Indigenous viewbook
for fall 2023 applicants
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 Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3.

Watch Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Traditional Knowledge Keeper in Residence at UCalgary, share why territorial acknowledgements are important.

“The support I’ve received at the University of Calgary has helped me understand how I learn as an individual, which has made me a better and more successful student.”

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Learn about our Indigenous Strategy, li’ taa’poh’to’p, at: ucalgary.ca/indigenous

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Your city, your university

--- CALGARY ---

Home to more than 33,000 Indigenous residents
In the province with Canada’s 3rd largest Indigenous population
Annual events like Elbow River Camp during the Stampede
8 Indigenous languages spoken
The Siksikatsitapi Medicine Wheel located in Nose Hill Park

--- UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY ---

More than 1,100 self-identified Indigenous students
More than 260 self-identified Indigenous graduates annually
Campfire Chats event on National Indigenous Peoples Day
Monthly ceremonies for Indigenous students
2,700 self-identified UCalgary alumni worldwide

The UCalgary tipi, which features cultural symbols from UCalgary’s Indigenous Strategy, ii’ taa’poh’to’p, is set up on campus for many special occasions.

Life as a UCalgary student

Meet Tessa Wolfleg, an International Indigenous Studies student, and hear about her experiences at UCalgary.

Find this video and more on our Choose UCalgary YouTube channel. CLICK HERE
Pathways to university

UCalgary has dedicated admission pathways for Indigenous learners. If you self-identify as Indigenous on your initial application, you will first be considered under our general admission process. Then, if needed, you will automatically be considered for the following pathways.

General Admission
For high school applicants, each program has five courses required for admission. These are used to calculate your admission average. See the courses required for each program, as well as an estimated competitive admission average, by selecting a program from our Explore Programs page:
ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/explore-programs

Indigenous Admission Process
If you meet admission course requirements but are below the competitive admission average, you can be considered if you are within 10% (0.5 GPA for transfer students) of the annual admission average. A minimum of a 70% admission average (2.0 GPA for transfer students) is required.

Indigenous Supplementary Process
Students who submit a personal statement and any faculty-specific supplemental requirements are considered for admission by a faculty-specific admission committee. Bridging programs to prepare students who don’t meet the course requirements are available for some programs.

Indigenous Student Access Program (ISAP)
This one-year program provides an alternative admission route into your desired program. You’ll take mandatory first-year classes as well as classes relevant to your target degree program. (Courses may apply toward degree programs.)

Additional admission pathways

MATURE STUDENTS
You are eligible if you meet these criteria:
21 or older Canadian citizen or permanent resident Completed 12 or fewer post-secondary academic units (4 courses)
(As a mature student, you are evaluated through general admission and, if needed, through the adult admission process, which has fewer required courses for some programs.)
ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements

TRANSFER STUDENTS
If you have completed 12 or more post-secondary academic units, you’ll be considered for admission based on your post-secondary academic standing.
(Some programs may also require you to complete, or be in the process of completing, specific course requirements at the high school and/or post-secondary level.)
ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements

DIVERSE QUALIFICATIONS
To be eligible, you need to demonstrate:
Excellence in non-academic areas High potential in academic or research activities Perseverance under great difficulty or hardship
Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/diverse-qualifications

Questions? Connect with our Indigenous Student Recruitment Team: indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca
Financial awards

Awards for Indigenous students

You apply to high school awards prior to university and to continuing awards each summer after your first year. As part of submitting UCalgary’s standard award application, you may be considered for several awards specific to Indigenous students. Examples include:

- **Writing Symbols Lodge Award**
  - $10,500 (renewable in 2nd, 3rd and 4th year)
  - High school award
  - Based on academic merit

- **Métis Scholar Entrance Award**
  - $5,000
  - High school award
  - Awarded to a Métis student

- **Elizabeth and Walter Fairey Bursary**
  - Up to $4,500
  - Continuing award
  - Preference given to a single parent

- **Ellen McNeil Hamilton Bursary**
  - Up to $3,000
  - Continuing award
  - Past extracurricular activities required

**WHEN AND HOW TO APPLY**

You can apply for awards as soon as you’ve submitted your application for admission.

Learn about awards and how to apply

ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries/indigenous-awards

Your home on campus

As the hub of Indigenous life on campus, **Writing Symbols Lodge** helps students succeed by providing a variety of services, facilities, programs and events. Learn more: ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols

- **Cultural events**
  - Pipe ceremonies
  - Workshops
  - Indigenous Awareness Week
  - Tea ceremonies
  - Social gatherings

- **Student facilities**
  - Computer and printing lab
  - Study spaces
  - Indigenous Student Circle office
  - The Red Lodge Student Lounge
  - Ceremonial room

- **Student leadership opportunities**
  - Student employment
  - Volunteer opportunities
  - Mentorship opportunities

- **Graduation celebration**
  - Indigenous graduation ceremony
  - Ceremonial items gifted to graduates

- **Academic support and community building**
  - Cultural crafting
  - Program advising
  - Connections to Traditional Knowledge Keepers
  - Language cafés

- **Tiya Dagumisasriy**
  - Indigenous Student Success & Engagement Program

“**I entered UCalgary having barely graduated high school, convinced that it would be nearly impossible for me to ever become a post-secondary student. Through the incredible support of the alternate pathways program based out of Writing Symbols Lodge, the Indigenous Student Access Program, I became equipped to excel throughout my time at UCalgary.**”

**JER** (pictured left)

**“Listen to a podcast episode about Indigenous student experiences and support at UCalgary”**

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We want to meet you!

Your Indigenous Student Recruitment Team
We’re here to help you every step of the way. Here are some ways we can support you:

- Learn more about UCalgary
- Ask any questions you have
- Receive personalized support with the application process
- Get help making your education plan
- Book an appointment today! [CLICK HERE]

Ways to explore UCalgary

**Attend an in-person or virtual event**
Join us online or in person for events such as Open House, Faculty Information Nights and webinars about admissions, financial aid and awards.

We also record all of our webinars so you can listen to them anytime on our [Choose UCalgary YouTube channel](http://example.com).

Pre-register for an event today!
[CLICK HERE]

**Take an in-person or virtual campus tour**
We have daily in-person and weekly virtual tours – including a tour that highlights Indigenous culture and community on campus. Tours include the option to speak with an advisor about programs and admission requirements. Our virtual tour is found on our [Future Students Facebook page](http://example.com) and includes live chat with an advisor.

Pre-register for an upcoming tour today
[CLICK HERE]

Visit our Indigenous student page:
[ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous](http://example.com)

This book features cover art by local artist BB Iskwew (Kayla Bellerose), a fine arts graduate from UCalgary.

“For me, being a student away from home and my family helped me with my independence but also came with many challenges – like feeling isolated at times and missing my support system. I’m grateful I was able to join initiatives at the Writing Symbols Lodge such as meaningful employment with the Otahpiimisskaan Indigenous Youth Leadership Program when I was a student at UCalgary. I was able to find a sense of community and friends that felt like family support.”

KAYLA

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