

# **Bold choice** **Bright future**

Parent and family guide for fall 2022 intake



**UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY**



*Convocation is an incredible experience for students and their families and friends. The university typically holds convocation ceremonies in November and June each year.*

The University of Calgary acknowledges the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), as well as the Tsuut'ina First Nation and the Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. UCalgary is situated on land adjacent to where the Bow River meets the Elbow River, and the traditional Blackfoot name of this place is "Moh'kins'tsis," which we now call the City of Calgary.

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

▶ Why do we do territorial acknowledgements? See Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Traditional Knowledge Keeper in Residence at UCalgary, share why in this short video.

[CLICK HERE](#)

## We know you want your student to succeed in university.

### We do too!

You've invested so much into your student. You've seen them grow into an adult, and you want them to find success in the next part of their journey. At UCalgary, they can have an incredible education experience that will benefit them for the rest of their life.

UCalgary offers its students high-quality academic programs and a supportive learning environment in which to excel. This includes undergraduate research opportunities like our PURE program, experiential learning opportunities such as our Study Abroad and *ucalgarycares* programs, and co-operative education and internship positions with a variety of companies including Amazon and BMW. Additionally, access to a wide range of supports including career advising, academic development, mental health and healthcare services, and much more, will ensure your student can find the help they need to be successful.

UCalgary is a diverse community committed to removing barriers encountered by equity deserving groups, including women, Indigenous peoples, visible/racialized minorities, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ2S+ students.

Learn about equity, diversity and inclusion at UCalgary: [ucalgary.ca/equity-diversity-inclusion](https://ucalgary.ca/equity-diversity-inclusion)

# our city

Calgary is a city of opportunity. There's no better place to pursue a post-secondary education.



2<sup>nd</sup> most affordable city in Canada and 9<sup>th</sup> most affordable city in North America



Ranked the 5<sup>th</sup> most livable city worldwide in 2019



Canadian city with the highest concentration of high-tech workers



One of the safest cities in Canada



Average daily maximum of 21.9°C in summer and -1.4°C in winter



Calgary's light rail transit network has 46 stations and 118 kilometres of double tracks, connecting our University Station to the rest of the city

# our university

Innovation, creativity and an unwavering entrepreneurial spirit strengthen our campus culture.



Ranked in the top 250 universities worldwide



#6 top research university in Canada



28,000+ undergraduate students



140+ career workshops each year



95% undergraduate retention rate



94% graduate employment rate



23:1 student to faculty ratio



*Downtown Calgary is easily reached from the university using public transit. Students get unlimited use of public transit with their student UPass.*

# a bold choice why choose UCalgary

## It's about striving to be the best

At UCalgary, students enjoy a high-quality education enriched by research and experiential learning opportunities. Your student will love our inspiring professors, experts in their fields, who create exceptional learning experiences designed to challenge and nurture. Students can explore, take risks, and push boundaries as they experience our rich academic environment.

## A safe place to learn

We're proud to have a welcoming and safe campus. We take a proactive approach to safety at our university. Our university is patrolled 24 hours a day and is monitored by over 2,000 closed-circuit television cameras. Additionally, our university offers help phones and intercoms in most buildings, parking lots and elevators, a check-in system called SoloSafe, and a Safewalk program in which volunteers will walk anyone to their destination 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## A global intellectual hub

UCalgary is a global intellectual hub where students and staff from over 155 countries come to share ideas and different perspectives. Our university produces graduates who have strong cross-cultural competencies and who are competitive in the global marketplace.

## An invigorating campus spirit

At UCalgary, we're all Dinos. Being a Dino means our students challenge themselves to be the best they can be in all aspects of their university experience, from sports to academics. Dinos events are key opportunities for the campus community to gather and show spirit. Through their hard work, community leadership and determination, Dinos athletes remind us of our dedication to the pursuit of new knowledge and innovation that benefits the world we live in. Go Dinos!



*Aidan is a third-year neuroscience student. He's currently working with Dr. Aaron Phillips in the Cumming School of Medicine. He's worked on various clinical projects regarding autonomic control and cardiovascular issues in spinal cord injury patients. Through research, Aidan hopes to gain experience working with patients, as well as to improve the lives of people with spinal cord injury.*

## Discover our co-operative (co-op) programs, practicums and internships

Want your student to have an opportunity to get their foot in the door in industries related to their field of study? If so, our co-ops, practicums and internships are perfect. Not only will your student gain valuable work experience during their degree, but they'll also develop connections with potential employers.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/student-services/careers/students/coop-internships](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/careers/students/coop-internships)



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**DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF CONCEPTS WITH HANDS-ON LEARNING**



**RECENT PLACEMENTS INCLUDE AMAZON, CONOCOPHILLIPS, GARMIN, SUNCOR, THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD AND THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**



**HUNDREDS OF PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN ARTS, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS**

## If your student is ready to see the world, UCalgary can take them there with our Study Abroad program

Your student doesn't have to wait until they graduate to see the world. With 200+ partners and programs across six continents, our Study Abroad program is your chance to explore new places and new ideas through study and travel, leading to the adventure of a lifetime.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad](https://ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad)



# university terminology

As your student prepares to apply for university, here are some pathways they may choose.

## Credentials

**Bachelor's degree:** An undergraduate degree that typically takes four to five years to complete. Many bachelor's degrees are direct entry; however, some degrees require prior university study (e.g., Social Work, Law and Medicine). A student who is pursuing a bachelor's degree is called an undergraduate student.

**Honours bachelor's degree:** An honours degree is a further specialization of a bachelor's degree requiring high academic standing and, typically, a thesis project. A thesis project is an original research idea that's presented at the end of the undergraduate degree. Some programs at UCalgary, like the Bachelor of Health Sciences, are only offered as an honours degree.

**Combined degree:** A combined degree is when a student registers in two different bachelor's degrees (including honours degrees) at the same time and graduates from both degrees concurrently. It typically requires a minimum of five years of study.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/combined-degrees](https://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/combined-degrees)

**Professional undergraduate degree:** A professional undergraduate degree is one that leads to a professional Doctor degree (e.g., Doctor of Medicine, Juris Doctor and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine). These programs typically require students to present an initial bachelor's degree before they can apply.

## LEARN MORE

Visit: [ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/types-of-credentials-and-sub-degree-nomenclature](https://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/types-of-credentials-and-sub-degree-nomenclature)

*The Atrium is a favourite study space for students.*

## Other common terms

**Academic calendar:** The calendar contains information about our program and admission requirements, course descriptions and academic regulations. View our academic calendar at: [ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current](https://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current)

**Major:** A major is the main area of focus throughout a bachelor's degree. Students typically take one-third of their courses in this specialization.

**Minor:** A minor is an optional secondary area of focus that can be added to a degree in an upper year. It requires fewer courses than a major.

**Embedded certificate:** Embedded certificates are completed as part of a bachelor's degree, at no extra cost, and are designed to focus on a thematic area and be available to students across faculties. Examples include Sustainability and Mental Wellbeing and Resilience.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/embedded-certificates](https://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/embedded-certificates)

**Work-integrated learning (WIL):** WIL integrates a student's academic studies in a workplace/practice setting. It includes a partnership between an academic program, a host organization, and a student. WIL opportunities include paid co-ops, paid internships, practicums, placements, capstone projects, consulting projects and more.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/experiential-learning-work-integrated-learning-1](https://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/experiential-learning-work-integrated-learning-1)

**Conditions of admission:** These are requirements that need to be met by students who receive an admission decision while they have coursework in progress. Conditions of admission are outlined in the Student Centre ([my.ucalgary.ca](https://my.ucalgary.ca)), and students must complete them in order to have their admission finalized.

**Academic Requirements:** This online planning tool allows a student to see the completed and pending course requirements for their degree. The Academic Requirements tool is available through the Student Centre ([my.ucalgary.ca](https://my.ucalgary.ca)).



# campus support services

## Career Services

The expert staff at Career Services will help your student prepare for a career they'll love. They can meet with a career specialist, get expert advice to improve their resume, and attend career fairs to meet potential employers.

[ucalgary.ca/careers](http://ucalgary.ca/careers)

## Faith and Spirituality Centre (FSC)

The FSC seeks to cultivate a pluralistic community by encouraging cultural and religious literacy, community building, and social change.

[ucalgary.ca/student-services/faith-spirituality](http://ucalgary.ca/student-services/faith-spirituality)

## First Year Scholars (FYS)

The FYS program connects the top incoming students with a community of high-achieving peers across all disciplines.

[ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning-support/first-year-scholars](http://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning-support/first-year-scholars)

## International Student Services (ISS)

ISS provides support services and customized advising for all international students. Their leadership initiatives deliver unique peer-driven programs that connect international and Canadian students.

[ucalgary.ca/iss](http://ucalgary.ca/iss)

## Leadership and Student Engagement (LSE)

The LSE is committed to helping every student thrive. From hosting new student orientation, to facilitating connections with peers, to providing opportunities to learn about social justice and serve the community through ucalgarycares, the LSE connects students to one another, our campus and our local, national and international communities.

[ucalgary.ca/leadership](http://ucalgary.ca/leadership)

## Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Admitted students can meet with an access advisor to discuss transitioning their accommodations from high school to university.

[ucalgary.ca/access](http://ucalgary.ca/access)

## Student Success Centre (SSC)

Whether your student is deciding which degree to pursue or would like support in enhancing their learning strategies, the SSC's exploratory advisors, academic development staff and writing support staff are here to help them. Students have access to a variety of one-on-one appointment services, as well as writing workshops, success seminars and academic support programs.

[ucalgary.ca/success](http://ucalgary.ca/success)

## Student Wellness Services

Your student has full access to health and wellness services on campus including medical, chiropractic, massage, counselling and wellness programs and training. Support is available through group or individual counselling, skill-building seminars, online resources, peer support and more. There are no additional fees or session limits for accessing counselling and support services. Additionally, using a coordinated care approach, student support advisors help with issues from personal to academic success.

[ucalgary.ca/wellness-services](http://ucalgary.ca/wellness-services)

## Women's Resource Centre (WRC)

The WRC is a safe and welcoming space for connecting, promoting equality and building community.

[ucalgary.ca/women](http://ucalgary.ca/women)

## Writing Symbols Lodge

In this welcoming campus space in support of the university's Indigenous community, students can access a computer lab, study space and a range of cultural programming including monthly ceremonies, social activities and advising.

[ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols](http://ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols)

# residence

Your student can live, learn and grow alongside their peers, while creating strong and lasting friendships. From shared dorm-style rooms in first year, to full apartments in upper years or grad school, to family housing, there are options available for all students.

Each building has a residence life coordinator who provides continuous support. Residence life coordinators foster and promote inclusive living environments, organize events and help students with everything from homesickness to health and academics.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/ancillary/residence/live-with-us](http://ucalgary.ca/ancillary/residence/live-with-us)

## Multi-year guarantee

All students applying directly from high school are guaranteed a place in residence for their first two years of study if they apply by May 1, 2022.

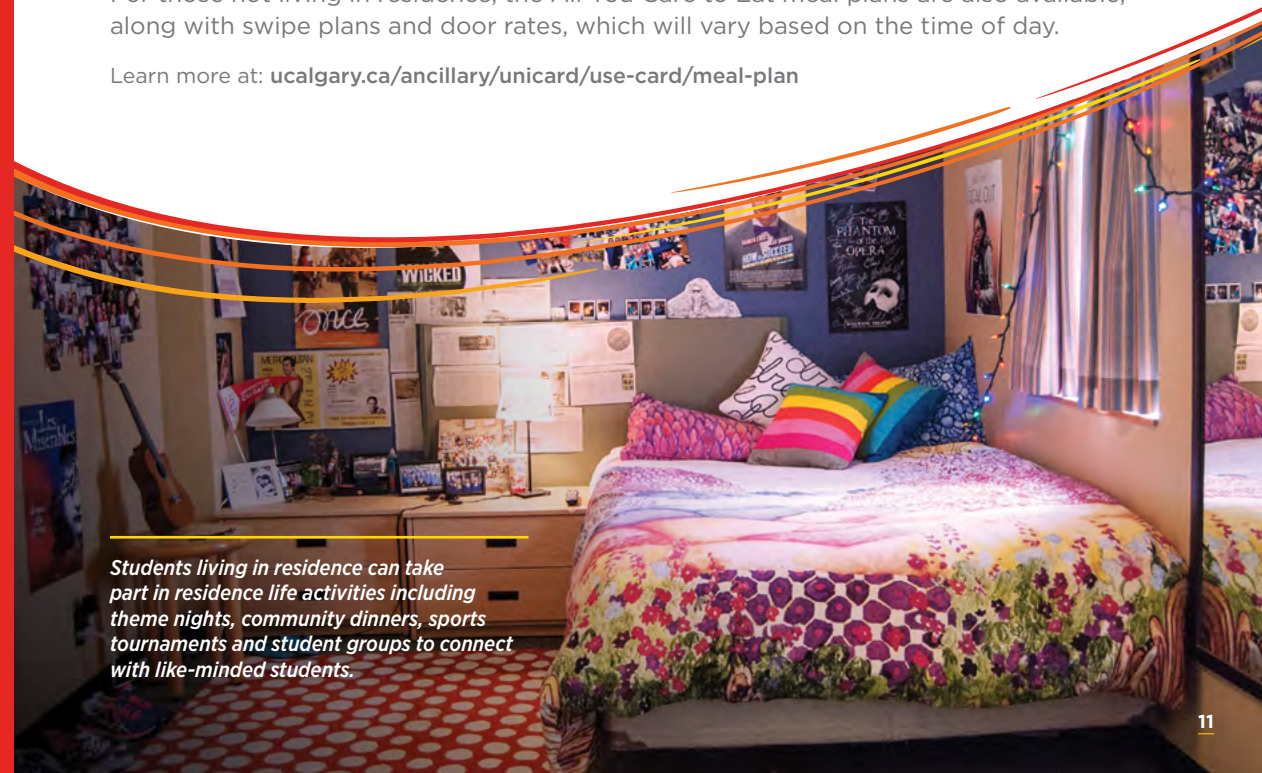
## Meal plans

The University of Calgary has unlimited All You Care to Eat meal plans that ensure our students have the best value, convenience, nutrition and flexibility.

With multiple fresh food options available (gluten free, vegan, vegetarian and meat choices), students can choose to eat whatever they like, whenever they like and as much as they need throughout the academic year. The Landing offers breakfast, lunch, dinner and continuous dining between meal times.

For those not living in residence, the All You Care to Eat meal plans are also available, along with swipe plans and door rates, which will vary based on the time of day.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/ancillary/unicard/use-card/meal-plan](http://ucalgary.ca/ancillary/unicard/use-card/meal-plan)



*Students living in residence can take part in residence life activities including theme nights, community dinners, sports tournaments and student groups to connect with like-minded students.*

UCalgary's Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning is dedicated to improving student learning at our university. It offers students the Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) Awards and the Research on Global Challenges course (UNIV 302).

# a timeline to applying to UCalgary

keeping your student on track

## ▶ August - October

This is an important period for program exploration. Explore different programs and options with your student.

- Attend a campus tour, Open House, and a Faculty Information Night. Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours-and-events](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours-and-events)

## ▶ November

This is a critical time for your student to submit their online application for admission and apply for our student awards.

- Apply to UCalgary.
- Apply for our high school entrance awards.
- Apply for our prestige awards.

The first round of offers typically goes out in early November.

## ▶ March - May

This period is important for your student to accept their offer of admission and explore course registration resources. This is also when the university makes award decisions. We encourage students to apply for residence during these months.

## ▶ June - August

As the new school year approaches, your student can apply for loans and begin making a plan to fund their education.

## ▶ September

With move-in day, New Student Orientation, Parent Orientation and classes beginning, September is an exciting time for students and their families.

# application process

To assist your student with the application process, here are some helpful tips:

- Students should apply as early as possible to be considered for both admission and awards.
- Students can apply to two programs with one application and a single fee (\$125 for students with Canadian credentials and \$145 for students with international credentials) and change their program choices until March 1.
- Each program will be reviewed based on the grades presented when each transcript is received. If a student is unable to be considered for early admission, their grades will be automatically reviewed again when new grades are received.
- Students should select the program that they're most interested in as their first choice. If they receive an offer to their first choice program, it's the only offer they'll receive.
- There are two steps to accept an offer of admission. Students must accept the offer in their Student Centre ([my.ucalgary.ca](https://my.ucalgary.ca)) and pay the \$500 non-refundable admission deposit. This deposit will go towards your student's first-year tuition. The due date for this deposit is included with their offer of admission.

To be admitted, applicants must present the admission requirements specific to their program, meet the competitive admission average and meet the English language proficiency requirement. To finalize admission, students must graduate from high school, complete the five required courses and maintain their admission average.

## LEARN MORE

For more information about the application process, UCalgary has recruiters who specialize in supporting students from every province in Canada and every region of the world. Book a private meeting with a recruiter today: [ucalgary.ca/recruiters](https://ucalgary.ca/recruiters)

# choosing a program

Two major decisions university students face are “What major should I choose?” and “What career will I pursue following university?” Students are often asked, “What are you going to do with your degree?” Different programs and majors can lead to a variety of careers. With so many options to choose from, how does your student decide? We hope the following resources will help inform these important decisions.

## Degree profiles: discovering potential career pathways based on degree

Encourage your student to visit our Degree Profile resource to find clarity and gain confidence on their career path. These profiles look at potential jobs, key skills and attributes, as well as associations and professional development as they relate to each degree and potential career path.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## The career wheel: a tool for students to explore what career may be best for them

Is your student looking for some guidance on their career development? The career wheel is an excellent place for them to start their planning and review the common stages of the career development process.

[LEARN MORE](#)



## Choose UCalgary Podcast: hear from students, faculty and staff

Students can get the insider's scoop on programs, admissions and campus life. This is a great way to learn about real undergraduate student experiences in faculties, clubs and more.

 Podcast: Choose UCalgary

## Tours and events: Visit on campus or online

UCalgary offers daily in-person and biweekly virtual campus tours. Tours are a chance to ask all your questions about our programs and to see our classrooms, facilities and more. Our virtual tour is featured on our Choose UCalgary YouTube channel. Explore our entire campus from the comfort of your home and instant chat with us during the tour.

[LEARN MORE](#)

 Choose UCalgary YouTube

Canadian Natural Resources Limited  
Engineering Complex  
Schulich School of Engineering

*The Schulich School of Engineering's award-winning new home opened in 2016. We call this \$174-million facility the Canadian Natural Resources Limited Engineering Complex. It integrates the original engineering blocks into one expanded complex, and features study spaces, community gathering places, design labs and research facilities.*



# budgeting for your first year

## Estimated costs for your student's first year (September to April)

COSTS*		Canadian citizens and permanent residents	International students
Tuition	Haskayne School of Business	\$7,533	\$23,634
	Schulich School of Engineering	\$6,960	\$30,066 <sup>~</sup>
	All other programs	\$6,166	\$22,189
General fees (includes transit pass, health plan and dental plan)		\$1,340	\$1,340
Books and supplies (two terms)		\$400 - \$1,000	\$400 - \$1,000
Living expenses and spending money		\$1,000 - \$4,000	\$1,000 - \$4,000
Average first-year room cost		\$3,953 - \$7,872	\$3,953 - \$7,872
7-day All You Care to Eat meal plan		\$4,879	\$4,879
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$17,738 - \$26,624</b>	<b>\$33,761 - \$49,157</b>

\* All costs cover an eight-month period and are based on an expected first-year course load and a typical student's experience in residence. Fees are based on the 2021 - 2022 academic year. Tuition fees are reviewed regularly by the Board of Governors, in consultation with students.

<sup>~</sup>International Engineering tuition fees are approved fees for the 2022 - 2023 academic year.

### Cost estimator

Does your student need help planning expenses? They can access our cost estimator tool by visiting: [ucalgary.ca/cost-estimator](https://ucalgary.ca/cost-estimator)

[LEARN MORE](#)

### Paying tuition fees

Students have several options to pay their fees including online banking and international fund transfers.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-fees/pay-your-fees](https://ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-fees/pay-your-fees)

### Health and dental benefits

All full-time undergraduate students (taking three or more courses) are automatically enrolled in the Student Health and Dental Plan when they register for classes. Students from outside the province should apply for Alberta health care in order to receive comprehensive coverage during their studies.

Learn more at: [su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/student-services/health-dental](https://su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/student-services/health-dental)

### Student loans

Government student loans and grants are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Apply through your home province of residence or visit [canlearn.ca](https://canlearn.ca) for details.

### Using RESPs

Students use an official confirmation of registration letter from their Student Centre ([my.ucalgary.ca](https://my.ucalgary.ca)) to submit as proof of enrolment for withdrawing RESP funds. The official confirmation of registration letter is available once students are registered in courses and tuition fees have been posted to their account (July 2022). Tuition fees are due in September 2022 after the start of classes.

### Money Smart

Students can learn about budgeting, money saving strategies, financial planning and more by attending a Money Smart workshop, accessing a Financial Literacy session or making an appointment with a Money Smart peer helper.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/money-smart](https://ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/money-smart)

### Learn more about awards!

**Scholarship:** An award based primarily on academic merit, but also based on other selection factors.

**Bursary:** An award based on financial need. Financial need is calculated by looking at a student's costs and then subtracting their resources.

**Award:** An award based on multiple requirements.

**Prestige awards:** These awards are for high-achieving entering students. A student's academic excellence and accomplishments outside the classroom are considered.

Learn more at: [ucalgary.ca/awards](https://ucalgary.ca/awards)

[CLICK HERE](#)

**\$17M+**  
in scholarships, bursaries and awards available annually

**25%**  
of entering students receive a scholarship, bursary or award

**\$39,400 - \$100,000**  
prestige awards

**\$2,000**  
scholarships for IB students with a 35 or higher diploma score

**\$5,000**  
scholarships for new students with an admission average of 95% and above

# getting your student started

## We would love to meet you

The best way to get to know your student's future campus is by experiencing it on a tour. Guided by one of our current students, you can join us on campus (or virtually) to explore our classrooms, student services, athletic facilities and more. All campus tours end with the option to speak with an advisor to explore programs and admission requirements. To book a tour, visit: [ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours)

You and your student can also attend prospective student events or information sessions: [ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events)

Students can also connect with their province- or country-specific recruiter to arrange a one-on-one meeting online: [ucalgary.ca/recruiters](https://ucalgary.ca/recruiters)

## Join our family mailing list

To learn more about our campus community, join our mailing list. You'll be able to request more information, find out when we'll be visiting a town or city near you and get important details and reminders.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



Explore the University of Calgary using Google Street  
View: [ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours)

# Protection of privacy

## Make a plan to communicate

Discuss with your student their plan for managing their education, as well as the type of information you'd like them to share with you, such as student account balances (fees owing), grade reports, course registration, or difficulties they may be having with school or other related activities. Keep in mind that it's ultimately the student's decision which personal information they choose to disclose.

## Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)

In accordance with Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, UCalgary is unable to share information about a student or applicant to a third-party (including family members) without the explicit consent of a student or applicant, regardless of their age. This includes information about fees owing and their admission status.

Under FOIP, if a student or applicant would like to authorize a third party to have access to their confidential personal information, they may do so in writing using the Third Party Authorization form. Find it at: [ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/privacy-policy](https://ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/privacy-policy)

# prepare your student to excel

## Proven advice you can share with your student

- 1 It's important that your student is engaged in more than their course work. Encourage your student to explore clubs, meet their professors and take part in leadership opportunities. Not only will they do better at school, they'll also build positive relationships with peers, gain new skills and take part in experiences that can benefit them in the future.
- 2 Encourage your student to seek help early and often. The campus community offers many supports to our students, everything from academic and writing support to mental health and wellness support. If your student is unsure about where to start in terms of accessing supports, Student Support Advisors at Student Wellness Services can help students navigate on- and off-campus resources.  
Learn more: [ucalgary.ca/wellness-services/services/mental-health-services/student-support](https://ucalgary.ca/wellness-services/services/mental-health-services/student-support)
- 3 Encourage your student to be active. They have access to our world-class Active Living recreational facilities, including our aquatic centre, fitness centre, gymnastics centre, racquet centre and the Olympic Oval. From fitness classes and intramural leagues, to sports clubs and fully-equipped gyms, there are lots of ways to stay active on campus. We also boast the Outdoor Centre, the largest of its kind in North America, which offers training courses, equipment rentals and student discounts.

Want to sign up for information about UCalgary and learn how to apply?

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

*The information in this publication is continually reviewed and is subject to change.*

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