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About the U of C

The University of Calgary: a community dedicated to scholarship, education, creativity and discovery

Unprecedented growth

Located in northwest Calgary, the University of Calgary campus occupies a beautiful, park-like setting covering more than 200 hectares, or an area larger than Calgary's entire downtown. The U of C is home to scholars in 16 faculties (offering more than 80 academic programs) and 36 research institutes and centres.

More than 28,200 students are currently enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. The U of C has graduated 120,000 alumni over its 40-year history, including the current Prime Minister of Canada.

The U of C is pursuing the biggest single capital expansion in its history. Fuelled by Alberta's nation-leading economic growth, the university has embarked upon a \$1.5-billion plan to add capacity for 7,000 more students and a host of new teaching and research activities. These major developments — the Campus Calgary Digital Library (CCDL), the Urban Campus Partnership, the Experiential Learning Centre (ELC) and the new home of the Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment and Economy (ISEEE) — are fulfilling distinct academic strategies and creating fundamentally different learning environments.

The U of C has 2,410 faculty actively engaged in research and scholarship, and more than 2,500 support staff, making it one of the four largest employers in Calgary. The university produces an economic impact of \$800 million in the Calgary area alone.

VISION STATEMENT

By 2014, the Faculty of Communication and Culture will be an internationally recognized centre for interdisciplinary instruction, research and methodology.

All our programs will be respected for the development of scholars and scholarship that have a critical impact on communities, governments, media and global societies.

We will offer interdisciplinary degrees at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels. We will contribute to the academic mission of the University of Calgary.

Students and faculty from across Canada, and beyond, will seek to be involved in our innovative Faculty.

VALUES STATEMENT

The Faculty of Communication and Culture values:

1. an integrative, collaborative, and collegial approach to teaching, research, internal governance, and service
2. a caring attitude toward students, staff and faculty
3. the diverse work accomplished within the Faculty and the diversity in students, colleagues and the wider community
4. critical and interpretive inquiry into the basic assumptions of our society and civilization
5. the creation and dissemination of knowledge
6. individual and social transformation which fosters an engaged and active citizenship

MISSION STATEMENT

Through interdisciplinary teaching, research and service, and leadership on- and off-campus, we build bridges between diverse disciplines, communities, and cultures thereby transforming ideas into actions.



The University of Calgary is a place of education and scholarly inquiry. Its mission is to seek truth and disseminate knowledge. Our aim is to pursue this mission with integrity for the benefit of the people of Alberta, Canada and the world.

Our university proudly shares the youth, energy and enterprise of the city and province with which we have grown. Founded as the Calgary Normal School in 1906, we became a branch of the University of Alberta in 1945, then the autonomous University of Calgary in 1966. With energetic support from the citizens of Calgary and the government of Alberta, we have become a comprehensive research-based university with sixteen faculties, over twenty thousand students pursuing degrees, some thirty thousand in non-credit courses each

year, and innumerable others involved in our academic, cultural and sports events. Our history leads us to combine the best of long-established university traditions with the freshness, originality and independence of the Calgary environment. Our resources include the spirit of a frontier society and the worldwide heritage of cultures which have come together in our scholars, students and citizens.

As a university we are dedicated to the practice of scholarship which includes both teaching and research. Through research the university makes a direct contribution to society, and through teaching it prepares students to make their contribution. Students are bearers of knowledge for future generations and partners in discovery with their teachers. We offer to society the understanding and criticism of traditions and established structures, the advancement of science and technology, and the comprehension and development of human intellectual, artistic and physical endowments.

The University of Calgary Mission Statement was approved by the Board of Governors and the General Faculties Council in 1990. It is an integral part of the Strategic Planning Process at the University.

Research

Research brings significant benefits provincially, nationally and internationally, and is the foundation of Alberta's economic and social vitality. It is core to the U of C's teaching and research mandate.

Revenues from sponsored research (including deferred revenue) have more than doubled in the last five years to \$252 million. In 2006, the U of C was invited into what is now the G13 group of Canada's leading research universities, an overdue acknowledgement that at the tender age of 40, the University of Calgary had already achieved Top 10 standing on several fronts including Top 10 in Canada in sponsored research funding. Our vision, with the help of our stakeholders and partners, is to rank among the top five research universities in Canada by 2010.

About 75 chairs and professorships in such diverse areas as American studies, schizophrenia, project management, cancer and intelligent manufacturing attract renowned scholars and leading researchers to the University of Calgary.

New faculty: Veterinary Medicine

Canada's fifth veterinary school and the first newly created program in more than 20 years — the University of Calgary's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine — opened its doors in 2008. This innovative four-year doctor of veterinary medicine program leverages the principles of integration, collaboration and technology to offer a multi-species/multidisciplinary core as well as three specialized curricular streams: food production, population medicine and investigative medicine.

Leading-edge teaching methods and technologies

A student-centered approach

The U of C's high-quality undergraduate education is characterized by the synthesis of research, teaching and learning. We enhance our students' experience by enabling them to take an inquiry-based approach through experiential learning — literally learning through experience. This leads to greater critical thinking skills,

increased exposure to research methods, greater access to leading edge scholars, and it creates a more engaging, motivating learning environment for our students.

The U of C is a champion of investing in technology to enhance the student experience: in 2006 we became the first Canadian university to introduce podcasting on a large scale with the launch of four courses featuring the iPod as a teaching tool. Other technologies employed on campus include a Classroom Performance System that provides more classroom opportunities for interaction, and a wireless setting — all student spaces at the U of C will be wireless by late 2006, giving students access to their online coursework, to professors and to each other, wherever they are on campus.

Uniting university with community

An international flavour

More than 1,900 international students from nearly 90 countries are enrolled in the U of C's undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs.

Recognizing that international learning is integral to a contemporary, well-rounded education, the U of C has set an ambitious goal to increase the number of students learning overseas through exchange programs to 30 per cent of all graduating students by 2010.

The Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary has an innovative, patient-based, cross-disciplinary, research-intensive program that has earned a national and international reputation for excellence.

Since our establishment in 1967 we have grown rapidly to become an international leader in health research, education and delivery. Through our educational programs we are training the physicians and scientists who will lead the next generation of health practitioners. Through our clinical work, continuing medical education programs, and close relationship with the Calgary Health Region, we move new treatments and diagnostic techniques from the laboratory bench to the hospital bedside efficiently and effectively, improving patient care. Finally, breakthroughs in medical research and treatment made here are used around the world. Brain tumour research, fundamental discoveries in cancer and juvenile diabetes treatment, leading edge research and treatments for joint injury and arthritis – these scientific achievements are of benefit not just to Albertans, but to the world over.

The Faculty of Medicine has long played a role in international health programs and has successfully developed over 20 international collaborations.
