



UNIVERSITY OF
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Senate Recruitment

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the role of a Senator?

As a UCalgary Senator, you will be an ambassador for the university, helping to deepen our connection with the community and share our story. You will use your passion for learning to make a positive impact on the future of postsecondary education.

How long is a Senate term?

One Senate Term is 3 years, after which time, Senators will be eligible for a second term.

Do I have to be UCalgary Alumni to become a Senator?

No, Senators are not required to have any particular educational background or UCalgary affiliation.

What is the time commitment for Senators?

Senators should generally expect 5-10 hours of Senate work per month, and slightly more if serving as a committee chair.

How many meetings are there each month?

Senators can expect 2-3 meetings per month. It is expected that Senators attend all Senate meetings, assigned committee meetings and working group meetings in order to stay involved. These schedules are provided each June.

What are the different Senate committees?

Senate standing committees include the Honours Committee, Governance Committee, Community Engagement Committee and the Recruitment and Membership Committee. Committee membership is determined by committee availability and Senator preference in consultation with the Office of the Chancellor and Senate staff.

What types of events am I invited to as a Senator?

Senate hosts 2-3 events per year. However, as a Senator there are many different UCalgary campus events that you are invited to and encouraged to attend, which includes Convocation ceremonies where you will sit on the dais as a part of the platform party, Convocation Dinner, Lecture of a Lifetime, sporting events, lecture series, donor events and networking/mentorship events.

Is the Senate a governing body at UCalgary?

No, Senate does not have a role in UCalgary governance.

If I am a student or staff, can I become a Senator?

Current UCalgary faculty, staff or students are appointed to Senate through the following bodies on campus: Deans' Council, Board of Governors, General Faculties Council, Alumni Association, AUPE, Undergraduates Students' Union (SU), and the Graduate Students Association (GSA). Please contact the appropriate group to ascertain your eligibility to be appointed to Senate.

What if I do not live within Calgary city limits, can I become a Senator?

Please contact senate@ucalgary.ca to find out if your area is within our catchment area.

How do I become a UCalgary Senator?

For community representative positions, we request you fill out the [webform application](#). If your application is successful, you will be contacted to arrange an interview, at which time you will also be asked to provide two references. Interviews will take place virtually and are one hour long.

If I apply and do not get accepted, can I apply again the following year?

We encourage you to keep applying. There are varied numbers of vacancies filled each year and we are happy to consider all applicants.