

McMaster University

In 2007 enrollment increased 3.4% to 22,903 full-time equivalents (FTEs). Undergraduate growth increased by 2.9%. Graduate enrollment accounted for 11.5% of total enrollment and increased by 200 FTEs in 2007.

McMaster maintained its focus on research and development. The 2007 Infosource Inc. report, based on Statistics Canada data, ranked McMaster second in research intensity (measured by research funding per full-time faculty). In 2007, McMaster received \$171.7 million in research funding.

Capital expansion is continuing. McMaster has planned several projects to expand and improve physical capacity. The most recent project is a new engineering building. Work continues on the 6,000-seat Ronald Joyce Stadium. The parking garage beneath the stadium is due to open soon.

Plans are underway to open a satellite campus in nearby Burlington to facilitate the DeGroot School of Business MBA and other executive education programs. Other projects under review include a liberal arts building, a Medical Arts building in the downtown core and enhancements to the main entrance.

Construction continues at the McMaster Innovation Park (MIP). The research park will support research and development in areas such as manufacturing and materials, nanotechnology, and biotechnology. The facility will house laboratories, offices, classrooms and lecture halls, as well as, conference facilities.

During the past year Purchasing Services saw the issuance of purchase orders rise by almost 2,000 to 10,428 with a total value of \$103m. Activity on the Acquisition Card (p-card) remained flat at \$2.1m, although cardholders increased from 349 to 390. McMaster imported 4,435 shipments with a total value of \$9.5 m.

The department was involved in the following projects:

- review, develop and/or update purchasing policies and procedures,
- review of current staffing levels,
- change of customs brokerage services. This past February, McMaster partnered with FedEx Trade Networks (FTN) as their customs brokerage provider. We believe FTN has the technology, resources and infrastructure that are essential to maintaining a customs compliant environment here at McMaster.

Purchasing Services assisted with the following competitions:

- Photocopier Fleet replacement (approximately 300 copiers)
- Micro & Nano Systems Laboratory, Faculty of Engineering valued at over \$100 m
- Imaging Plate Diffraction System

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- Elevator Maintenance and Service
- Cisco Switches Networking Equipment
- Employment Equity Consultant
- Residence Lounge Furniture
- Employee Family Assistance Program
- Learning Management System
- Travel Management System
- Maonline Network

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