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1 About the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, including School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition

Mission Statement: The Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service to ensure that humanity's present and future food, health, and natural resource needs are met while protecting the environment.

2 History of the Faculty

Dedicated to improving the quality of life in Quebec's rural communities, Sir William Christopher Macdonald founded the School of Agriculture, the School for Teachers, and the School of Household Science at Macdonald College in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue in 1906. Macdonald College opened its doors to students in 1907 and its first degrees were awarded in 1911. The School for Teachers became the Faculty of Education in 1965 and moved to the downtown campus in 1970. Currently the Macdonald Campus is home to the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, and the Institute of Parasitology. The Faculty is comprised of the Departments of Animal Science, Bioresource Engineering, Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Natural Resource Sciences, and Plant Science. The Faculty is one of the founding members of the McGill School of Environment and is also home to the Farm Management and Technology Program. The current enrolment is just short of 1800 undergraduate and graduate students.

3 Macdonald Campus Facilities

3.1 Morgan Arboretum

The Morgan Arboretum has 245 hectares of managed and natural woodlands, fields, and tree plantations used for environmental research and teaching in a wide range of courses. Eighteen formal tree collections contain groups of Canadian native trees and many useful and important exotics. In addition, over 170 species of birds, 30 species of mammals, and 20 species of reptiles and amphibians seasonally inhabit the property. Finally, the Arboretum features 25 kilometers of ski, snowshoe, and walking trails, a variety of forest ecosystems, conservation projects, and forest operations such as maple syrup production. A nature interpretation program is also offered. More information is available at *www.mcgill.ca/nrs/facilities/arboretum*.

3.2 Macdonald Campus Library

Located in the Barton Building, the Macdonald Campus Library provides access to leading-edge print and electronic collections, facilities, and services to support a broad range of needs. The Library's collections encompass a wide variety of print and electronic resources in the areas of agriculture, nutrition, and environmental sciences.

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