



GUIDELINES

GLOBAL LEARNING AWARD COMPETITION

Fall 2026 GLOBAL LEARNING PROGRAMS

OVERVIEW

The University of Calgary is committed to making international opportunities as accessible as possible. The Global Learning Award can help make your education abroad experience more affordable by contributing to some of the travel costs involved, such as flights and accommodation. The Global Learning Award is a competitive process, and not all eligible applicants will receive funding. Please note the eligibility and selection criteria below for details.

VALUE

\$1,000 - \$2,000 per award

SPONSORSHIP

The Global Learning Award is funded by Global Learning within the Office of Signature Learning Experiences

APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 12, 2026, by 11:59pm MST

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Global Learning Award, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Applicant's program abroad must be considered a Fall 2026 global learning experience with respect to the starting and/or ending dates and any transfer credit is applied to the Fall term.
- Must 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;
- Must be registered or participating in an in-person UCalgary global learning experience such as a Student Exchange, or Group Study Program, or an overseas unpaid credit-bearing work-based program such as a Co-op, Practicum, Internship or Research placement;
- Must be obtaining a minimum of three units of academic credit for their international experience (three units = one half course equivalent = one (1) semester course);
- Have a minimum academic standing of 3.0 GPA (Grade Point Average) over the last eight (8) courses taken for undergraduate students OR are graduate students in good academic standing (flexibility can be provided for students with documented accommodations);
- Have completed at least eight (8) courses (24 units) towards their undergraduate degree program by the time they go abroad (may include transfer courses) OR completed at least one semester of their graduate degree program prior to going abroad;
- Applicants with less than eight (8) courses completed towards their undergraduate degree program at the time of application must have at least four (4) courses completed with a minimum of 3.0 GPA and have completed at least eight (8) courses with a 3.0 GPA prior to travel; and
- Have not previously received funding from the Global Learning Award, International Study Travel Grant, International Studentship, Ugo Virtual Learning Grant, Undergraduate International Research Grant, Global Skills Opportunity Program including the Global Indigenous Skills or the Global Access Fund competitions. Recipients are not eligible for more than one award for an individual experience and preference will be given to applicants who are not receiving another award in the same term.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All University of Calgary students who meet the above eligibility requirements may apply. All eligible applications will be reviewed by a selection committee, who will consider academic performance; alignment of the global learning program with the applicant's academic, personal and professional goals; and extracurricular involvement and leadership (including all commitments and responsibilities outside of University of Calgary academics) as part of the decision-making process.

Preference may be given to applicants who:

- Demonstrate; how the value of this award will close the gap of an existing unmet financial need that hinders your participation in your planned global learning program
- Are registered on a course-based study program such as a Student Exchange or Group Study Program;
- Are registered in an undergraduate degree;
- Are registered on a program administered through Global Learning within the Office of Signature Learning Experiences.

The committee will not consider applicants who:

- Are attending conferences;
- Are registered in a PhD program;
- Are not registered in a degree program at UCalgary;
- Are currently on their program abroad;
- Have completed their program abroad at the time of applying for the Global Learning Award
- Have previously received funding from the Global Learning Award, International Study Travel Grant, International Studentship, UGo Virtual Learning Grant, Undergraduate International Research Grant, Global Skills Opportunity Program including the Global Access Fund or Global Indigenous Skills competitions;
- Submit a late application.

HOW TO APPLY

Please see www.ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad/global-learning-award. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is submitted by **Monday, January 12th, 2026, by 11:59pm MT**

1. Log into the online application system at www.ucalgary.ca/UCI/RAISA
2. Complete / update your profile
3. Go to the "Funds" tab, search for the Fall 2026 Global Learning Award and click Apply
4. Submit your application. Applications can be saved as drafts but will not be considered until they have been submitted. 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. Incomplete application packages will also not be considered.

If you are participating in more than one global learning program within the term, you can only apply for the award for one of the programs. In the application, please identify which program you are applying for funding for.

Following the completion of your program/experience abroad, you will be required to submit a program survey and participate in promotional activities regarding global learning. Details can be found at www.ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad/global-learning-award.

QUESTIONS?

Contact us at [intlstdt@ucalgary.ca](mailto:intlstddt@ucalgary.ca).