured \$240 million in external research funding.
- Many sustainability-focused courses now make up part of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Arts, Engineering, Management and Science.