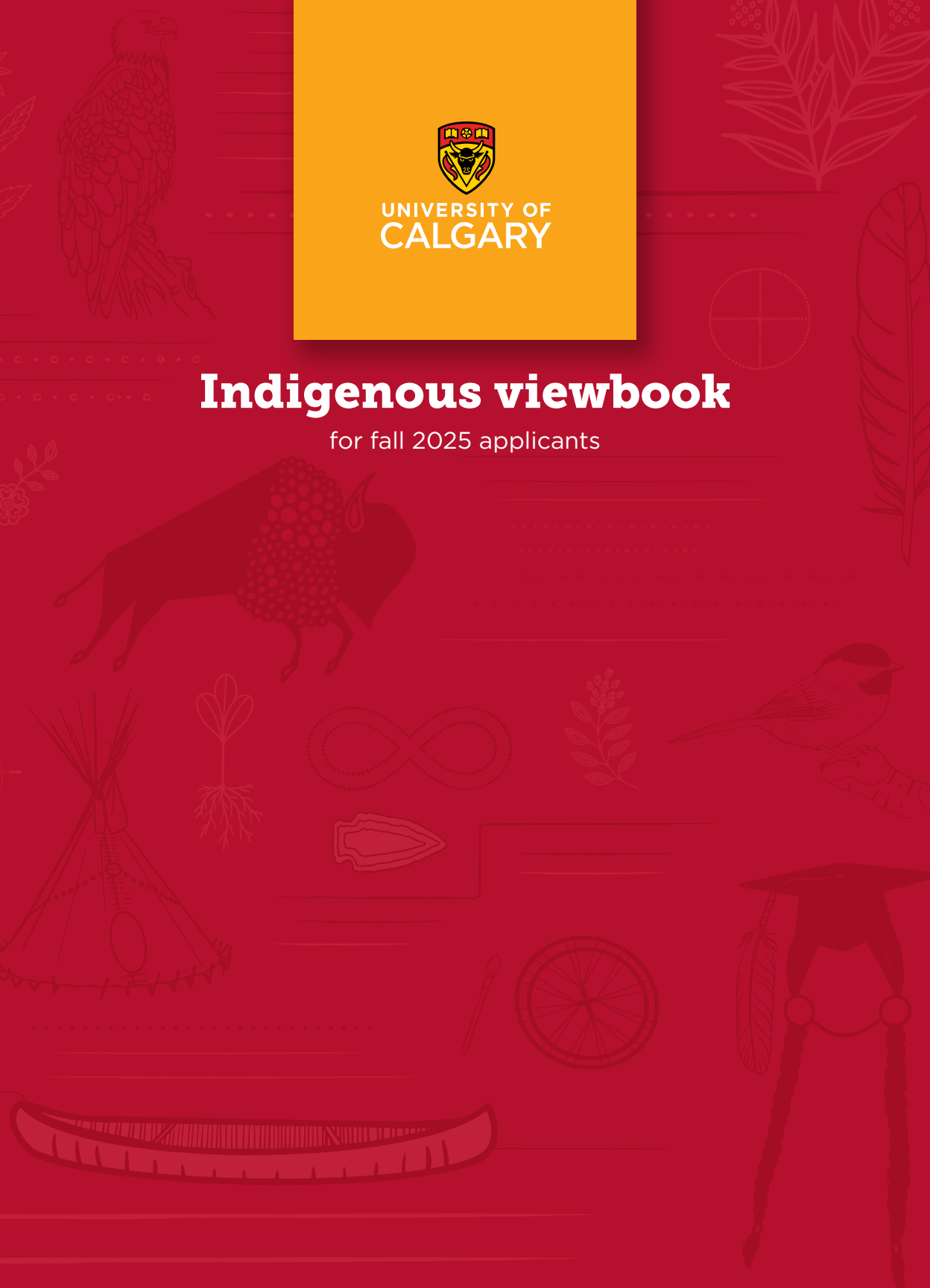




UNIVERSITY OF
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Indigenous viewbook

for fall 2025 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 (Districts 5 and 6).



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

Hear a message from Piikani Elder Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Hon. LLD'01, Cultural Advisor at UCalgary.



welcome
negha dágondih
je aa haanach'e
kwékwé
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tânisi
âba wathtech
dàní'tā-dà
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aba washded
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"The University of Calgary supports and champions their students for success. Their resources and student support network has helped me feel confident in myself as a student and my future career prospects. They have helped me set up my future for attainable success."

CANDACE AIRHART, FACULTY OF ARTS
(she/her)

Your province, your city, your university

ALBERTA



Home to 8 Métis settlements and the Otipemisiwak Métis Government (Métis Nation of Alberta)



6.5% of the population in Alberta is Indigenous



Comprised of Treaties 6, 7 and 8



8 Indigenous languages spoken

CALGARY



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 Siksikaitsitapi Medicine Wheel located in Nose Hill Park



Indigenous graduation ceremony held annually on campus in the Spring.



In alignment with *ii' taa'poh'to'p*, the University's Indigenous Strategy, numerous events and ceremonies are held on campus throughout the year.



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY



More than 1,300 self-identified Indigenous students



More than 320 self-identified Indigenous graduates annually



Multiple Indigenous student clubs and communities



Monthly ceremonies and events for students



3,400 self-identified UCalgary alumni worldwide

Life as a UCalgary student

Meet Lonnie (he/him), a current Indigenous student at UCalgary and a Wayfinder with Ótáp ímisskaan: The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. Listen to how Indigenous students can get involved with the program.

Subscribe to the Choose UCalgary podcast on Apple, Spotify, or Soundcloud today.

[CLICK HERE](#)



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 citizenship/membership 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

PATHWAY
1

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.

PATHWAY
2

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.

PATHWAY
3

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 Indigenous bridging programs:

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

Faculties with bridging programs:

- Werklund School of Education - Community Based

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 before applying to an undergraduate program.

(Courses may apply toward degree programs.)

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:

- ELA 30-1 + Two 30-level required courses + Personal statement
- Canadian citizenship, permanent resident or refugee status

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

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.)

Learn more about applying as an Indigenous student

[CLICK HERE](#)

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous/admissions_process

Questions? Connect with our Indigenous Student Recruitment Team: indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca

ADULT STUDENT ADMISSION PROCESS

You are eligible if you meet these criteria:

- 21 or older + Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee + Completed fewer than 12 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.)

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements

Financial awards

\$20M+

Total scholarships, bursaries and awards available annually

\$2M+

Scholarships, bursaries and awards disbursed to Indigenous students last year

25%

Entering Indigenous students who receive a scholarship or award



Awards for Indigenous students

The University of Calgary offers both high school awards and continuing 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:

ii' taa'poh'to'p Excellence Entrance Award

\$10,000

High school award

Based on academic merit and essay

Métis Scholar Entrance Award

\$5,000

High school award

Awarded to Métis students

Indigenous Careers Award

\$4,000

Continuing award

Enrolment in undergraduate or professional program

Ellen McNeil Hamilton Bursary

Up to \$3,000

Continuing award

Past extracurricular activities required

Each award is granted to multiple recipients

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

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Student employment
- Volunteer opportunities
- Mentorship opportunities

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND STUDENT WELLBEING

- Cultural crafting
- Program advising
- Connections to Traditional Knowledge Keepers
- Language cafés

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

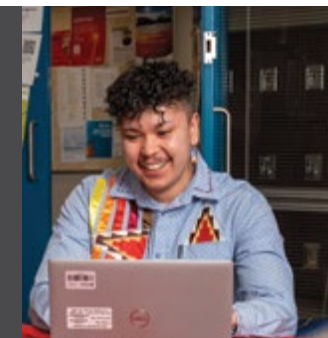
TIYA DAGUMISASRIY (Indigenous Student Success & Engagement Program)

- Holistic approach to academic success
- Empowerment and self-development
- Academic and cultural guidance

"My advice to prospective Indigenous students is: don't be too shy to explore the Writing Symbols Lodge. Even if you don't know anyone, come and sit down, and if you're alone, I'll come say hi! We have a supportive group of Indigenous students from across Canada, at UCalgary and it's a place to seek help when you need it because we cannot go through life alone."

JOSH CAMPIOU, FACULTY OF ARTS (he/him)

Mahkesiw e-nimihitot is Josh's traditional name, meaning **dancing fox**



Learn more:
ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols

[CLICK HERE](#)

We want to meet you!

Your Indigenous Student Recruitment Team

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

	<p> Learn more about UCalgary, Indigenous supports and resources</p>	<p> Ask any questions you have</p>
	<p> Receive personalized support with the application process and Indigenous admission pathways</p>	<p>Book an appointment today! CLICK HERE</p>
	<p> Students who attend an Indigenous-specific event will qualify for an application fee waiver</p>	<p> Email: indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca  Phone: 403.220.6912</p>

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

ucalgary.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

[CLICK HERE](#)

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours

Visit our Indigenous student page:

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous



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

KAYLA, FACULTY OF ARTS
(she/her)

