Our university

The University of Calgary is one of Canada’s top comprehensive research universities, combining the best of university tradition with the city of Calgary’s vibrant energy and diversity. UCalgary’s main campus occupies a beautiful setting with a view of the Rocky Mountains, covering more than 200 hectares — an area larger than Calgary’s entire downtown.

Our city

- Located in the 4th largest Canadian province — Alberta
- #1 world’s cleanest city*
- Energy capital of Canada
- Global finance hub
- One of Canada’s most ethnically diverse cities**
- #5 most liveable city in the world***
- Highest concentration of corporate head offices per capita in Canada****
- 40 international consulate offices*****
- Home to Canada’s National Music Centre and the internationally renowned Calgary Stampede
- Sunniest city in Canada — averages nearly 2400 hours of sun, over 333 days a year.

1,800* academic staff actively engaged in research, scholarship and teaching

3,200* non-academic staff focused on operating the institution and delivering against our core mandate

$1.2 billion operating budget
UCalgary contributes nearly $8 billion annually to Alberta’s economy

STARS Gold
from Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education — #2 in Canada (as of February 2017)

Exceptional Facilities

- Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning
  the first building in Canada dedicated solely to improving post-secondary teaching and learning

- Energy Environment Experiential Learning Building
  one of the largest LEED Platinum laboratories in North America

- Taylor Family Digital Library
  the most technologically advanced library in North America

- Olympic Oval
  home to the fastest ice in the world

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*2016 Mercer Global Financial list of world’s cleanest cities
**Statistics Canada
***2016 Global Liveability Ranking, the Economics Intelligence Unit
****Calgary Economic Development
*****Global Affairs Canada, 2017

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Our teaching and learning

250+ programs
- 7.8 million items in library collections
- 15 Rhodes scholars to date
- Undergraduate research opportunities
- Entrepreneurial courses for all students
- Community-based learning programs
- UCalgaryStrong student wellness initiative

Unique programs
- Dance-Kinesiology degree
- Law and Society program
- Global Energy Executive MBA
- International Energy Lawyers program
- Sustainable Energy Development degree

95% undergraduate retention rate (2015-16)
23:1 student to faculty ratio (2015-16)
95% UCalgary graduate employment rate (2013-14)
85% employed in fields related to discipline (2013-14)

Our research and scholarship

468 postdoctoral scholars — Over 25% increase over 2 years
$360.5 million sponsored research funding (2015-2016)
#6 top research university in Canada — in terms of sponsored research funding
110 new invention disclosures (2015-2016)
148 research chairs including the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Materials Engineering for Unconventional Oil Reservoirs

Focused on six global priority areas:
- Energy innovations for today and tomorrow
- Human dynamics in a changing world
- Engineering solutions for health
- New Earth-space technologies
- Infections, inflammation and chronic diseases
- Brain and mental health

Top 5 in Canada in research performance — European Centre for Science and Technology, Leiden

Home of the Dinos

- 500 student-athletes compete on varsity teams each year
- 1,800+ Dinos student-athletes have earned Academic All-Canadian status since the program launched in 1990, among the top 5 totals nationally
- Since 1976, Dinos student-athletes have brought home 14 Olympic and Paralympic medals (6 gold, 3 silver, 5 bronze)

2/3 of our graduates live or work in the Calgary area helping drive the economy forward and building our city

173,000+ alumni, including the former Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper, and current Mayor of Calgary, Naheed Nenshi.

$720+ million raised by 31,000+ donors since 2011 — 50% of all donors are alumni

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