

OVERVIEW

Sponsorship:

University of Calgary International, and Global Skills Opportunity through Employment and Social Development Canada

The 2024 Global Access Fund supports students participating in UCalgary Global Learning programs abroad during the following semesters: Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Fall 2024 and Winter 2025.

APPLICATION START: Monday, October 10, 2023

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sunday, October 22, 2023

GLOBAL ACCESS FUND:

University of Calgary International aims to make global learning experiences accessible to every undergraduate student. The Global Access Fund has been established to help address barriers experienced by groups underrepresented in global learning experiences. With a wide range of opportunities available, including programs from 10 days to 1 year in length, our goal is to help you find a program that not only aligns with your personal & academic goals but with your financial and accessibility needs as well. Economically low-income students, first-in-family to attend university, Indigenous, LGBTQ2S+ students, students with disabilities and visible/racialized minority students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Funding First! The Global Access Fund is unique in that students apply for this funding prior to submitting their study abroad program application. Results will be announced in advance of study abroad program application deadlines so that the funding can be applied toward any up-front program costs.

Grant Amount:

- The Global Access fund is valued at a minimum of \$5,500.00 CAD
- Up to 35 Global Access Funds will be awarded each academic year

Funds will be granted during the fall semester for the following study abroad program cycle (for programs beginning in the following spring, summer, fall or winter terms)

SELECTION CRITERIA

University of Calgary International recognizes that all students have individual circumstances that may impact their ability to participate in a global learning program. All University of Calgary students who meet the requirements listed below will be considered. However, preference may be given to applicants who:

- Demonstrate financial need;
- Communicate commitments and circumstances outside of academia such as community, faith/spiritual, employment and/or family commitments;
- Communicate unique individual barriers to participation in a global learning experience outside of Canada; with clear explanation of the unique individual barriers to participation;
- Communicate belonging to an underrepresented or equity deserving group(s); along with specific barriers, related to identity, that has caused challenges in the ability to study abroad;
- Have not previously participated in a UCalgary global learning experience such as an Exchange, Group Study Program, International Internship, Research Program or Field School.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Global Access Fund grant, applicants **must** meet the following requirements:

- Will be participating in a credit-bearing UCalgary global learning experience outside of Canada, such as an exchange or Group Study Program. Applicants pursuing a UCalgary international work-based experience (co-op, practicum, or internship) may be considered in cases where the pay is insufficient to cover costs of participation;
- Will be earning credit towards a degree at the University of Calgary (UCalgary), i.e. accepted into and registered in a degree program at time of application;
- Applicants must have completed at least four (4) courses at the time of application, and at least eight (8) courses (24 units) toward their undergraduate degree program by the time they go abroad (may include transfer courses);
- Have **not** previously received funding from a Global Learning Award, International Study Travel Grant competition, Undergraduate International Research Grant, Global Access Fund or Global Indigenous Skills scholarship;
- **There is no minimum GPA (Grade Point Average) to apply for the Global Access fund. However, students must be in good academic standing and good conduct standing.**

The committee will not consider applicants who:

- Are participating in a global learning experience within Canada;
- Are attending conferences;
- Are registered in a graduate program;
- Are not registered in a degree program at UCalgary;
- Have already commenced their global learning experience;
- Have completed their global learning experience at the time of applying for the Global Access Fund;
- Have previously received funding from the Global Learning Award, International Study Travel Grant competition, Undergraduate International Research Grant, or Global Indigenous Skills scholarship, Global Access Fund; and/or
- Submit a late application.

HOW TO APPLY

All required information can be found on our Study Abroad Funding [website](#). It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is submitted by **Sunday, October 22, 2023 by 11:59pm Mountain Time**.

- Complete the **Online Application Form**. If you have already created a profile in our system, RAISA, then you can go directly to the Fund Tab and apply for the 2024 Global Access Fund.
- If you have not yet applied for a study abroad, please select "other" on the Study Abroad Program drop down menu and use the text field to indicate any program(s) you are considering.
- **Following the completion** of your /experience/study abroad, you will be required to submit a program report and participate in promotional activities regarding study abroad. The Global Access Fund promotional details can be found at [UPDATE LINK](#), within section "Requirement #1 – Global Learning Promotion".

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is complete and has been submitted prior to the deadline. Applications that are saved but not submitted will not be considered.

QUESTIONS?

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