

McGill Model WTO



1st edition



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Outline

Theme:

To be
Announced

Date:

Jan. 22 to Jan.
27 2026

Location:

- McGill
University,
Montreal,
- Ottawa,
Canada

Participants:

32 delegates

Chairs:

8 students
from McGill
Law

Coordinators:

2 students
from McGill
Law



Vision

Concept

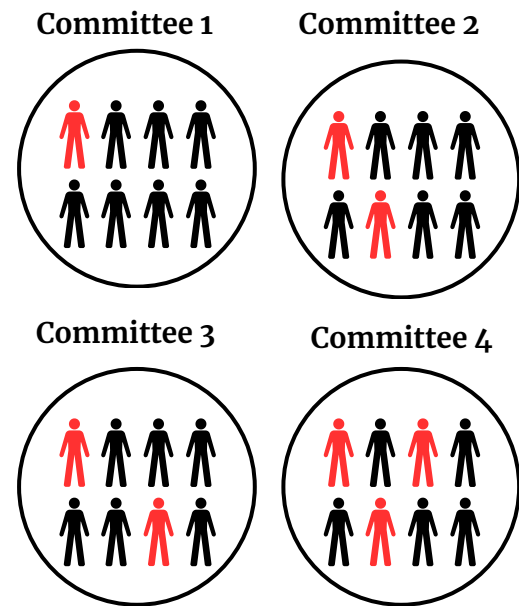
The **Model WTO at McGill** is a new student-led initiative inspired by the long-standing Model WTO conference at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. **For the first time in North America**, this conference will bring together students from across disciplines—law, economics, political science, international development, and more—to **engage in a week-long simulation** of World Trade Organization negotiations.

Rooted in a commitment to multilateralism and global cooperation, the conference aims to foster critical dialogue on the future of international trade **by connecting emerging leaders** from across the continent and beyond, in the uniquely dynamic setting of McGill University.

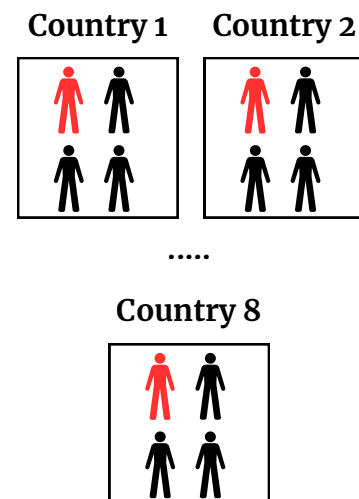


Role of Participants

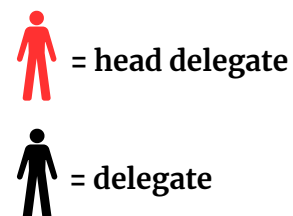
Delegates The 32 conference participants each represent one of 8 countries and serve on one of 4 committees. Each committee therefore includes one representative from every participating country. During committee negotiations, delegates are responsible for advocating the interests and viewpoints of their assigned country.



Head Delegates Each of the 8 countries is led by 1 head delegate. Head delegates are responsible for aligning their country's overall position and ensuring consistency across all four committees during debates and negotiations. Applications for the role of head delegate will open at a later stage; more details come at a later stage.



Chairs The role of the chairpersons (8 students from McGill University) is to lead the committees in their negotiations. Each committee will be assigned 2 chairs.



Application Process



During the application period, applicants will be asked to submit their CV, a short motivation letter, as well as answer a short essay question (~350 words).

You will also have the opportunity to communicate to us any extenuating factors that we should consider.

Please fill out the application form on www.mcgillmwto.com/participate before the 20th of October 2025, 11:59 pm EST.

Applicants will receive their acceptance letters about 10 days after the application period ends. Following this, participants must submit the payment for the participation fee within three weeks. In January, we will welcome you in Montreal.



Next Steps After Acceptance



After Acceptance of Offer

After the acceptance of the conference offer, participants will be invited to provide us with their country and committee preferences.

From there, selected delegates can expect to receive background papers (chair papers) written by their committee's chairpersons for them to familiarize themselves with. This will give delegates adequate time to prepare to ensure negotiations are fruitful and substantive. A webinar may be held to provide participants with necessary information.

Committees

Delegates will then be allocated to one of four committees that will explore issues relating to the theme chosen for the 1st edition of the McGill Model WTO. Further updates can be found on our website and social media.



Provisional Week Outline

Date	Activities	Meals*
Thurs. Jan. 22	Arrivals, Informal Opening Ceremony	D
Fri. Jan. 23	Formal Opening Ceremony, Strategy Sessions with Permanent Missions to the WTO, Negotiation Session I	B, L, D
Sat. Jan. 24	Negotiation Session II and III, Sight-seeing	B, L, D
Sun. Jan. 25	Negotiation Session IV and V, Transportation to Ottawa	B, L, D
Mon. Jan. 26	WTO Expert Feedback Session, Embassy Visits, Networking Cocktail and Closing Ceremony	B, L, D
Tues. Jan. 27	Departure and Optional Parliament Tour	B

1. Where B is breakfast, L is lunch, and D is dinner. Additionally, see page 7 for details.



Participation Packages

We are actively seeking out sponsorships for this conference and are engaging our best effort to make this conference as affordable and accessible as possible. There is a **strong** chance that these fees will be reduced.

If you would like to be notified of these fee reductions, sign up for an email [here](#).

Silver

- Access to Conference
- Transportation between Montreal and Ottawa
- McGill MWTO Hoodie
- Meals
 - NOT Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - Dinner

CAD 550

Gold*

- All of Silver Package
- Meals
 - Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - Dinner
- Accommodation
 - 3 nights in Montreal
 - 2 nights in Ottawa

CAD 1100

*Recommended

¹ As a non-profit organization, all contributions are solely to cover operational costs. If you are facing financial concerns, we recommend you reach out to your university's financial aid office, providing them this participant package and they may be able to offer assistance.



Coordinators



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Interested in being part of
the McGill Model WTO
conference 2026?

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We are looking forward to
your applications!

For further questions, do
not hesitate to contact us:
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