



**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**  
Residence Services

# First-Year Residence Viewbook

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## Your Campus Community

We're so glad you're considering making Residence your home. Living in Residence means joining a vibrant community of over 3,000 residents from around the world. It's a place to build lasting friendships, find support when you need it and make the most of every opportunity university life has to offer. Residence is more than just a place to stay. It provides a supportive environment for academic success and an ideal transition into independent living, complete with the

### Highlights

- *Close to classes and the Dining Centre*
- *Fully furnished*
- *All-inclusive residence pricing*
- *Residence exclusive events*
- *24/7 on call community safety and support*

freedom to manage your personal space, schedules and responsibilities. At the same time, you'll be surrounded by a strong network of peers and professional staff who are here to support you every step of the way.

Come join our community!  
We look forward to taking part in your university journey!

Warmly,

**Brittanie Walker-Reid**  
Director, Residence Services







## Kananaskis (KA) and Rundle Halls (RU)

Kananaskis and Rundle Halls are designed for first-year residents looking for a fun and welcoming community. Offering dormitory-style living in fully furnished single and double rooms (also known as “trad” rooms), these buildings are where lifelong friendships start.

Residents love Kananaskis and Rundle Halls because of the incredible sense of community. Living here means being surrounded by fellow first-years who are experiencing university life together. Shared lounges and monthly events on each floor bring everyone together, creating a fun and supportive environment.

Promoting inclusivity, residents can choose between all-gender or single-gender wings. When placed in a double room, residents will be matched with a roommate who shares living style and interests based on the roommate questionnaire responses (see page 15 for more info about roommates).

UCalgary's Residence team is proud to offer residents the opportunity to select their own roommate, which not every university does!



## First-Year Residence Guarantee

All students applying directly from high school and are 21 or younger are guaranteed a place in Residence for their first year, if they apply by May 1.

### Double Room (trad):

- Mini fridge
- Two Twin XL beds
- Two desks and chairs
- Two Bookshelves
- Two Armoires
- Four under bed dressers
- Bulletin board

### Single Room

- Mini fridge
- Twin XL bed
- Desk and chair
- Bookshelf
- Armoire
- Two under bed dressers
- Bulletin board



Each room is 196 square feet.

### Building Features

- Communal washrooms on every wing
- Community social lounge on every floor
- App-operated laundry facilities on every floor
- Designated study space and social lounge on main floor





## International House (IH)

International House is home to first-year residents, featuring single and two-bedroom suite style units. Each suite comes with a private bathroom, which is shared with a roommate in the two-bedroom suite. This Residence offers a great balance of personal space and community interaction.

International House is home to the Scholars' Advantage award floor. Scholars' Advantage students receive monthly light service cleaning and linen changes. They also experience enhanced academic programming from our Residence Experience Team.

### Building Features:

- Study lounges
- Social areas
- Community kitchens
- App-operated laundry facilities

## Single Suite Specs

- Queen bed
- Dresser, desk and chair
- Mini fridge and microwave
- Private bathroom
- Suite is 265 square feet



## Two-Bedroom Suite Specs

- Private bedroom, double XL mattress
- Dresser, desk and chair in each bedroom
- Small kitchenette with refrigerator, microwave, sink, cupboard and breakfast bar
- Shared bathroom
- Suite is 383 square feet. Each bedroom is 132 square feet





## Yamnuska Hall (YA)

Yamnuska Hall is home to a mix of first and second year residents. Residents have their own private bedroom and can live in either two or three-bedroom suites. Each suite comes equipped with its own bathroom and a full size fridge which are shared with roommates. Beyond the suites, each floor features a community lounge and event kitchen for social gatherings and building events.



## Two and Three-Bedroom Suite Specs

- Every bedroom is 135 square feet and includes a double XL mattress, dresser, bookcase, armoire, desk and chair
- Shared bathroom
- Suite includes refrigerator, microwave, sink, cupboard, kitchen table and chairs

## Building Features

- Fitness centre
- Games room
- Study lounge
- App-operated laundry facilities



## All You Care To Eat in The Landing

All first-year residents can choose between a required 5-or 7-day All You Care To Eat (AYCTE) meal plan.

Living away from home for the first time can be challenging and learning to cook, meal planning and budgeting can often feel daunting for first-year residents. To ease the transition, we support residents in their first year by having a required 5-or 7-day meal plan at our dining hall, The Landing. Our all-access plans allow residents to come and go as they please, and eat as much as they like, when they like!

The Landing is located in the Dining Centre and serves healthy and nutritious options for breakfast, lunch, dinner and continuous dining between mealtimes. The Landing also serves gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, and Halal options.



The Landing is open from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. on weekends, so residents can fuel up whenever the time is right for them!

**Meal plan options for first-year residents:**

- **5-Day:** Mon. - Fri.
- **7-Day:** Mon. - Sun.

Residence and meal plan fees are paid at the same time as one combined fee. Meal plan fees are due on the tuition and Residence fee payment deadline for the academic term in September and January.



Learn more about meal plans and watch our video to see what eating at The Landing is like!





## Residence Events

Living in Residence isn't just about where you live, it's about the experiences that shape your university journey. Residence events are designed to help residents meet new friends, try new things and make the most of their time with us. From monthly floor events led by a Community Ambassador to residence-wide activities, there's always something happening for residents!

Residence events also offer great opportunities to build new skills, try out new hobbies and feel more connected to campus life in a safe, inclusive environment. Over 600 Residence events take place each year, giving residents plenty of chances to get involved.

## Mark Your Calendar

Throughout the year, residents get to enjoy many events. Previous events include:

- Dinos sporting games
- Ski and snowboard trips
- Spike ball tournaments
- Skating at Bowness park/Olympic Oval
- Drag queen bingo
- Karaoke events
- Open mic nights



## Residence Groups and Events for Support

Residents can also take part in events and groups that are designed to support growth and help build skills, such as:

- Study groups
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities
- Residence committees such as The Residence Rainbow Council (2SLGBTQIA+)
- Cooking events with the Head Chef from The Landing





# Your Go-To Resources in Residence

## Support, Safety and Student Engagement

**Community Ambassadors (CAs)** are student leaders who live in residence and create a safe and welcoming environment. They can show residents where the laundry room is, organize events for each floor and can point them in the direction of helpful campus resources.

**Residence Life Coordinators (RLCs)** are full time, live-in professionals who oversee community engagement, Residence programs, safety and support. Prioritizing resident wellness, RLCs are experienced staff and can advise new residents on managing school schedules, workload and semester planning.

Between our CAs, RLCs and Campus Security, our team is on call 24/7.



## Housekeeping and Maintenance

Housekeeping frequently cleans common areas such as hallways, study areas and communal bathrooms. They are available for hire for residents who need more support with keeping their room clean. There is also a dedicated maintenance team that will fix issues such as needing a new lightbulb.

On top of these services, twice per academic term and once in the spring and summer (once per semester), Residence staff will conduct room inspections. Room inspections are a quick check-in to ensure a resident's space is safe and comfortable. It is also an opportunity for us to see if residents need any support, whether that is maintenance, cleaning or anything else to help them feel at home.

## Student Conduct Office

The Student Conduct office is here to help if a resident ever faces a conflict or has a concern in Residence. They offer confidential advice, referrals and guidance on resolving non-academic misconduct. Residents can also access training to navigate potential roommate conflicts.



## Mental Health Support

Residents have access to free, confidential counseling through the Residence Student Support Advisor. Whether a resident is feeling stressed, anxious, lonely or facing other challenges, professional counselors are here to support them.



# Applying for Residence

## Important Dates

**Applying for Academic Term** (September - April): Applications open **November 1**.

**First-Year Residence Guarantee** - All students applying directly from high school and are 21 or younger are guaranteed a place in Residence for their first year, if they apply by **May 1**.

## Application Process:

1. Log in to the Resident Portal



2. Complete the online application form

3. Pay the application fee

4. Submit your application

5. Check your Resident Portal and email in early May for your offer of Residence

6. Accept your offer and make the \$1,000 advance payment prior to the payment deadline stated on the Offer of Residence

7. Keep an eye out for a monthly email throughout the summer to help you prepare for moving into your new home

8. Move in and enjoy your new home!



# Offers of Residence

Students applying directly from high school and aged 21 or younger are guaranteed a traditional double room in Kananaskis or Rundle Hall. Applicants can select one preferred room type, if they would prefer to live in a different room type other than a traditional double. Those that would prefer a different room type will be put into a lottery based on their room preference. Applicants that win the lottery will be offered housing for that room type. Those that did not win the lottery will be offered the guaranteed traditional double and be placed on a waitlist for their preferred room type, based on their lottery number.

## Roommates

Living with roommates is a big part of university life. Residents can select their own roommate through the Roommate Preference step of their application. Applicants must request each other and be offered the same room type to be placed together.

- **Search by name:** Enter your friend's name to send a request
- **Find a match:** Complete the personal details questionnaire to see suggested profiles



The personal details questionnaire will ask about your study habits, sleep schedule, cleanliness and other important characteristics to ensure you're matched with someone who shares similar traits. **We highly recommend that students fill out the questionnaire themselves to find their best match.**

If you don't have a roommate in mind, browse for matches in June!



More info about spring and summer



## Stay in Residence for Spring and Summer

First-year students can continue to live in Residence for the spring and summer. As long as they are enrolled at UCalgary for the upcoming Fall Term, they can stay in Residence from May to August.

Living in Residence throughout the spring and summer offers flexibility, convenience and a built-in community. All-inclusive Residence pricing means there's no need to worry about setting up utilities, Wi-Fi, furniture or tenant insurance. Plus, residents will have a community of friends right outside their door. Our Residence staff are always around to offer support, making sure residents have everything they need for a great summer on campus.

Spring and summer residents enrolled in classes can access Active Living facilities like the fitness centre, pool, racquet centre and climbing centre. Residents not enrolled in classes may purchase a membership at a special reduced rate for the spring and summer.

## Summer Residence Events

The Residence Experience Team keeps the fun going all summer long with events and adventures for residents. Past events have included:

- Hiking trips to the Rocky Mountains
- Attending professional sporting games
- Canoeing
- Trips to Drumheller and the Alberta Badlands
- Stampede Breakfast



## Summer Activities in Calgary

Living in Residence means being right in the heart of everything Calgary has to offer during the summer. Spend the days:

- Exploring the city
- Floating down the Bow or Elbow Rivers
- Checking out music festivals like Country Thunder or Chasing Summer
- And of course, there's the Calgary Stampede! Experience concerts, rodeos and festival rides at the Midway



# Parking at Residence

There are parking options available for residents with limited spots right outside some Residence buildings. Residence parking permits can be purchased online through the parking portal or in-person at the Campus Service Centre. Residence parking permit sales typically open in August.

**Residents can purchase permits in the following lots:**

- Residence Art Parkade
- Residence Lot 2
- Residence Lot 49
- Residence Lot 65

**Find parking**



**Parking rates**





# Move-In Day

Move-in day is the most exciting day of the year, as it's the first time residents get to step foot into their new home.

Residents will check in with one of our staff to receive their keys and then they can begin moving their belongings into their new home! New residents will get a chance to explore their building, meet their floor CA and potentially their new roommate!

Move-in day kicks off a two-week program of Residence welcome activities such as:

- Dodgeball tournament
- BBQ
- Campfire social
- Speed friending
- Skating at the Olympic Oval
- Outdoor movie night
- Dinos football kick-off
- And much more!

# Residence Rates

Residence fees cover everything needed for a seamless university experience. All-inclusive Residence pricing includes fully furnished rooms, utilities, Wi-Fi and tenant insurance.

**More information about Residence rates here!**



Residence fees are due on the same day as tuition fees. The payment deadlines for the academic term are in September and January (start of each semester). The preferred method of payment is through online banking with a Canadian bank account. Residents who do not have a Canadian bank account can pay their fees through international payment options.

**More information about payments here!**





# 2025/2026 First-Year Residence Cost Comparison

University	8 Month Academic Term Trad Double Furnished Includes 7 - Day mandatory meal plan fee	8 Month Academic Term Trad Single Furnished Includes 7 - Day mandatory meal plan fee	Utilities Included: heat, water, electricity, internet	Tenant Insurance Included	8 Month Academic Term Food Included
<b>UCalgary</b>	<b>\$10,157</b>	<b>\$14,094</b>	✓	✓	✓
University of Alberta	\$14,199	\$16,593	✓	✓	✓
University of Manitoba	\$11,927 - \$12,005	\$14,327 - \$14,451	✓	✓	✓
University of Ottawa	\$16,025	\$18,123	✓	✓	✓
Western University	\$17,250 - \$17,430	\$18,000 - \$18,230	✓	✓	✓
<sup>1</sup> McGill University	\$15,920 - \$17,240	\$17,120 - \$18,240	✓	✗	✓
Dalhousie University	\$14,869 - \$15,068	\$16,088 - \$17,580	✓	✗	✓
<sup>2</sup> Off-Campus Calgary	2 bedroom apt. \$7,712 - 8 mos. (\$964/mo.) per person	1 bedroom apt. \$12,704 - 8 mos. (\$1,588/mo.) per person	✗	✗	✗

UCalgary offers a 5-day meal plan, an option not available at every university. Included in the table is the 7-day plan, but if students chose a 5-day plan it would reduce the cost.

<sup>1</sup>McGill University has a one time One Card fee \$500 not included in fees

<sup>2</sup>Rental data taken from rentals.ca/calgary in April 2025

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