



2026 International Photo & Video Contest Rules

Please read the following before submitting your photos or videos!

Entrants are deemed to have accepted and agreed to all rules.

1. An official Contest Entry Webform must be submitted. The entrant's name, provided on the form, confirms acceptance of all the contest rules and regulations.
2. Photo entries will require both digital photo submission through the Contest Entry Webform and hard-copy print photos to the Global Learning Office.
3. Video entries will require digital video submission through the Contest Entry Webform.
4. All entries must be received by 3:00 p.m. MST on **Monday January 26, 2026**.
5. All entries must be deemed appropriate for display by University of Calgary policies.

Eligibility

6. The contest is open to all current University of Calgary students and recent graduates (under 1 year). Alumni of more than 1 year, faculty, and staff are not eligible to enter.
7. Only the person who took the photos or filmed the videos (i.e. the creator of the photos/videos) has the right to enter the contest, and any prizes won will be awarded to them. Any other identifiable people in the photos/videos are assumed to have given consent to the creator.
8. All photos and videos submitted must align with the contest categories.
9. The use of generative AI in photos or videos will result in disqualification from the contest.

Photo Categories: UABROAD and TRAVEL GOALS

10. Photos may be taken in any country and can be from a UCalgary Global Learning/Study Abroad program, or any other international study, work, or travel.
11. Photos may be portrait/vertical or landscape/horizontal, in colour or black-and-white.
12. Some digital adjustments are allowed for optimizing images: curves, brightness, contrast, shadow and highlight levels, saturation, sharpening and noise reduction, and selected burning or shading. Any other techniques or filters, including combinations of images and compositional changes, will not be accepted.
13. Digital photo files (JPG or PNG) must be submitted online within the contest entry webform.
14. Hard copies of each photo are also required. Photos must be printed on matte or glossy photo paper, with dimensions no smaller than 4" x 6" and no larger than 8" x 10".
15. Hard copy photos must be submitted to the Global Learning Team at the Office of Signature Learning Experiences, SB 101, Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm. An official label will be provided, to be filled out at the time of submission and put on the back of each photo for identification purposes. Do not write directly on the back of the photos.

Video Category: DAY IN THE LIFE

16. Videos may be taken in any country and must depict a UCalgary Global Learning/Study Abroad program.
17. Videos must be formatted for YouTube Shorts/Instagram Reels, i.e. maximum 1 minute long and filmed in portrait mode.
18. All videos must be YouTube & Instagram compatible and cannot contain any copyrighted images/music. Entrants are welcome to be creative and use original music, voiceovers, etc. for their soundtrack. Please include subtitles for any voiceovers for accessibility purposes.
19. All videos must be saved in the format MOV, MP4, MPEG4, AVI, WMV, MPEGPS, FLV, 3GPP, or WebM.
20. The video title must include the full name of the entrant. This is for submission purposes only; the title

noted in the contest entry form will be used when the video is published.

21. Video entries must be uploaded to a file sharing platform (e.g. OneDrive or Google Drive). The share link must be provided in the Contest Entry Webform for the video to be considered submitted.

Return of Entries

22. All entries will be retained by the Office of Signature Learning Experiences. An electronic copy of all submissions will be retained, and hard copy photos will not be returned.

Rights

23. The Office of Signature Learning Experiences and the University of Calgary is seeking a perpetual non-exclusive license of photos/videos created by you for educational, promotional, and marketing purposes. Copyright remains with the creator.
24. These rights include but are not limited to: display of photos/videos at the contest itself; use of photos/videos for related educational, promotional, or marketing purposes as deemed relevant and appropriate by the University; use of photos/videos in University publications, social media posts, or other forms of printed or electronic media; and use of photos/videos without compensation. The creator waives and relinquishes any and all moral rights they have in the photo/video, and agrees that any photo/video submitted may be edited, altered, copied, exhibited, distributed, reproduced, and/or published by the University of Calgary. Every possible attempt will be made to credit the creator wherever possible.
25. For the contest, photos will be exhibited alongside the creator's name at the International Photo Contest Display on February 11 & 12 in MacEwan Student Centre. Videos will be uploaded to the "UCalgary Study Abroad" YouTube channel alongside the creator's name. Photos/videos may additionally be shared through avenues such as the Global Learning website, "UCalgaryAbroad" Instagram page, UToday and UThisWeek magazines, the Gauntlet newspaper, etc.
26. By submitting the entry form, the entrant confirms that they are the creator and own all rights to the photos/videos submitted in this contest. The entrant releases the University from all liability in connection with the use of their photos/videos, and acknowledges that any ownership claims or cause of action arising from the use of their photos/videos may be brought to the provincial courts of Alberta.
27. Should the entrant in future wish to withdraw consent of the use of their photos/videos, they may notify the University in writing, provided that the University continues to have consent to use, reproduce, or distribute any materials or media that had already been produced or that the University has committed to producing prior to the withdrawal of consent.

Judging

28. All entries will be judged through two methods. A panel of judges appointed by the Office of Signature Learning Experiences will select the overall contest winners, and People's Choice awards will be identified by popular vote from the campus community & wider public, both in the photo and video categories.
29. Winners will be notified by email in March 2026.
30. In some cases, the winners' names and email addresses may need to be shared with the contest sponsors in order to arrange prize collection. Winners will be notified in advance and asked for consent.

By signing and submitting the Contest Entry Webform, the entrant consents to the submission of their photos/videos and agrees to abide by all rules stated here.

Any questions about the Rules or the Contest may be directed to study.abroad@ucalgary.ca