Dear Student,

Lunar New Year is just around the corner!

Want to join in on the festivities? The Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre is hosting festival activities Jan. 24 – 26, including a marketplace, food stalls, lantern display and live performances. Learn more.

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**Important dates and reminders**

**Jan. 23:** Last day to drop a class without financial penalty  
**Jan. 24:** Last day to add or swap a course  
**Jan. 31:** Tuition and fee payment deadline (unless you’ve arranged a payment plan); last day to make changes to your Students’ Union or Graduate Students’ Association health and dental plans

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**Upcoming events with ISS**

**Banff trip**

Take a getaway to the mountain town of Banff, Alberta. You can explore downtown Banff during the SnowDays festival and even have the opportunity to take the Banff Gondola up the Sulphur Mountain. The cost of the trip includes bus transportation; you'll need to pay an additional fee if
you wish to take the gondola. Don't forget to dress warm!

**Date:** Sunday, Jan. 26  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Meet at ISS (MSC 275); bus transport to Banff  
**Cost:** $45 (transportation only); $100 (transportation and gondola)

Registration through the ISS calendar in Careerlink

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### Permanent Residence (PR) information session

Our Permanent Residence Specialist will present basic information on PR pathways that may be available to you. Please note this session is only available to current UCalgary degree-seeking students and recent graduates.

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020  
**Time:** 9 – 11 a.m.  
**Location:** International Student Services (MSC 275)  
Register here.

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### Snow tubing at Winsport Tube Park

Join us for a day at the WinSport Tube Park! WinSport’s Tube Park is one of the fastest and the largest of its kind in Western Canada. This is a perfect activity to destress and have fun racing down the snowy slopes with new friends! The cost includes transportation and a tube park ticket at a discounted group rate. Don’t forget to dress warmly!

**Date:** Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020  
**Time:** noon – 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Meet at ISS (MSC 275); bus transport to the park  
**Cost:** $20  
Register through the ISS calendar in Careerlink

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### Career workshop: How to write a Canadian resume and cover letter

Planning on working while you study, or pursuing a career in Canada after graduation? This workshop
Upcoming events for students with children

Global Families and Minds in Motion: 
Virtual reality workshop with Google Expeditions

International students with children aged 8-10 are invited to attend this free interactive workshop for hands-on STEM learning! Children will have the opportunity to explore places like Mt. Everest and the Great Wall of China using virtual reality technology.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 29  
Time: 4:45 – 6 p.m.  
Location: Family Housing 300 Lounge  
Register here.

Resources for student partners and families: 
Information session

This session will provide an introduction to key campus and community resources that international students’ partners/spouses and families can access to help with settlement in Calgary.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 29  
Time: 5 – 6 p.m.  
Location: Family Housing 500 Lounge  
Register here.

Global Families: Rock climbing

Join the Global Families Program at the University of Calgary’s Outdoor Centre for some rock-climbing fun! This introductory workshop will go over basic belay and safety skills, leading into free time to explore the climbing walls. This event is open to parents and children of all ages. Remember to dress comfortably and bring running shoes!
Upcoming events around campus

MoneySmart: Workshops and financial planning support

Meet Toks Bakinson, Financial Support Advisor

Toks has more than 12 years of experience as a project management lead and 4 years teaching financial literacy programs. She has an MA in economics and an MBA, and is a registered Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA).

One-on-one financial planning support is available on Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Book an appointment here.

Irregular Income: Budgeting 101 Workshop (Jan. 30)

Learn how to manage your budget if you are an hourly, seasonal commissioned or contract employee, or even self-employed. Sign up here.

Call for submissions: International Mother Language Day

International Mother Language Day was established by UNESCO in 1999, to commemorate the 1948 movement to protect Bangla as an official language and commemorate the lives of those lost in protests in 1952. It honours the mother tongue of individuals worldwide and promotes linguistic and cultural diversity, as well as multilingualism.

To celebrate this year’s event, the Bangladeshi Students' Association of UCalgary are putting together a short video to highlight the history of International Mother Language Day and promote awareness of International Mother Language Day. The video will feature the voices of UCalgary’s diverse students and staff.

If you're interested, please record a short clip (1 sentence/statement) about what your mother tongue/language means to you. The video can be recorded on any device (phone, tablet, computer, etc.) in landscape format. The deadline to submit
the short video clip is Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020. Send your submission to Sadia Ahmed at sadahmed@ucalgary.ca.

Other news

**Academic support appointments in ISS**

Academic support in now being offered in International Student Services. Undergraduate and graduate international students from all faculties are invited to meet with academic development specialists from the Student Success Centre for help with:

- Academic improvement planning
- Learning support and study skills development
- Support with long-term academic planning and awards

To book an ISS Academic Support appointment:

1. Go to success.ucalgary.ca and log in with your UCID.
2. Select Student Success Centre followed by Academic Support from the left-hand menu.
3. Select Appointment Types and choose ISS Academic Support to see available appointments.

**Writers' Space at ISS**

The Student Success Centre (SSC) offers this supportive and collaborative environment for students to work on their papers and receive structured feedback from an experienced writing tutor. Students can drop in anytime between 1 and 3:30 p.m., every Wednesday until April 15. No registration required.

**Job opportunity**

The Globalink Research Internship team is hiring UCalgary students to work as Globalink Mentors this summer, supporting research interns in their internships in Canada. The position pays $20/hour and averages around five hours of work per week. Information and application instructions are available [here](#). Deadline to apply is Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020. Early applications are encouraged.

**WRC award nominations are open**

The Women's Resource Centre is now accepting nominations for the 2020 WRC Awards honouring UCalgary alumnae and current female undergraduate/graduate students.
Do you know someone who exhibits wisdom, resilience and compassion through:

- professional and/or academic excellence
- ability to overcome barriers and blaze a trail for women
- dedication to the community

Nominations close **Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020.** Learn more about the awards and the event [here](#).