



University position on statements

The University of Calgary is a research-intensive institution committed to discovery, creativity and innovation with aspirations for excellence, achievement and high academic standards. It is a place of diverse thought and vigorous debate. It is a place where scholars – exercising their academic freedom and right to free expression – raise and challenge ideas.

A university is not one voice, but many. When the institution speaks, it can shrink the space available for the speech of its members.

Accordingly, the University of Calgary's practice will be to only put out statements attributable to the University in the following circumstances:

- When they address matters directly related to the university's operations, including core academic and research functions.
- When the university has adopted a formal position on the matter through bicameral governance, including through pre-existing policies and institutional strategies.

The University of Calgary – and faculties, departments, councils, offices and other administrative units that make up the University – will not otherwise take positions or issue statements eg. on current events or contentious issues.

As per our [Statement on Free Expression](#):

“All members of the University have the right of free expression, which means the freedom to investigate, comment, listen, gather, challenge and critique subject to the law and, on our campuses, to University policies and procedures related to the functioning of the University...

It is for individuals, not the institution, to make those judgments for themselves and to act not by seeking to suppress speech, but by openly and vigorously contesting the ideas they oppose.”

While the University will refrain from taking positions or releasing statements, members of the university community remain free to do so.