

Bold choice **Bright future**

Indigenous Viewbook 2019-20



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

megha dágondíh
je aa haanach'e
welcome
kwékwé
óki
tânisi
âba wathtech
dànit'ā-dà
edlānete-a
boozhoo
tawnshi
aba washded
ki?su?k kyukyit



The University of Calgary acknowledges the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), as well as the Tsuut'ina First Nation and the Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. UCalgary is situated on land adjacent to where the Bow River meets the Elbow River, and the traditional Blackfoot name of this place is "Moh'kins'tsis," which we now call the City of Calgary.

Learn about UCalgary's Indigenous Strategy, ii' taa'poh'to'p, at ucalgary.ca/indigenous-strategy.

fast facts

our city

 1 HOUR TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

 4TH MOST LIVEABLE CITY IN THE WORLD

 3RD MOST DIVERSE CITY IN CANADA

 NORTH AMERICA'S MOST EXTENSIVE PATHWAY AND BIKEWAY NETWORK

 CANADA'S SUNNIEST MAJOR CITY (333 DAYS PER YEAR)

 ONE OF CANADA'S SAFEST MAJOR CITIES

our university community

 #6 TOP RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN CANADA

 RANKED IN THE TOP 200 UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

 70+ CAREER WORKSHOPS PER YEAR

 27,000+ UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

 46 U SPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

 95% FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION RATE

 14 FACULTIES

 91% GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT RATE

 23:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

 526 ACRES OF PARK-LIKE CAMPUS

 \$419 MILLION IN SPONSORED RESEARCH FUNDING (2017-2018)

 185,000 ALUMNI IN MORE THAN 150 COUNTRIES

 STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES IN 45+ COUNTRIES

 14 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC MEDALS WON BY STUDENTS

 UNLIMITED USE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT WITH THE STUDENT UPASS

 MULTI-YEAR RESIDENCE GUARANTEE FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

1 on 1
cultural and spiritual advising

70+
Indigenous courses

742
self-identified Indigenous students

Monthly
Cree Grandmothers' Tea ceremonies

Campfire Chats
on National Indigenous Peoples Day

pathways to university

Direct entry (high school)

The general admission requirement for UCalgary is Alberta Grade 12 graduation, or equivalent, and the completion of four other faculty-specific courses at the 30 level (or equivalent).

For more details, visit ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements.

Indigenous admissions process

Our Indigenous admissions process works to ensure equitable access, participation and success of undergraduate Indigenous learners. If you've self-identified as Indigenous on your application form, you'll automatically receive consideration, first under the regular competitive admission process, and then under the Indigenous admissions process, if needed.

If you're granted admission under the Indigenous process, you'll be asked to submit documentation to verify your Indigenous identity.

To learn more, visit ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous/admissions_process.

Transfer students

If you've attended an accredited/recognized post-secondary institution and have completed 12 or more units (four courses or more), you'll be considered for admission on the basis of your post-secondary academic standing.

Visit our academic calendar at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-5-3.

Adult students

You can be considered for admission as an adult student if you're 21 years of age or older and have completed fewer than 12 units (fewer than four courses) of post-secondary study. You must present English Language Arts 30-1 or an acceptable equivalent. Additional Grade 12 level high school courses, or equivalent, are normally required by the faculty to which you're seeking admission.

Visit our academic calendar at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-5-4.

Diverse qualifications admission process

If you've achieved excellence outside your academics or have overcome significant hardships, you may seek admission under the diverse qualifications admission process.

To learn more, visit ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/diverse-qualifications.

self-identify on your application

Self-identification allows the university to support you through the admissions process, assist you with academic advising and referrals, and provide you with updates about cultural and social activities for Indigenous students. Additionally, Indigenous applicants are eligible to apply for a variety of funding options. These opportunities include community-based scholarships, as well as UCalgary's Indigenous-specific scholarships, bursaries and awards.



Writing Symbols Lodge

your home on campus

As the hub of Indigenous life on campus, the Writing Symbols Lodge encourages student success with a variety of services, facilities, programs and events.

Examples include:

Indigenous student orientation

Orientation offers workshops and activities to help you become familiar with the university before starting classes.

Student success, academic support and community building

Our programs and events are designed to support your academic and cultural needs. Examples include cultural crafting, pet therapy, connections to Traditional Knowledge Keepers, language cafes and more.

Cultural events

Cultural events are offered throughout the school year and include pipe ceremonies, workshops, Indigenous Awareness Week, social gatherings and more.

Graduation banquet and powwow

Indigenous graduates participate in a traditional powwow that includes a Circle of Honour, where graduates are celebrated and receive ceremonial gifts.

Indigenous student leadership opportunities

Student employment, mentorship and advisory opportunities are available.

Student facilities

Access a computer lab, the Indigenous Students' Council office, Red Lodge Student Lounge, study space, and a ceremonial room.

Visit ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols for more information.



Indigenous Student Access Program (ISAP)

This cohort-based transition-year program offers an alternative access route for Indigenous students to enter our post-secondary degree programs. In addition to taking first-year university courses, you'll receive enhanced academic support including a designated advisor and one-on-one academic advising, access to cultural workshops, leadership training, peer support and tutorials.

While in ISAP, you can take up to four university classes per semester. Classes will normally be a combination of ISAP core classes combined with selected options based on your academic goals. You can also take an upgrading class concurrent with your university classes, if required.

Learn more at ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols/prospective-students/isap.

finance your education



\$1M+ IN SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARDS FUNDING WENT TO UCALGARY'S INDIGENOUS STUDENTS IN 2018-2019

Awards for Indigenous students

Throughout your degree, UCalgary has scholarships, bursaries and awards available for Indigenous applicants. Examples include:

David Bissett Award

VALUE: \$10,000

Award eligibility:

- Preference to an Indigenous student
- Offered annually to a student entering first year in an undergraduate degree program
- Renewable in second, third and fourth year, provided recipients achieve a GPA of 2.60
- Requires submission of a personal statement that explains how this award will support the educational pursuit of the applicant and the impact it will make to the family

Métis Scholars Entrance Award

VALUE: UP TO \$5,000

Award eligibility:

- Métis student
- Alberta resident
- Offered annually to a continuing undergraduate student in any faculty
- Requires submission of a short essay that outlines reasons for the chosen field of study, how a Métis Scholars Entrance Award will impact the applicant's journey towards education and career objectives, and how the applicant is involved in the Métis community

Elizabeth and Walter Fairey Bursary

VALUE: UP TO \$4,500

Award eligibility:

- Offered annually to a continuing undergraduate student in any faculty
- Canadian Indigenous student
- Preference given to a single parent

Ellen McNeil Hamilton Bursary

VALUE: UP TO \$3,000

Award eligibility:

- Offered annually to a continuing undergraduate student in any faculty
- Canadian Indigenous student
- Extra-curricular activities

Note: Awards have specific eligibility criteria that may not be listed.

Applying for scholarships, bursaries and awards

By applying for admission, you're automatically considered for entrance awards. You should then complete the competitive high school awards application in your Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca) to be considered for all other awards.

For detailed information on applying for our high school scholarships, bursaries and awards, visit ucalgary.ca/awards.

connect with us

Visit campus

The best way to get to know your future campus is by experiencing it on a campus tour. By request, we offer a tour for future Indigenous students and their guests, which is led by current students and is focused on storytelling. It offers details about Indigenous culture and community on campus. All campus tours conclude with the option to speak with an advisor to explore programs and admission requirements. You can also attend campus events such as Indigenous U, Open House, application workshops, faculty sessions and awards information sessions.

For more information on our Indigenous student tours, email tours@ucalgary.ca.

To book other campus tours, or view upcoming recruitment events and program-specific sessions, visit ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours-events.

Connect with our Indigenous recruiter

UCalgary has a dedicated recruiter to support Indigenous applicants.

Connect with them today by emailing indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca.

Take a virtual campus tour

See what campus and the surrounding area is like with our 360-degree photo tours. Explore our classrooms, student services, athletic facilities and more.

Take a photo tour at ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours-events.

Join our mailing list

To learn more about our campus community, join our mailing list. You'll be able to request more information, find out when we'll be visiting a town or city near you and receive important details and reminders.

To sign-up today, visit ucalgary.ca/registrar/future-students/connect.

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"Studying at UCalgary has opened so many doors for me and allowed me to learn and grow in ways I'd never imagined. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be here."

JASMINE MCDERMOTT, THIRD-YEAR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT

Jasmine grew up in Calgary, Alberta. Her Cree grandfather, from the Sawridge First Nation near the town of Slave Lake, Alberta, is a Sixties Scoop survivor. Jasmine continues to explore her family's Indigenous heritage.

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