

The University of Calgary Mandate

Founded in 1966, the University of Calgary is governed by a Board of Governors, and operates as a public Comprehensive Academic and Research Institution under the authority of Alberta's *Post-secondary Learning Act*. Education and research at the University of Calgary serve the needs of the local, provincial, national and international communities. Through its inquiry-based teaching and research programs and strategic and entrepreneurial partnerships, the University's faculty, staff and students pursue knowledge, contribute to the development and critique of societal goals, and engage in creativity and innovation in many fields. The University's goal is to be recognized internationally for the success of its students and for excellence in research, scholarly and creative activity.

The University offers a broad selection of programs of study including baccalaureate, graduate professional, and research-based master's and doctoral degrees. It also offers a wide assortment of credit and non-credit diplomas and certificates, as well as non-credit programs of professional development, executive development, and artistic and scholarly activities aligned with the academic expertise of the University. Building on strengths in disciplines in the areas of fine arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences as well as in the professions, including architecture, business, education, engineering, environmental design, kinesiology, law, medicine, nursing, social work and veterinary medicine, the University is committed to offering an experience that provides both disciplinary and interdisciplinary education to its students. A number of the programs it has developed are unique within Alberta.

As an autonomous institution working within Campus Alberta, the University collaborates with other post-secondary institutions in the delivery of collaborative degrees, the use of transfer and articulation agreements, the sharing of facilities and faculty members, and the offering of degree-completion opportunities to students from both rural and urban communities. Working with the private sector and all three levels of government, the University of Calgary takes a leadership role within Alberta for the further development of educational and research programs in areas designated as strategic academic priorities.

At the University of Calgary, research, teaching and scholarship are interdependent and steeped in the principle of academic freedom. The University encourages, supports and disseminates research, scholarship, innovation, and creative activity in many forms and integrates these activities into both the graduate and undergraduate curriculum. Students and faculty at the University of Calgary conduct basic and applied research at the frontiers of knowledge and transfer knowledge to society, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. The University stimulates and supports the commercialization of research and innovation for the common good and for the prosperity of the province, the nation and the world. Students and other scholars, including post-doctoral fellows, are attracted to the University of Calgary for the opportunity to refine their research, teaching and mentoring skills.

The development of programs of study and of research partnerships across Alberta, nationally and internationally extends the University's engagement with the broader community and enlarges the vision of its students, faculty and staff. International partnerships, alliances, and development projects, together with study abroad initiatives, allow the University to contribute to and benefit from a network of worldwide interactions that enrich the student experience.

The University of Calgary offers a comprehensive set of programs, facilities, and services to provide students with an excellent experience both inside and outside the classroom. The University supports the student experience with a range of services including academic and career advising, student life programming, health and wellness services, and academic success programs. Community service learning, cooperative and internship placements, and international exchanges all provide experiential learning opportunities to complement students' classroom experiences. The University supplements and enriches its face-to-face instruction with communication and digital technologies, library and cultural resources, and both distance education and blended learning techniques.

The University of Calgary is responsive to the expectations of the communities it serves in the delivery of its educational and research programs. The University contributes in diverse ways to the cultural, social and economic life of the province, through striving for high quality in its graduates, its research, and its service to the community. The University of Calgary is committed to the goals of environmental and financial sustainability, and to making a positive impact on individuals and communities.

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