

Aboriginal Student Admissions Policy

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Approval Authority General Faculties Council	
Implementation Authority Provost and Vice-President (Academic)	
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- 1 Purpose** The purpose of this policy is to ensure equitable access for Aboriginal Students to undergraduate degree programs at the University of Calgary.
- 2 Scope** This policy applies to individuals who are applying to become a Student at the University of Calgary and to current Students submitting Change of Program requests.
- 3 Definitions** In this policy:
- a) “Aboriginal Person” means a member of an Indian/First Nation, Métis or Inuit community. Indian/First Nation includes “Status”, “Treaty”, or “Registered” Indians as well as “Non-Status”, and “Non-Treaty” Indians. An individual who is not included in this definition but who wishes to self-declare should present documentation and/or evidence of community recognition to the Aboriginal Student Policy Standing Committee of the University of Calgary.
 - b) “Applicant” means a person who is in the process of applying to become a Student at the University.
 - c) “Student” means a person registered in coursework or in a degree program while working for academic credit.
 - d) “University” means the University of Calgary.
- 4 Policy Statement**
- 4.1** Applicants seeking admission under this policy must be an Aboriginal Person in Canada as defined by the University of Calgary’s Aboriginal Student Policy Standing Committee.
- 4.2** Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a) meet the minimum admission requirements as specified in the University of Calgary Calendar;
- b) have met the University of Calgary English Language Proficiency requirement; and
- c) be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.

- 4.3** Applicants may be considered under this policy for their first program choice.
- 4.4** Applicants may apply under either the Aboriginal Admission Policy or the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy.
- 4.5** Submission of the required application information does not guarantee admission.
- 4.6** Admission decisions under this policy are final and cannot be appealed.
- 4.7** Applicants to the Law (LLB) and Medicine (MD) faculties, or students who have previously been required to withdraw, are not eligible for consideration under this policy.
- 4.8** Applicants may not be considered for admission to some programs or faculties under the Aboriginal Admission Policy as per program or faculty requirements.
- 4.9** Applicants who are not granted admission under the Aboriginal Admission Policy will be considered for admission under regular competitive admission standards.

5 Responsibilities

- 5.1** Approval Authority
 - a) ensure appropriate rigour and due diligence in the development or revision of this policy and related procedures.
- 5.2** Implementation Authority
 - a) ensure that University faculty and staff are aware of and understand this policy and related procedures;
 - b) monitor implementation and administration of this policy;
 - c) monitor compliance with this policy and related procedures;
 - d) sponsor the revision of this policy and related procedures when necessary.

6 Related Information [Writing Symbols Lodge](#)

7 History

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| January 12, 1989 | Approved (322 mtg of GFC). The policy was known variously as the Aboriginal Student Admission Policy and the Affirmative Action for Disadvantaged Groups Admission Policy and seen as an exception to the Controlled Growth Policy. |
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