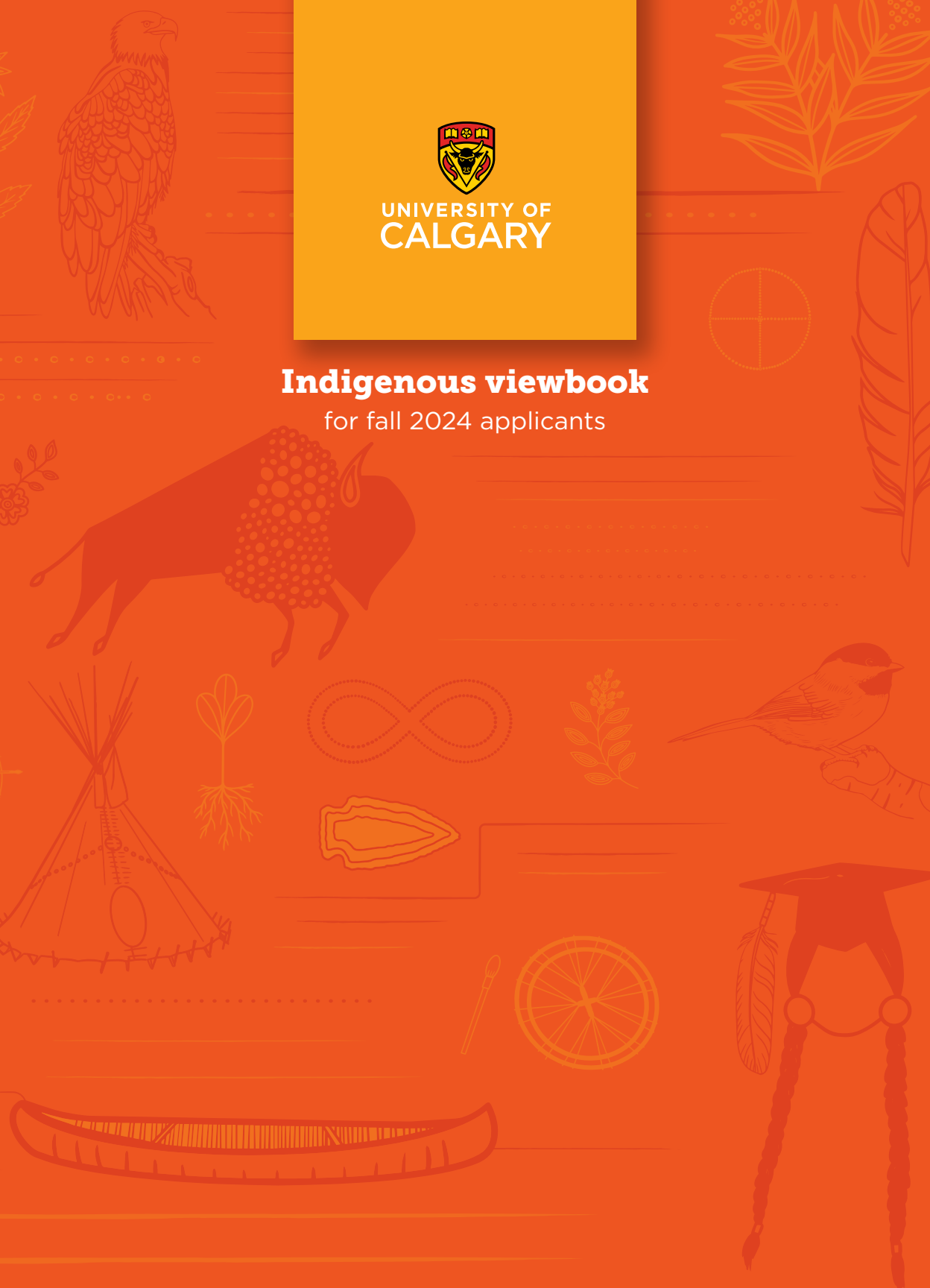




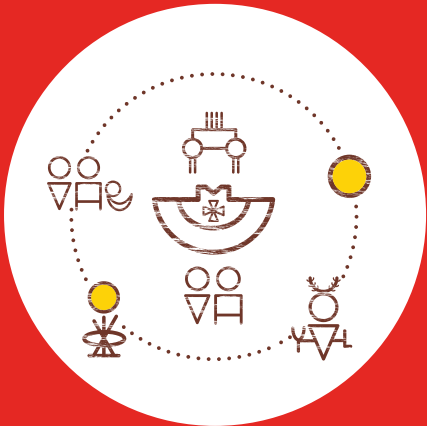
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# Indigenous viewbook

for fall 2024 applicants



The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3.



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

Hear a message from Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Traditional Knowledge Keeper in Residence at UCalgary.



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welcome  
negha dágondíh  
je aa haanach'e  
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tungasugit

*"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, FACULTY OF ARTS**  
(she/her)



# Your province, your city, your university

## ALBERTA



Home to 8 Métis settlements and the Métis Nation of Alberta



Home to the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Indigenous population in Canada



Comprised of Treaties 6, 7 and 8



8 Indigenous languages spoken

## CALGARY



Home to more than 41,300 Indigenous residents



Calgary has the 5<sup>th</sup> largest Indigenous population in Canada



Annual events like Elbow River Camp during the Stampede



The Siksikaitsitapi Medicine Wheel located in Nose Hill Park



The Siksikaitsitapi Medicine Wheel in Nose Hill Park



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.

## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY



More than 1,200 self-identified Indigenous students



More than 320 self-identified Indigenous graduates annually



Multiple Indigenous student clubs and communities



Monthly ceremonies and events for students



2,900 self-identified UCalgary alumni worldwide

### Life as a UCalgary student

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

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

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# 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. You will be asked to submit documentation to verify your Indigenous identity if it is required to support admission under a pathway process.

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

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

### 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](https://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 (averages are program dependent).

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

### PATHWAY 2

#### Indigenous Admission Supplementary Process

If you cannot be admitted to your desired program through the Indigenous Admissions Process, you can submit a personal statement along with faculty-specific supplemental requirements to be considered for admission by a faculty-specific admission committee.

### PATHWAY 3

#### Bridging Programs

If you do not meet the course requirements for your desired program, bridging programs offer foundation courses that can be taken concurrently with first-year courses. Students progress directly to their program after completion of required courses.

#### Faculties with bridging programs:

- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Science
- Schulich School of Engineering
- School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape

#### 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.)*

## Additional admission pathways

### EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE ADMISSION PROCESS

We welcome and support applications from students from communities that experience social barriers, marginalization and systematic discrimination. This process acknowledges that students have diverse identities, backgrounds and experiences, and considers factors that may have impacted a student's access.

To be eligible, you must meet these criteria:

- ELA 30-1
- +
- 2 30-level required courses
- +
- Personal statement
- +
- Canadian citizenship, permanent resident or refugee status

[ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/equitable-inclusive](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/equitable-inclusive)

### 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.)*

#### Learn more about applying as an Indigenous student

[ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous/admissions\\_process](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous/admissions_process)

[CLICK HERE](#)

Questions? Connect with our Indigenous Student Recruitment Team: [indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca](mailto:indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca)

### ADULT STUDENT ADMISSION PROCESS

You are eligible if you meet these criteria:

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

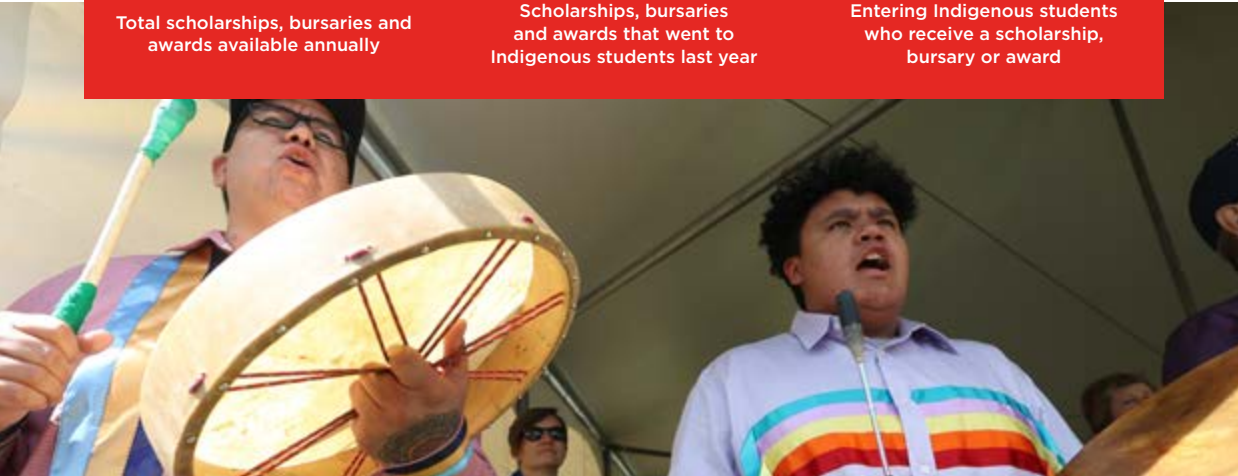
*(As an adult student, you are evaluated through general admission and, if needed, through the adult student admission process, which has fewer required courses for some programs.)*

[ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements)



# Financial awards

<b>\$20M+</b>	<b>\$1.9M+</b>	<b>25%</b>
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



# 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.



## Awards for Indigenous students

You apply to high school awards prior to university and to continuing awards each summer after your first year. Students who receive third party funding (such as band funding) are still eligible for awards.

As part of submitting UCalgary's standard award application, you may be considered for several awards specific to Indigenous students. Examples include:

ii' taa'poh'to'p Excellence Entrance Award
\$10,000
High school award
Based on academic merit and essay

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

Indigenous Careers Award
\$4,000
Continuing award
Enrolment in undergraduate or professional program

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

[ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries/indigenous-awards](https://ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries/indigenous-awards)

## CULTURAL EVENTS

- Pipe ceremonies
- Workshops
- Indigenous Awareness Week
- Tea ceremonies
- Social gatherings

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Student employment
- Volunteer opportunities
- Mentorship opportunities

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND STUDENT WELLBEING

- Cultural crafting
- Program advising
- Connections to Traditional Knowledge Keepers
- Language cafés

## STUDENT FACILITIES

- Computer and printing lab
- Study spaces
- Indigenous Student Circle office
- The Red Lodge Student Lounge
- Ceremonial room

## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

- Indigenous graduation ceremony
- Ceremonial items gifted to graduates

## TIYA DAGUMISASRIY (Indigenous Student Success & Engagement Program)

- Holistic approach to academic success
- Empowerment and self-development
- Academic and cultural guidance

*"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, FACULTY OF ARTS (pictured left) (they/them)**

Learn more: [ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols](https://ucalgary.ca/writing-symbols)

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# 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:




 Learn more about UCalgary, Indigenous supports and resources

 Ask any questions you have

 Receive personalized support with the application process and Indigenous admission pathways

Book an appointment today!

[CLICK HERE](#)

 Students who attend an Indigenous-specific event will qualify for an application fee waiver

 Email: [indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca](mailto:indigenous.recruiter@ucalgary.ca)

 Phone: 403.220.6912

## 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.

All our webinars are recorded, so you can watch them anytime on our [Choose UCalgary YouTube channel](#).

*Pre-register for an event today*

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[ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events](https://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*

[CLICK HERE](#)

[ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours)

Visit our Indigenous student page:  
[ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous](https://ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/indigenous)



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

The symbols included in the cover art represent Kayla's experience and upbringing in the traditional territories of Southern Alberta and Treaty 7.

*"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 Otahipiimisskaan 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, FACULTY OF ARTS**

(she/her)

