



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Indigenous viewbook

for fall 2023 applicants



Four sets of horizontal lines for writing, each set consisting of a solid top line, a dotted midline, and a solid bottom line.



Two sets of horizontal lines for writing, each set consisting of a solid top line, a dotted midline, and a solid bottom line.

A single dotted horizontal line for writing.



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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 Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3.



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

Watch Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Traditional Knowledge Keeper in Residence at UCalgary, share **why territorial acknowledgements are important**.

negha dágondíh

welcome

je aa haanach'e

kwékwé

óki

tânisi

âba wathtech

dàní'tā-dà

edlānete-a

boozhoo

tawnshi

aba washded

ki?su?k kyukyit



"The support I've received at the University of Calgary has helped me understand how I learn as an individual, which has made me a better and more successful student."

TAPISA

Your city, your university

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Home to more than 33,000 Indigenous residents



In the province with Canada's 3rd largest Indigenous population



Annual events like Elbow River Camp during the Stampede



8 Indigenous languages spoken



The Siksikaitisitapi Medicine Wheel located in Nose Hill Park



UCalgary's annual Campfire Chats event



The UCalgary tipi, which features cultural symbols from UCalgary's Indigenous Strategy, ii' taa'poh'to'p, is set up on campus for many special occasions.

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More than 1,100 self-identified Indigenous students



More than 260 self-identified Indigenous graduates annually



Campfire Chats event on National Indigenous Peoples Day



Monthly ceremonies for Indigenous students



2,700 self-identified UCalgary alumni worldwide

Life as a UCalgary student

Meet Tessa Wolfleg, an International Indigenous Studies student, and hear about her experiences at UCalgary.

Find this video and more on our **Choose UCalgary** YouTube channel.



Pathways to university

UCalgary has dedicated admission pathways for Indigenous learners. If you self-identify as Indigenous on your initial application, you will first be considered under our general admission process. Then, if needed, you will automatically be considered for the following pathways.

General Admission

For high school applicants, each program has five courses required for admission. These are used to calculate your admission average.

See the courses required for each program, as well as an estimated competitive admission average, by selecting a program from our Explore Programs page:

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/explore-programs

PATHWAY 1

Indigenous Admission Process

If you meet admission course requirements but are below the competitive admission average, you can be considered if you are within 10% (0.5 GPA for transfer students) of the annual admission average.

A minimum of a 70% admission average (2.0 GPA for transfer students) is required.

PATHWAY 2

Indigenous Supplementary Process

Students who submit a personal statement and any faculty-specific supplemental requirements are considered for admission by a faculty-specific admission committee.

Bridging programs to prepare students who don't meet the course requirements are available for some programs.

PATHWAY 3

Indigenous Student Access Program (ISAP)

This one-year program provides an alternative admission route into your desired program. You'll take mandatory first-year classes as well as classes relevant to your target degree program.

(Courses may apply toward degree programs.)

ISAP highlights:

- 1:1 academic advising
- Academic skill development
- Cultural workshops
- Leadership training
- Supportive community

! Self-identify on your application to receive additional supports and resources:

✔ Admission process support	📅 Notifications about social or cultural events
👤 Eligibility for Indigenous-specific financial awards	💬 Academic advising

Additional admission pathways

DIVERSE QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible, you need to demonstrate:

- Excellence in non-academic areas
- or
- High potential in academic or research activities
- or
- Perseverance under great difficulty or hardship

Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/diverse-qualifications

MATURE STUDENTS

You are eligible if you meet these criteria:

- 21 or older
- +
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- +
- Completed 12 or fewer post-secondary academic units (4 courses)

(As a mature student, you are evaluated through general admission and, if needed, through the adult admission process, which has fewer required courses for some programs.)

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TRANSFER STUDENTS

If you have completed 12 or more post-secondary academic units, you'll be considered for admission based on your post-secondary academic standing.

(Some programs may also require you to complete, or be in the process of completing, specific course requirements at the high school and/or post-secondary level.)

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements

Learn more about applying as an Indigenous student

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous/admissions_process

Questions? Connect with our Indigenous Student Recruitment Team: indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca

Financial awards

\$20M+	\$1.9M+	25%
Total scholarships, bursaries and awards available annually	Scholarships, bursaries and awards that went to Indigenous students last year	Entering Indigenous students who receive a scholarship, bursary or award



Annual Indigenous Graduation Celebration

Awards for Indigenous students

You apply to high school awards prior to university and to continuing awards each summer after your first year. As part of submitting UCalgary's standard award application, you may be considered for several awards specific to Indigenous students. Examples include:

Writing Symbols Lodge Award
\$10,500 (renewable in 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th year)
High school award
Based on academic merit

Métis Scholar Entrance Award
\$5,000
High school award
Awarded to a Métis student

Elizabeth and Walter Fairey Bursary
Up to \$4,500
Continuing award
Preference given to a single parent

Ellen McNeil Hamilton Bursary
Up to \$3,000
Continuing award
Past extracurricular activities required

WHEN AND HOW TO APPLY

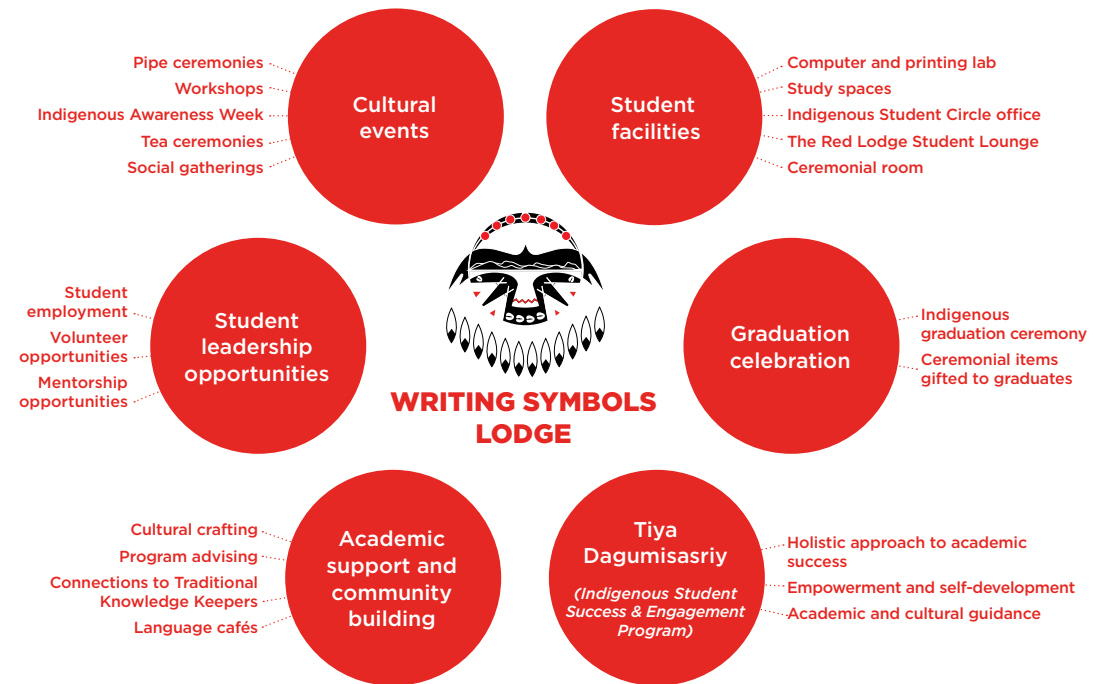
You can apply for awards as soon as you've submitted your application for admission.

Learn about awards and how to apply

ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries/indigenous-awards

Your home on campus

As the hub of Indigenous life on campus, **Writing Symbols Lodge** helps students succeed by providing a variety of services, facilities, programs and events. Learn more: ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols



"I entered UCalgary having barely graduated high school, convinced that it would be nearly impossible for me to ever become a post-secondary student. Through the incredible support of the alternate pathways program based out of Writing Symbols Lodge, the Indigenous Student Access Program, I became equipped to excel throughout my time at UCalgary."

JER (pictured left)










Listen to a podcast episode about Indigenous student experiences and support at UCalgary

We want to meet you!

Your Indigenous Student Recruitment Team

We're here to help you every step of the way. Here are some ways we can support you:

	<p> Learn more about UCalgary</p>	<p> Ask any questions you have</p>
<p> Receive personalized support with the application process</p>	<p>Book an appointment today!</p>	
<p> Get help making your education plan</p>	<p> Email: indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca  Phone: 403.220.6912</p>	

Ways to explore UCalgary



Attend an in-person or virtual event

Join us online or in person for events such as Open House, Faculty Information Nights and webinars about admissions, financial aid and awards.

We also record all of our webinars so you can listen to them anytime on our **Choose UCalgary YouTube channel**.

Pre-register for an event today!

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events



Take an in-person or virtual campus tour

We have daily in-person and weekly virtual tours – including a tour that highlights Indigenous culture and community on campus. Tours include the option to speak with an advisor about programs and admission requirements. Our virtual tour is found on our **Future Students Facebook page** and includes live chat with an advisor.

Pre-register for an upcoming tour today

ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours

Visit our Indigenous student page:
ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous



This book features cover art by local artist BB Iskeww (Kayla Bellerose), a fine arts graduate from UCalgary.

"For me, being a student away from home and my family helped me with my independence but also came with many challenges – like feeling isolated at times and missing my support system. I'm grateful I was able to join initiatives at the Writing Symbols Lodge such as meaningful employment with the Otahpiimisskaan Indigenous Youth Leadership Program when I was a student at UCalgary. I was able to find a sense of community and friends that felt like family support."

KAYLA

