Our university

The University of Calgary is one of Canada’s top comprehensive research universities, combining the best of university tradition with the city of Calgary’s vibrant energy and diversity. UCalgary’s main campus occupies a beautiful setting with a view of the Rocky Mountains, covering more than 200 hectares — an area larger than Calgary’s entire downtown.

Our city

- 4th largest city in Canada*
- #3 most diverse city in Canada*
- #1 most liveable city in North America — #5 worldwide**
- Youngest population of major cities in Canada*
- #3 educational attainment in Canada*
- Largest urban pathway network in North America*
- Highest concentration of corporate head offices per capita in Canada*
- Home to Canada’s National Music Centre and the internationally renowned Calgary Stampede
- Most patents per capita in Canada***
- Energy capital of Canada and global finance hub

STARS Gold
from Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education — #2 in Canada (as of March 2019)

Exceptional Facilities

- Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning
  The first building in Canada dedicated solely to improving post-secondary teaching and learning
- Olympic Oval
  Home to the fastest ice in the world
- International Microbiome Centre
  A translational research centre, unique in Canada, to study the microbiome and its impact on human and animal health
- W.A. Ranches
  19,000 acres of working cattle ranch that will anchor a world-class teaching, learning and research facility
- MacKinnie Tower
  The newly redeveloped MacKinnie Tower will be one of the most energy efficient buildings on a Canadian post-secondary campus, and along with the new MacKinnie link and block will strive to be net carbon neutral

1,800+ academic staff actively engaged in research, scholarship and teaching

3,200+ non-academic staff focused on operating the institution and delivering against our core mandate

5 campuses
14 faculties
33,000+ students
26,000+ undergraduate students
6,000+ graduate students

5 +
6,000+

TOP 200 universities worldwide (Academic Ranking of World Universities [Shanghai Ranking Consultancy], Center for World University Rankings, 2018)

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* Calgary Economic Development
** Global Liveability Ranking, The Economist Intelligence Unit
*** C.D. Howe Institute, 2018
Our teaching and learning

250+ programs
- 7.8 million items in library collections
- 18 Rhodes scholars to date
- Undergraduate research opportunities
- Entrepreneurial courses for all students
- Community-based learning programs
- UCalgaryStrong student wellness initiative

Unique programs
- Dance-Kinesiology degree
- Law and Society program
- Global Energy Executive MBA
- International Energy Lawyers program
- Sustainable Energy Development degree

95% undergraduate retention rate (2017-18)
78% 'Good' or 'excellent' 1st year student satisfaction (2016-17)
94.1% UCalgary graduate employment rate (2017-18)
80.4% of employed grads working in fields related to discipline (2017-18)

Our research and scholarship

513 postdoctoral scholars (2018-19)
$487.8 million sponsored research funding (2018-19)
360 new inventions & innovations (2018-19, 3-year running total)
Top 6 in research performance, European Centre for Science and Technology, Leiden

Focused on six global priority areas:
- Energy innovations for today and tomorrow
- Human dynamics in a changing world
- Engineering solutions for health
- New Earth-space technologies
- Infections, inflammation and chronic diseases
- Brain and mental health

UCalgary also supports two emerging cross-cutting research areas:
- Child health and wellness
- One Health

Home of the Dinos

- 500 student-athletes compete on varsity teams each year
- 1,800+ Dinos student-athletes have earned Academic All-Canadian status since the program launched in 1990, among the top 5 totals nationally
- Since 1976, Dinos student-athletes have brought home 14 Olympic and Paralympic medals (6 gold, 3 silver, 5 bronze)

2/3 of our graduates live or work in the Calgary area, helping drive the economy forward and building our city

191,000+ alumni, including the former Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper, former astronaut Robert Thirsk and current Mayor of Calgary Jyoti Gondek

$1.41 billion raised during Energize: The Campaign for Eyes High, the third-largest successfully completed fundraising campaign in Canadian history.