



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

SCHOLARS ACADEMY

Information Session

Housekeeping

We have emailed a copy of the slides to all students who registered for the information session. This went to your UCalgary email address.

We will have time for questions at the end of the session.



FAQs

If you are wondering why you received an email invitation to join the program, we sent this out to all students at the university with at least a 3.6 cumulative GPA.

To be eligible to join Scholars Academy, students must have at least one full years of studies remaining at the University of Calgary.

- Students graduating at the end of April are not eligible to join.

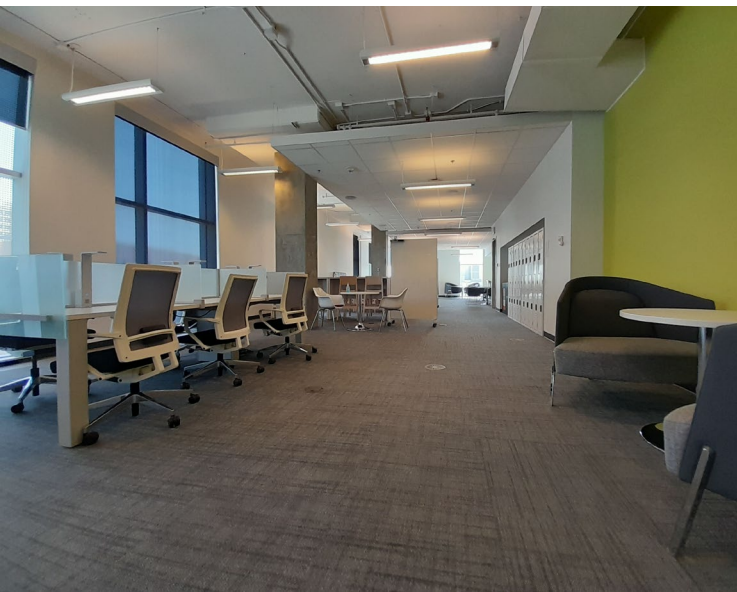
Please visit the FAQ section on our website for answers to other common questions: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/scholars-academy/apply/faqs>

Introduction

Scholars Academy

- Founded in 2011
- Supporting Scholars, Encouraging Excellence
 - Professional Development
 - Community Engagement
 - Academic Excellence
- Multi-disciplinary





Benefits: We Connect

- Multi-disciplinary community
- Events throughout the academic year
- Paired with community mentor
- Networking opportunities
- Social events



Benefits: We support

- Access private Scholars Lounge, with lockers, study spaces, projector space for presentations, and a piano
- Early Class Registration
- Access to Career and Professional Development Awards



Benefits: We support

- 1:1 Academic Advising
- Receive guidance on applications for graduate and professional school
- Review personal statements and CVs for scholarships, awards, and applications
- Attend personal and professional development workshops



Benefits: We challenge

- Service-learning projects with not-for-profit organizations
- Mentor first-year students
- Present your personal experiences in a Speaker Series
- Engage in thoughtful discussions during Tea Talks



Application Process



Documents:



Personal Statement



Curriculum Vitae



Reference Letters (1 mandatory, 2 preferable)



Transcripts



Why do we ask for these?

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Personal Statement

The role of Scholars Academy is to extend the potential of undergraduate students with exceptional leadership capabilities, intellectual curiosity, and strong commitments to our local and global communities.

- Tell us about yourself, including how you demonstrate the above criteria.
- How Scholars Academy can help you achieve your goals.
- The personal statement is the most important component of the application.
- ***The personal statement is not intended as a regurgitation of a CV.***
- ***Consult the Application Rubric [online](#).***

Personal Statement Tips



**PAST, PRESENT,
FUTURE**



ALIGNMENT



**EXPAND ON 1-3
MOST RELEVANT
EXPERIENCES**



**QUALITY AND
IMPACT OVER
QUANTITY**



**WHY SCHOLARS
ACADEMY?**



**EVIDENCE OF
SELF-REFLECTION**

Curriculum Vitae

- CV is not a resume
- Attend a CV workshop in the Student Success Centre
 - Register via [Elevate](#)



Reference letters

Obtain

Mandatory 1 reference letter; up to 2

- Academic or professional
- Recommend one of each

Share

Share a copy of your application with reference

Provide concrete examples for them to talk about

Email

Have your referees email letters directly to sap@ucalgary.ca

Thank

Let them know the result- say thank you!

Deadline

- **April 2, 2024**
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.
- Interviews will take place April 29 – May 3, May 6 – 10.
 - Online or in-person (3rd floor of TFDL).



Help with your application. Book through Elevate.

- Application help sessions with current Scholars Academy students:
 - March 6 (Wednesday) | 4-4:50 p.m. | In person/Virtual
 - March 12 (Tuesday) | 3-3:50 p.m. | In person/Virtual
 - March 22 (Friday) | 12-12:50 p.m. | In person/Virtual
 - March 27 (Wednesday) | 1-1:50 p.m. | In person/Virtual
- Workshops (more offerings in March)
 - Getting Great Reference Letters | February 23 (Friday) | 11:00-11:50 a.m. | Zoom
 - Writing Personal Statements | March 19 (Tuesday) | 2:00-2:50 p.m. | In person
 - Academic Curriculum Vitae | March 20 (Wednesday) | 12:00-12:50 p.m. | In person
- One-on-one help with an advisor. After you log in, select Student Success Centre, then Academic Support, then Book by Appointment Type. Then select Scholars Academy Program.

Other questions? Email sap@ucalgary.ca

The background features a stack of books. The top book has a dark plaid cover with red, black, and yellow patterns. Below it is a white book with the text 'Scholars Academy' in large, bold, black letters. The text 'Hear from current Scholars Academy Students...' is overlaid in white, italicized font. Other visible text includes 'WINTER 2018' on the plaid book and 'S.S. A.S.' on the white book.

*Hear from current
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Questions?



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