Bold choice
Bright future

Parent and family guide for fall 2022 intake
We know you want your student to succeed in university.  

We do too!

You’ve invested so much into your student. You’ve seen them grow into an adult, and you want them to find success in the next part of their journey. At UCalgary, they can have an incredible education experience that will benefit them for the rest of their life.

UCalgary offers its students high-quality academic programs and a supportive learning environment in which to excel. This includes undergraduate research opportunities like our PURE program, experiential learning opportunities such as our Study Abroad and ucalgarycares programs, and co-operative education and internship positions with a variety of companies including Amazon and BMW. Additionally, access to a wide range of supports including career advising, academic development, mental health and healthcare services, and much more, will ensure your student can find the help they need to be successful.

UCalgary is a diverse community committed to removing barriers encountered by equity deserving groups, including women, Indigenous peoples, visible/racialized minorities, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ2S+ students.

Learn about equity, diversity and inclusion at UCalgary: ucalgary.ca/equity-diversity-inclusion

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 our Indigenous Strategy, î’ tâa’poh’to’p, at: ucalgary.ca/indigenous

Why do we do territorial acknowledgements? See Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Traditional Knowledge Keeper in Residence at UCalgary, share why in this short video.

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our city
Calgary is a city of opportunity. There's no better place to pursue a post-secondary education.

- 2nd most affordable city in Canada and 9th most affordable city in North America
- Ranked the 5th most livable city worldwide in 2019
- Canadian city with the highest concentration of high-tech workers
- One of the safest cities in Canada
- Average daily maximum of 21.9°C in summer and -1.4°C in winter
- Calgary’s light rail transit network has 46 stations and 118 kilometres of double tracks, connecting our University Station to the rest of the city

our university
Innovation, creativity and an unwavering entrepreneurial spirit strengthen our campus culture.

- Ranked in the top 250 universities worldwide
- #6 top research university in Canada
- 28,000+ undergraduate students
- 140+ career workshops each year
- 95% undergraduate retention rate
- 94% graduate employment rate
- 23:1 student to faculty ratio

Downtown Calgary is easily reached from the university using public transit. Students get unlimited use of public transit with their student UPass.
Aidan is a third-year neuroscience student. He’s currently working with Dr. Aaron Phillips in the Cumming School of Medicine. He’s worked on various clinical projects regarding autonomic control and cardiovascular issues in spinal cord injury patients. Through research, Aidan hopes to gain experience working with patients, as well as to improve the lives of people with spinal cord injury.

Discover our co-operative (co-op) programs, practicums and internships

Want your student to have an opportunity to get their foot in the door in industries related to their field of study? If so, our co-ops, practicums and internships are perfect. Not only will your student gain valuable work experience during their degree, but they’ll also develop connections with potential employers.

Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/student-services/careers/students/coop-internships

PREPARE FOR YOUR CAREER WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF CONCEPTS WITH HANDS-ON LEARNING

RECENT PLACEMENTS INCLUDE AMAZON, CONOCOPHILLIPS, GARMIN, SUNCOR, THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD AND THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

HUNDREDS OF PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN ARTS, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS

If your student is ready to see the world, UCalgary can take them there with our Study Abroad program

Your student doesn’t have to wait until they graduate to see the world. With 200+ partners and programs across six continents, our Study Abroad program is your chance to explore new places and new ideas through study and travel, leading to the adventure of a lifetime.

Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad
university terminology
As your student prepares to apply for university, here are some pathways they may choose.

Credentials

Bachelor’s degree: An undergraduate degree that typically takes four to five years to complete. Many bachelor’s degrees are direct entry; however, some degrees require prior university study (e.g., Social Work, Law and Medicine). A student who is pursuing a bachelor’s degree is called an undergraduate student.

Honours bachelor’s degree: An honours degree is a further specialization of a bachelor’s degree requiring high academic standing and, typically, a thesis project. A thesis project is an original research idea that’s presented at the end of the undergraduate degree. Some programs at UCalgary, like the Bachelor of Health Sciences, are only offered as an honours degree.

Combined degree: A combined degree is when a student registers in two different bachelor’s degrees (including honours degrees) at the same time and graduates from both degrees concurrently. It typically requires a minimum of five years of study.

Professional undergraduate degree: A professional undergraduate degree is one that leads to a professional Doctor degree (e.g., Doctor of Medicine, Juris Doctor and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine). These programs typically require students to present an initial bachelor’s degree before they can apply.

Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/combined-degrees

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Embedded certificate: Embedded certificates are completed as part of a bachelor’s degree, at no extra cost, and are designed to focus on a thematic area and be available to students across faculties. Examples include Sustainability and Mental Wellbeing and Resilience.

Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/embedded-certificates

Work-integrated learning (WIL): WIL integrates a student’s academic studies in a workplace/practice setting. It includes a partnership between an academic program, a host organization, and a student. WIL opportunities include paid co-ops, paid internships, practicums, placements, capstone projects, consulting projects and more.

Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/experiential-learning-work-integrated-learning-1

Conditions of admission: These are requirements that need to be met by students who receive an admission decision while they have coursework in progress. Conditions of admission are outlined in the Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca), and students must complete them in order to have their admission finalized.

Academic Requirements: This online planning tool allows a student to see the completed and pending course requirements for their degree. The Academic Requirements tool is available through the Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca).
**residence**

Your student can live, learn and grow alongside their peers, while creating strong and lasting friendships. From shared dorm-style rooms in first year, to full apartments in upper years or grad school, to family housing, there are options available for all students. Each building has a residence life coordinator who provides continuous support. Residence life coordinators foster and promote inclusive living environments, organize events and help students with everything from homesickness to health and academics. Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/ancillary/residence/live-with-us

**Multi-year guarantee**

All students applying directly from high school are guaranteed a place in residence for their first two years of study if they apply by May 1, 2022.

**Meal plans**

The University of Calgary has unlimited All You Care to Eat meal plans that ensure our students have the best value, convenience, nutrition and flexibility. With multiple fresh food options available (gluten free, vegan, vegetarian and meat choices), students can choose to eat whatever they like, whenever they like and as much as they need throughout the academic year. The Landing offers breakfast, lunch, dinner and continuous dining between meal times.

For those not living in residence, the All You Care to Eat meal plans are also available, along with swipe plans and door rates, which will vary based on the time of day.

Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/ancillary/unicard/use-card/meal-plan

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**campus support services**

**Career Services**

The expert staff at Career Services will help your student prepare for a career they’ll love. They can meet with a career specialist, get expert advice to improve their resume, and attend career fairs to meet potential employers.

ucalgary.ca/careers

**Faith and Spirituality Centre (FSC)**

The FSC seeks to cultivate a pluralistic community by encouraging cultural and religious literacy, community building, and social change.

ucalgary.ca/student-services/faith-spirituality

**First Year Scholars (FYS)**

The FYS program connects the top incoming students with a community of high-achieving peers across all disciplines.

ucalgary.ca/student-success/learning-support/first-year-scholars

**International Student Services (ISS)**

ISS provides support services and customized advising for all international students. Their leadership initiatives deliver unique peer-driven programs that connect international and Canadian students.

ucalgary.ca/iss

**Leadership and Student Engagement (LSE)**

The LSE is committed to helping every student thrive. From hosting new student orientation, to facilitating connections with peers, to providing opportunities to learn about social justice and serve the community through ucalgarycares, the LSE connects students to one another, our campus and our local, national and international communities.

ucalgary.ca/leadership

**Student Accessibility Services (SAS)**

Admitted students can meet with an access advisor to discuss transitioning their accommodations from high school to university.

ucalgary.ca/access

**Student Success Centre (SSC)**

Whether your student is deciding which degree to pursue or would like support in enhancing their learning strategies, the SSC’s exploratory advisors, academic development staff and writing support staff are here to help them. Students have access to a variety of one-on-one appointment services, as well as writing workshops, success seminars and academic support programs.

ucalgary.ca/success

**Student Wellness Services**

Your student has full access to health and wellness services on campus including medical, chiropractic, massage, counselling and wellness programs and training. Support is available through group or individual counselling, skill-building seminars, online resources, peer support and more. There are no additional fees or session limits for accessing counselling and support services. Additionally, using a coordinated care approach, student support advisors help with issues from personal to academic success.

ucalgary.ca/wellness-services

**Women’s Resource Centre (WRC)**

The WRC is a safe and welcoming space for connecting, promoting equality and building community.

ucalgary.ca/women

**Writing Symbols Lodge**

In this welcoming campus space in support of the university’s Indigenous community, students can access a computer lab, study space and a range of cultural programming including monthly ceremonies, social activities and advising.

ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols

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Students living in residence can take part in residence life activities including theme nights, community dinners, sports tournaments and student groups to connect with like-minded students.
application process

To assist your student with the application process, here are some helpful tips:

- Students should apply as early as possible to be considered for both admission and awards.
- Students can apply to two programs with one application and a single fee ($125 for students with Canadian credentials and $145 for students with international credentials) and change their program choices until March 1.
- Each program will be reviewed based on the grades presented when each transcript is received. If a student is unable to be considered for early admission, their grades will be automatically reviewed again when new grades are received.
- Students should select the program that they're most interested in as their first choice. If they receive an offer to their first choice program, it's the only offer they'll receive.
- There are two steps to accept an offer of admission. Students must accept the offer in their Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca) and pay the $500 non-refundable admission deposit. This deposit will go towards your student's first-year tuition. The due date for this deposit is included with their offer of admission.

To be admitted, applicants must present the admission requirements specific to their program, meet the competitive admission average and meet the English language proficiency requirement. To finalize admission, students must graduate from high school, complete the five required courses and maintain their admission average.

LEARN MORE

For more information about the application process, UCalgary has recruiters who specialize in supporting students from every province in Canada and every region of the world. Book a private meeting with a recruiter today: ucalgary.ca/recruiters
choosing a program

Two major decisions university students face are “What major should I choose?” and “What career will I pursue following university?” Students are often asked, “What are you going to do with your degree?” Different programs and majors can lead to a variety of careers. With so many options to choose from, how does your student decide? We hope the following resources will help inform these important decisions.

Degree profiles: discovering potential career pathways based on degree
Encourage your student to visit our Degree Profile resource to find clarity and gain confidence on their career path. These profiles look at potential jobs, key skills and attributes, as well as associations and professional development as they relate to each degree and potential career path.

The career wheel: a tool for students to explore what career may be best for them
Is your student looking for some guidance on their career development? The career wheel is an excellent place for them to start their planning and review the common stages of the career development process.

Choose UCalgary Podcast: hear from students, faculty and staff
Students can get the insider’s scoop on programs, admissions and campus life. This is a great way to learn about real undergraduate student experiences in faculties, clubs and more.

Podcast: Choose UCalgary

Tours and events: Visit on campus or online
UCalgary offers daily in-person and biweekly virtual campus tours. Tours are a chance to ask all your questions about our programs and to see our classrooms, facilities and more. Our virtual tour is featured on our Choose UCalgary YouTube channel. Explore our entire campus from the comfort of your home and instant chat with us during the tour.
budgeting for your first year

Estimated costs for your student’s first year (September to April)

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* All costs cover an eight-month period and are based on an expected first-year course load and a typical student’s experience in residence. Fees are based on the 2021 – 2022 academic year. Tuition fees are reviewed regularly by the Board of Governors, in consultation with students.

International Engineering tuition fees are approved fees for the 2022 – 2023 academic year.

Cost estimator

Does your student need help planning expenses? They can access our cost estimator tool by visiting: ucalgary.ca/cost-estimator

Paying tuition fees

Students have several options to pay their fees including online banking and international fund transfers.
Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-fees/pay-your-fees

Health and dental benefits

All full-time undergraduate students (taking three or more courses) are automatically enrolled in the Student Health and Dental Plan when they register for classes. Students from outside the province should apply for Alberta health care in order to receive comprehensive coverage during their studies.
Learn more at: su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/student-services/health-dental

Student loans

Government student loans and grants are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Apply through your home province of residence or visit canlearn.ca for details.

Using RESPs

Students use an official confirmation of registration letter from their Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca) to submit as proof of enrolment for withdrawing RESP funds. The official confirmation of registration letter is available once students are registered in courses and tuition fees have been posted to their account (July 2022). Tuition fees are due in September 2022 after the start of classes.

Money Smart

Students can learn about budgeting, money saving strategies, financial planning and more by attending a Money Smart workshop, accessing a Financial Literacy session or making an appointment with a Money Smart peer helper.
Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/money-smart

Learn more about awards!

Scholarship: An award based primarily on academic merit, but also based on other selection factors.
Bursary: An award based on financial need. Financial need is calculated by looking at a student’s costs and then subtracting their resources.
Award: An award based on multiple requirements.
Prestige awards: These awards are for high-achieving entering students. A student’s academic excellence and accomplishments outside the classroom are considered.

Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/awards

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UCALGARY
$17M+ in scholarships, bursaries and awards available annually
25% of entering students receive a scholarship, bursary or award
$39,400 - $100,000 prestige awards
$2,000 scholarships for IB students with a 35 or higher diploma score
$5,000 scholarships for new students with an admission average of 95% and above

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LEARN MORE
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getting your student started

We would love to meet you

The best way to get to know your student’s future campus is by experiencing it on a tour. Guided by one of our current students, you can join us on campus (or virtually) to explore our classrooms, student services, athletic facilities and more. All campus tours end with the option to speak with an advisor to explore programs and admission requirements. To book a tour, visit: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours

You and your student can also attend prospective student events or information sessions: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events

Students can also connect with their province- or country-specific recruiter to arrange a one-on-one meeting online: ucalgary.ca/recruiters

Join our family 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 get important details and reminders.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Protection of privacy

Make a plan to communicate

Discuss with your student their plan for managing their education, as well as the type of information you’d like them to share with you, such as student account balances (fees owing), grade reports, course registration, or difficulties they may be having with school or other related activities. Keep in mind that it’s ultimately the student’s decision which personal information they choose to disclose.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)

In accordance with Alberta’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, UCalgary is unable to share information about a student or applicant to a third-party (including family members) without the explicit consent of a student or applicant, regardless of their age. This includes information about fees owing and their admission status.

Under FOIP, if a student or applicant would like to authorize a third party to have access to their confidential personal information, they may do so in writing using the Third Party Authorization form. Find it at: ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/privacy-policy

prepare your student to excel

Proven advice you can share with your student

1. It’s important that your student is engaged in more than their course work. Encourage your student to explore clubs, meet their professors and take part in leadership opportunities. Not only will they do better at school, they’ll also build positive relationships with peers, gain new skills and take part in experiences that can benefit them in the future.

2. Encourage your student to seek help early and often. The campus community offers many supports to our students, everything from academic and writing support to mental health and wellness support. If your student is unsure about where to start in terms of accessing supports, Student Support Advisors at Student Wellness Services can help students navigate on- and off-campus resources.

Learn more: ucalgary.ca/wellness-services/services/mental-health-services/student-support

3. Encourage your student to be active. They have access to our world-class Active Living recreational facilities, including our aquatic centre, fitness centre, gymnastics centre, racquet centre and the Olympic Oval. From fitness classes and intramural leagues, to sports clubs and fully-equipped gyms, there are lots of ways to stay active on campus. We also boast the Outdoor Centre, the largest of its kind in North America, which offers training courses, equipment rentals and student discounts.

Explore the University of Calgary using Google Street View: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours