

Bold choice **Bright future**

Indigenous Viewbook for fall 2022 applicants



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

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 the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. UCalgary is situated on land adjacent to where the Bow River meets the Elbow River, and the traditional Blackfoot name of this place is "Moh'kins'tsis," which we now call the City of Calgary.



The UCalgary tipi, which features cultural symbols from the UCalgary Indigenous Strategy, is sometimes set up on campus for special events.



Learn about UCalgary's Indigenous Strategy, ii' taa'poh'to'p, at: ucalgary.ca/indigenous-strategy

negna dágondih
 je aa haanach'e
 welcome
 kwékwé
 óki
 tânisi
 âba wathtech
 dânit'â-dâ
 edlânete-a
 boozhoo
 tawnshi
 aba washded
 ki?su?k kyukyit

fast facts

Calgary (Moh'kins'tsis)



HOME TO MORE THAN 33,000 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



8 INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN IN CALGARY



HOME OF THE ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE OF CALGARY



THE 3RD LARGEST INDIGENOUS POPULATION IN CANADA RESIDES IN ALBERTA



THE SIKSIKAITSI TAPI MEDICINE WHEEL IS LOCATED IN CALGARY'S NOSE HILL PARK

University of Calgary

3.2% OF THE STUDENT POPULATION (GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE) SELF-IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENOUS

1.21% OF CURRENT ACADEMIC STAFF SELF-IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENOUS

4 APPROVED PLACES ON CAMPUS FOR TIPIS

A university transforming

4500+ REGISTRANTS PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

460+ STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN CULTURAL WORKSHOPS HOSTED BY THE WRITING SYMBOLS LODGE

140+ STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATES PARTICIPATED IN THE INDIGENOUS RELATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM



In this video, The Story of Pandemics, our Traditional Knowledge Keeper shares valuable cultural wisdom about the power to heal and how parallel paths of Indigenous and western medicine can promote a good way of life.

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878

self-identified undergraduate Indigenous students

70+

Indigenous courses

265

self-identified Indigenous students graduated in 2020-21

Monthly

ceremonies for Indigenous students

Campfire Chats

on National Indigenous Peoples Day

Each year, Indigenous graduates are honoured at UCalgary's annual Indigenous graduation ceremony.

pathways to university

Indigenous admissions

The University of Calgary acknowledges and respects the rich diversity of learners and of their communities, cultures, traditions, aspirations and abilities. In order to ensure equitable access and successful participation for Indigenous learners, UCalgary offers a number of bridging/pathway options for eligible students of Indigenous ancestry, i.e., First Nations (status and non-status), Métis and Inuit.

Students will be considered under all pathways provided they:

1. are an Indigenous person of Canada — First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit; and
2. self-identify their Indigenous status in the application for admission.

Pathway options

Indigenous admissions process:

This pathway is for students who meet admission course requirements but are below the competitive admission average. These students may be considered up to 10 per cent (high school) or 0.3 GPA (transfer) below the annual admission average.

Indigenous admissions supplementary process:

This pathway is for students who don't meet course requirements.

Indigenous Student Access Program:

This one-year program provides an alternate access route. See page 7 for more details.

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Students admitted through a pathway option will be required to verify their Indigenous ancestry prior to course registration.

Learn more at: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous/admissions_process

If you're unsure which pathway is right for you, reach out to our Indigenous recruitment team at: indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca

High school

The general admission requirement for UCalgary is Alberta Grade 12 graduation, or equivalent, and the completion of English 30-1 and four other faculty-specific courses at the 30-level (or equivalent).

For more details, visit: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements

Transfer students

If you've attended an accredited/recognized post-secondary institution and have completed 12 or more academic units (four courses

or more), you'll be considered for admission on the basis of your post-secondary academic standing.

Visit our academic calendar at: ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-5-3

Adult students

You can be considered for admission as an adult student if you're 21 years of age or older and have completed fewer than 12 units (fewer than four courses) of post-secondary study.

Visit our academic calendar at: ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-5-4

Diverse qualifications admissions process

If you've achieved excellence outside your academics or have overcome significant hardships, you may seek admission under the diverse qualifications admission process.

To learn more, visit: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/diverse-qualifications



why you should self-identify on your application

1 Receive support through the admission process

2 Benefit from academic advising and referrals

3 Get notified about cultural and social activities for Indigenous students

4 Gain eligibility to apply for Indigenous-specific scholarships, bursaries and awards

Indigenous Student Access Program (ISAP)

This one-year cohort-based program offers Indigenous students an alternate access route to gain admission to their desired program or additional supports as they transition to university studies. The cohort model helps build a sense of community and supports students with developing peer-to-peer relationships.

In this program, students take a combination of mandatory first-year university classes and classes relevant to their target degree programs. Courses taken in ISAP apply toward credit in degree programs.

Start your studies with support

ISAP equips students to learn by providing comprehensive supports, such as one-on-one academic advising, cultural workshops, leadership training and tutorials. Students are required to attend regularly-scheduled sessions in Writing Symbols Lodge to help them build academic skills, effective study habits and connections with mentors, Elders and other students. Questions can be directed at the ISAP coordinator at: isap@ucalgary.ca

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The Cultural Resource Room in the Writing Symbols Lodge is a space for students to smudge, pray and partake in any ceremonial practices.



Writing Symbols Lodge

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

Cultural events are offered throughout the school year and include pipe ceremonies, workshops, Indigenous Awareness Week, tea ceremonies, social gatherings and more.

Graduation celebration

Indigenous graduates participate in a traditional powwow that includes a Circle of Honour, where graduates are celebrated and receive ceremonial gifts.

Indigenous student leadership opportunities

Student employment, volunteer, mentorship and advisory opportunities are available.

Student facilities

Access a computer lab with a printer, the Indigenous Students' Council office, the

Red Lodge Student Lounge, study space and a ceremonial room.

Student success, academic support and community building

Our programs and events are designed to support your academic and cultural needs. Examples include cultural crafting, pet therapy, connections to Traditional Knowledge Keepers, language cafés and more.

Tiya Dagumisariy

The Indigenous Student Success and Engagement Program (pronounced Tee-ah Koo-mah-suss-tih) encompasses a holistic approach to academic success, empowerment and self-development by providing academic and cultural guidance to Indigenous students.

For more information, visit:
ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols
[@wslucalgary](https://www.instagram.com/wslucalgary)



AUSTIN BERCIER,
Schulich School of
Engineering and Haskayne
School of Business

Austin is completing his third industry internship and is currently working for an engineering consulting firm. He belongs to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

"Being a student at UCalgary has given me opportunities to make new friends and experience the world from a different point of view."

finance your education



\$1.6M+ in scholarships, bursaries and awards funding went to UCalgary's Indigenous students in 2020-21

Awards for Indigenous students

Over \$17+ million in scholarships, bursaries and awards are available annually to all students. UCalgary offers many that are specific to Indigenous students. Examples include:

Writing Symbols Lodge Award

VALUE: \$10,000

Award eligibility:

- Offered to a Canadian Indigenous undergraduate student entering any faculty
- Renewable in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, provided the recipient maintains enrolment and achieves a minimum GPA of 2.6 over a minimum of 24 units in the previous fall and winter terms
- Based on academic merit

Métis Scholars Entrance Award

VALUE: UP TO \$5,000

Award eligibility:

- Must be a Métis student and a resident of Alberta
- Offered annually to a continuing undergraduate student in any faculty
- Requires submission of a short essay that outlines reasons for the chosen field of study, how a Métis Scholars Entrance Award will impact the applicant's journey towards education and career objectives, and how the applicant is involved in the Métis community

Elizabeth and Walter Fairey Bursary

VALUE: UP TO \$4,500

Award eligibility:

- Offered annually to a continuing undergraduate student in any faculty
- Must be a Canadian Indigenous student
- Preference given to a single parent

Ellen McNeil Hamilton Bursary

VALUE: UP TO \$3,000

Award eligibility:

- Offered annually to a continuing undergraduate student in any faculty
- Must be a Canadian Indigenous student
- Need to have taken part in extra-curricular activities

Note: Awards have specific eligibility criteria that may not be listed.

Applying for scholarships, bursaries and awards

By applying for admission, you're automatically considered for entrance awards. UCalgary also offers prestige awards and high school entrance awards, which you need to apply for through your Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca).

For detailed information on applying for our high school scholarships, bursaries and awards, visit: ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries/indigenous-awards

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If you have questions about awards, email: ucawards@ucalgary.ca

we would love to meet you

Visit campus

The best way to get to know your future campus is by experiencing it on a campus tour. By request, we offer a tour for future Indigenous students and their guests, which is led by current students and is focused on storytelling. It offers details about Indigenous culture and community on campus. All campus tours conclude with the option to speak with an advisor to explore programs and admission requirements.

For more information on our Indigenous student tours, email: tours@ucalgary.ca

Connect with our Indigenous recruitment team

UCalgary has a dedicated recruitment team to support Indigenous applicants.

You can connect with them today by emailing: indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca

Explore campus virtually

See what campus and the surrounding area is like with our 360-degree photo tours. Explore our classrooms, student services, athletic facilities and more.






Take a photo tour at: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours-events

Join our mailing list

To learn more about our campus community, join our mailing list. You'll be able to request more information, find out when we'll be visiting a town or city near you and receive important details and reminders.

To sign-up today, visit: ucalgary.ca/registrar/future-students/connect

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Specific admission support is available to Indigenous learners.

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Michael survived a traumatic brain injury in his first year but returned to school with support from the university. His Indigenous ancestry is Plains Cree.

"I chose to compete in various healthcare innovation competitions sponsored by the university. These competitions allowed me to bring real solutions to the world, from rehabilitation and exercise for seniors to innovative COVID-care solutions."

MICHAEL FRANCIS

Schulich School of Engineering

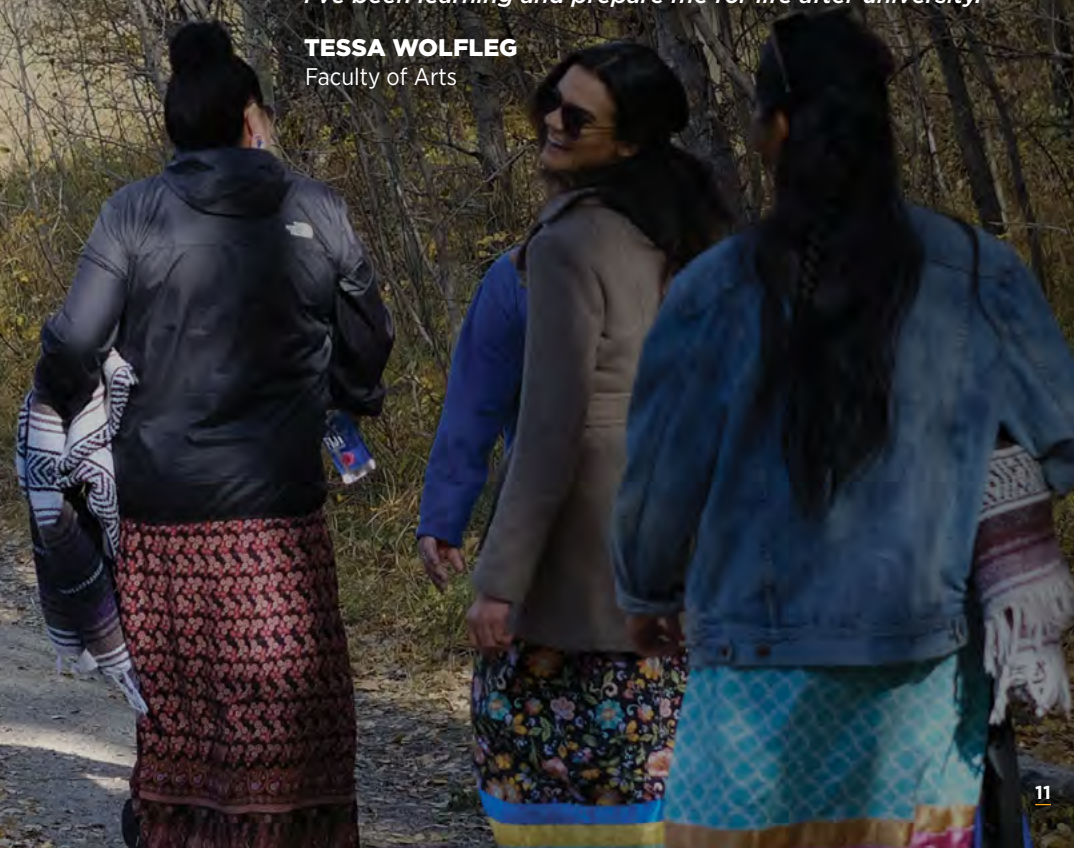


Tessa is a third-year International Indigenous Studies student with a minor in Psychology. Her Indigenous ancestry is Niitsitapi (Blackfoot). Tessa has worked with the Indigenous Summer Student Program for the last two years. She helped create a virtual plant guide her first year, and has recently been working with Indigenous youth on Stoney Nakoda in a program that explores culture and science through land-based teaching.

"I've been lucky to have had a multitude of experiences outside of my regular classes that'll help me build on what I've been learning and prepare me for life after university."

TESSA WOLFLEG

Faculty of Arts



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