Indigenous viewbook
for fall 2024 applicants
The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut’ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3.

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

Hear a message from Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Traditional Knowledge Keeper in Residence at UCalgary.

"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."

TAPISA, FACULTY OF ARTS
(she/her)
Your province, your city, your university

ALBERTA

Home to 8 Métis settlements and the Métis Nation of Alberta

Comprised of Treaties 6, 7 and 8

CALGARY

Home to the 3rd largest Indigenous population in Canada

Home to more than 41,300 Indigenous residents

Calgary has the 5th largest Indigenous population in Canada

Annual events like Elbow River Camp during the Stampede

The Siksikaisitapi Medicine Wheel located in Nose Hill Park

Life as a UCalgary student

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

Find this video and more on our Choose UCalgary YouTube channel.

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

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

More than 1,200 self-identified Indigenous students

More than 320 self-identified Indigenous graduates annually

Multiple Indigenous student clubs and communities

Monthly ceremonies and events for students

2,900 self-identified UCalgary alumni worldwide
**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. You will be asked to submit documentation to verify your Indigenous identity if it is required to support admission under a pathway process.

**Self-identify on your application** to receive additional supports and resources

- Admission process support
- Notifications about social or cultural events
- Academic advising
- Eligibility for Indigenous-specific financial awards

**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](http://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 (averages are program dependent). A minimum of a 70% admission average (2.0 GPA for transfer students) is required.

**Indigenous Admission Supplementary Process**

If you cannot be admitted to your desired program through the Indigenous Admissions Process, you can submit a personal statement along with faculty-specific supplemental requirements to be considered for admission by a faculty-specific admission committee.

**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.)

**ADMISSIONS**

**Bridging Programs**

If you do not meet the course requirements for your desired program, bridging programs offer foundation courses that can be taken concurrently with first-year courses. Students progress directly to their program after completion of required courses.

**Faculties with bridging programs:**

- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Science
- Schulich School of Engineering
- School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape

**ADDITIONAL ADMISSION PATHWAYS**

**EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE ADMISSION PROCESS**

We welcome and support applications from students from communities that experience social barriers, marginalization and systematic discrimination. This process acknowledges that students have diverse identities, backgrounds and experiences, and considers factors that may have impacted a student’s access. To be eligible, you must meet these criteria:

- Completed 12 or fewer post-secondary academic units (4 courses)
- 21 or older
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee
- ELA 30-1
- Personal statement
- 2 30-level required courses

(As an adult student, you are evaluated through general admission and, if needed, through the adult student admission process, which has fewer required courses for some programs.)

Learn more about applying as an Indigenous student: [ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous/admissions_process](http://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous/admissions_process)

Questions? Connect with our Indigenous Student Recruitment Team: [indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca](mailto:indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca)

**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.)

**ADULT STUDENT ADMISSION PROCESS**

You are eligible if you meet these criteria:

- 21 or older
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee
- Completed 12 or fewer post-secondary academic units (4 courses)

(As an adult student, you are evaluated through general admission and, if needed, through the adult student admission process, which has fewer required courses for some programs.)

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ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/equitable-inclusive
Financial awards

You apply to high school awards prior to university and to continuing awards each summer after your first year. Students who receive third party funding (such as band funding) are still eligible for awards. As part of submitting UCalgary’s standard award application, you may be considered for several awards specific to Indigenous students. Examples include:

### Awards for Indigenous students

**Indigenous Careers Award**
- **Amount:** $4,000
- **Type:** Continuing award
- **Eligibility:** Enrolment in undergraduate or professional program

**Ellen McNeil Hamilton Bursary**
- **Amount:** $4,000
- **Type:** Continuing award
- **Eligibility:** Past extracurricular activities required

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

**ll’ taq’poh’to’p Excellence Entrance Award**
- **Amount:** $10,000
- **Type:** High school award
- **Eligibility:** Based on academic merit and essay

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:

CLICK HERE
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.

CULTURAL EVENTS
- Pipe ceremonies
- Workshops
- Indigenous Awareness Week
- Tea ceremonies
- Social gatherings

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND STUDENT WELLBEING
- Cultural crafting
- Program advising
- Connections to Traditional Knowledge Keepers
- Language cafes

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

GRADUATION CELEBRATION
- Indigenous graduation ceremony
- Ceremonial items gifted to graduates

TIYA DAGUMISASRIY
(Indigenous Student Success & Engagement Program)
- Holistic approach to academic success
- Empowerment and self-development
- Academic and cultural guidance

“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, FACULTY OF ARTS (pictured left) (they/them)
Students who attend an Indigenous-specific event will qualify for an application fee waiver.

Learn more about UCalgary, Indigenous supports and resources

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Receive personalized support with the application process and Indigenous admission pathways

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

CONNECTING

We want to meet you!

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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.

All our webinars are recorded, so you can watch them anytime on our Choose UCalgary YouTube channel.

Pre-register for an event today

uclgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events

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 and includes live chat with an advisor.

Pre-register for an upcoming tour today

uclgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours

Visit our Indigenous student page:

uclgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous

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

The symbols included in the cover art represent Kayla’s experience and upbringing in the traditional territories of Southern Alberta and Treaty 7.

"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 UC Alger. I was able to find a sense of community and friends that felt like family support."

KAYLA, FACULTY OF ARTS (she/her)