

Orchestre Métropolitain's Orchestral Conducting Academy

Call for Applications

Deadline to submit an application: March 28, 2024

Program duration: September 2024 to June 2026

[Online registration form](#)

Background

The Orchestre Métropolitain and its Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin are pleased to announce their call for new applicants to take part in the OM's **Orchestral Conducting Academy**, a mentorship program for emerging orchestral conductors. The applicants chosen through the selection process will be invited to join this two-year program (from September 2024 to June 2026). The Academy aims to provide substantial experience of the symphonic milieu and to promote the career development of young conductors.

Eligibility criteria

The call for applications is open to orchestral conductors who meet the following criteria:

- Are between 18 and 35 years of age; *
- Are at an early stage in their career and identify as part of the new musical generation;
- Are Canadian residents from September 2024 through June 2026;
- Are registered in a conducting program (or equivalent) in an institution of higher learning OR have recently completed the requirements for such a program;
- Show commitment and dedication to a professional career in orchestral conducting, more specifically in symphonic music;
- Are available to take part in all the program's activities (see "Preliminary calendar" section).

The OM invites and encourages conductors of diverse cultural backgrounds to apply.

*Applicants who are over 35 but who meet all other criteria, which includes being at the start of their career, may still submit their applications while detailing in their letter of intent the reasons they identify as an artist of the new generation.

Program description

The selected applicants will join the Academy's current cohort and benefit from a unique mentorship experience under the guidance of Yannick Nézet-Séguin. They will assist in OM rehearsals and concerts conducted by him throughout the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 seasons. They will also be assigned assistantships to guest conductors in their second year in the program. Throughout their internship, for training purposes they will also benefit from ongoing exchanges with the Orchestre Métropolitain's administrative team and musicians and receive guidance in their contributions to the OM's educational and artistic activities.

Preliminary calendar (subject to change)

2024–2025 Season

Program 1 — September 19 to 22, 2024

Program 2 — October 3 to 20, 2024

Program 3 — December 2 to 6, 2024

Program 4 — December 9 to 11 2024

Program 5 — March 24 to 30, 2025

Program 6 — June 13 to 15, 2025

2025–2026 Season

The 2025–2026 calendar will be communicated to the selected applicants in the fall of 2024.

Repertoire

The orchestra's repertoire will be shared with the selected applicants.

Conditions

Financial assistance (up to \$5000) will be granted to successful applicants who must travel to Montreal for Academy activities, to cover their transportation and accommodation costs. Honoraria will be paid to participants for their engagements as assistants in the second year of the program.

Please note: The Orchestra's and the Academy's activities take place primarily in French.

Submit your application

Applicants are invited to submit their application package by **March 28, 2024**. Submitted application packages must include the following:

- A completed [registration form](#);
- A curriculum vitae;
- A biography (maximum 300 words);
- Between one and three video recordings of performances with orchestra, filmed after September 1, 2022, of a maximum total duration of 15 minutes;
- A letter of intent detailing the applicant's reasons for wanting to take part in the program and the impact it will have on their career development.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted after the submission deadline. [Fill out the online registration form.](#)

Agreement

By submitting their application, applicants agree to be available and to participate actively in the program if they are selected. They also understand that their name and image may be made public as part of OM communications surrounding this initiative.

Important dates

Deadline to submit an application: **March 28, 2024**

Announcement of selected applicants: **Spring 2024**

OM's Orchestral Conducting Academy participation period: **September 2024 to June 2026**

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