Dear Student,

You made it! Congratulations on finishing this term, despite the unprecedented COVID-19 disruptions. It's now time to rest, relax and recharge.

There are a number of online events coming up, where you can connect with your peers and learn helpful information. Details are below.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to our team at international.advice@ucalgary.ca.

Stay well!

International Student Services

**Last day to apply: Student peer assistance bursary**

This program is designed to help undergraduate students with an unexpected financial burden or those who have more financial need than anticipated. Applicants must meet both financial need and academic eligibility requirements.

**Applications close today, April 29.** Learn more [here](#).

Important dates

- **April 30:** Winter term ends
IRCC update: Work regulations and new measures for international students

How this affects UCalgary students:

**Undergraduate** international students who were registered for full-time studies during the winter term and who will be registered full-time for fall 2020 are eligible to work full-time from May to August 2020. **Graduate** international students who are working in an essential service or function (some examples below) are able to work more than 20 hours a week from May to August 2020. This temporary rule change will be in place until **August 31, 2020**.

- Energy/utilities
- Information and communication technologies
- Finance
- Health
- Food
- Water
- Transportation
- Safety
- Government
- Manufacturing

Learn more [here](#) to determine eligibility.

**Resources**

**Canada Emergency Student Bursary (CESB)**

The Government of Canada announced plans to provide emergency financial support for students. At this time, the government has not released details about how to apply, when to apply, or what eligibility requirements may be in place for international students. When the government announces an official update, we will post details on our [ISS COVID-19 FAQ page](#).

**Tune in to the UCalgary COVIDcast**

UCalgary is inviting alumni, faculty and community experts for candid conversations about COVID-19. Hear about how it will impact our economy, ideas for a post-COVID future, the importance of exercise for our physical and mental wellbeing, and more. [Listen to the podcast](#).

**Fun for families: STEM activities**

Do you have young children at home? Minds in Motion has put together a weekly list of easy and engaging STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
activities to do in the comfort of your own residence. Check out the ten-week program [here](#).

**Remote Student and Enrolment Services support**

Even though you are at home, you can still access academic or cultural support, wellness resources, advising and other services from UCalgary. Visit this page for a full list of resources.

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**Permanent residence (PR) information session**

A Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC) will present basic information on PR pathways that may be available to you. This session is only available to current UCalgary degree-seeking students and recent graduates.

This session is **not** open to exchange students, visiting students, English language students (ESL and IFP Non-Degree) or foreign workers on campus.

**Date:** Wednesday, May 13  
**Time:** 9 – 11 a.m.  
**Location:** Zoom  
Register [here](#).

Students who have already attended a PR information session may book an individual advising appointment using the guidelines [here](#).

**Career Services support**

**Job search basics**

Want to learn about working in Canada, preparing for a job interview or connecting with other people?

**Date:** Thursday, April 30  
**Time:** 1 – 2:30 p.m.  
**Join URL:** [https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/99218760326](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/99218760326)

**Online webinar: How to write a Canadian resume and cover letter**

Learn common resume and cover letter structure, how to write accomplishment statements, how to analyze a job description and target your application documents when applying to jobs in Canada. You’ll also learn the importance of preparing and maintaining professional Canadian references and how you can use international references.
Drop-in career advising for international students

Looking for summer work, or need to plan your career path? A career development specialist can help you review your resume, cover letter, or help you prepare for an interview. They can also provide guidance and assessments to help you find a career you love.

**Date:** Every Tuesday  
**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Join URL:** [https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/623642211](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/623642211)

Online events

**Virtual Centro de Tertulia (Spanish Centre)**

Come practice Spanish in a fun atmosphere, and improve your language skills. All levels welcome.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 29 (today)  
**Time:** Noon – 1 p.m.  
**Join URL:** [https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/4032206677](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/4032206677)

**Online international conversation group: TED talks and discussion**

Listen to and participate in a TED talk presented by an SSC international program tutor.

**Date:** Thursday, April 30  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Register [here](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/4032206677)

**Online trivia with ISS**

Want to test your trivia knowledge and relax after the term ends? Drop-in and challenge yourself, your peers and learn something new while you're at it!
**Date:** Thursday, April 30  
**Time:** 4 – 6 p.m.  
**Join URL:** [https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/92494873376](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/92494873376)

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**Graduate students: Breakfast with the Dean**

This popular annual event is going virtual in 2020! Grab your coffee, tea, or juice and a breakfast of choice for a morning chat with [Dr. Robin Yates, the Dean and Vice-Provost of Graduate Studies](#). Dr. Yates will speak to some of the questions that students can submit ahead of time, as well as facilitate some interactive and engaging graduate community-building. Kids and pets are welcome!

**Date:** May 5  
**Time:** 9 – 10:20 a.m.  
Register [here](#).

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**Academic development: Personal statements**

Learn how to write a personal statement that makes you stand out on scholarship, internship or graduate/professional program applications.

**Date:** Friday, May 1  
**Time:** 10 – 11 a.m.  
Register [here](#).

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**Academic development: Awards, scholarships and funding opportunities**

Learn how to find major awards, and learn about the basic components of the application process.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5  
**Time:** 2 – 3 p.m.  
Register [here](#).
### Academic development: Getting good reference letters

Learn how to plan ahead for developing strong relationships with faculty and other mentors, how to ask for references and other important steps.

**Date:** Monday, May 11  
**Time:** Noon – 1 p.m.  
Register [here](#).

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### Bahá’í roundtable

Interested in learning more about Bahá’í faith perspectives and current world events? Join an upcoming Zoom session.

**Date:** Every Thursday and Friday, until May 21  
**Time:** 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Join URL:** [https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/510092260](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/510092260)

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### International Student Mentorship Program

ISS needs your help in introducing new international students to life at UCalgary this fall 2020 term. As a mentor, you can share your knowledge and experience while making new friends and gaining new perspectives.

[Click here](#) to apply as a volunteer international student mentor by **May 31**. Learn more about the program [here](#).

#### Mentorship testimonial

ISS mentor **Goundo Diarra** shares how mentoring new international students also contributed to her personal growth and development. [Read the article](#).
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