



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

STUDYING IN CANADA  
2022 – 2023 HANDBOOK



UNIVERSITY  
OF ALBERTA

# LEADING *With Purpose*

JOIN OUR WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTION  
WITH A LONG HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP  
AND INNOVATION ACROSS THE GLOBE.



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## RESEARCH-BASED UNIVERSITY

IN CANADA



#3 IN  
GRADUATE  
EMPLOYMENT  
IN CANADA

# 42,000+

STUDENTS FROM 159 COUNTRIES

# 300,000+

ALUMNI WORLDWIDE



**2/3 OF FIRST-YEAR INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS\* RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP**

\*FROM HIGH SCHOOLS IN CANADA



# MEET AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

## CORDELIUS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Cordelius is a Conservation Biology student from Denmark. He is a member of Climate Justice Edmonton and one of the lead organizers behind the youth climate strikes in the city. Cordelius was also a recipient of the Maple Leaf Centenary Scholarship and the International Maple Leaf Entrance Leadership Scholarship.

"When I first moved to Edmonton from Copenhagen I felt very alone with worries about the climate crisis. Luckily, I found myself in the company of like-minded people when I became a part of the Climate Justice Edmonton group. I also volunteer in a fish laboratory where I hope to gain experience by being engaged in scientific research. I have always been interested in learning about ecosystems, especially aquatic, and how to preserve them."



## EASTERN CAMPUS BLOCK PARTY

Residence Services hosts a block party for students to get to know each other

# ONE OF CANADA'S GREATEST UNIVERSITIES

And among the top 150 universities in the world.

## OUR CAMPUSES

You can choose from over 200 undergraduate programs on three teaching campuses. North Campus is our main teaching campus that combines some of the world's most advanced facilities along with a classic academic setting. It's located in the heart of the city of Edmonton, with easy access to public transportation, shopping, amenities, and housing options. Sign up to visit campus or virtually tour campus. [uab.ca/tours](https://uab.ca/tours)

## LIVE ON CAMPUS

Lister Hall is Canada's largest on-campus residence, and we have guaranteed a spot for all first-year students, with its renovated facilities, meal plans, and access to the river valley trails and parks. Residents also enjoy the academic advantages of being so close to classes and study facilities, along with the Peer Tutor and the Academic in Residence (AiR) programs that living in Lister provides. **Apply by April 30 for a guaranteed spot.** [uab.ca/residence](https://uab.ca/residence)

## SUPPORTED STUDENTS SUCCEED

From immigration and academic advising, to business and mentorship networks, your success at the U of A is everyone's goal. Here are just a few of the resources available to students on campus and online:

- Academic Success Centre
- Counselling & Clinical Services
- International Student Services (ISS)

**Support for international students starts before you study at the U of A.** From online information sessions and workshops to virtual advising specifically for international students in Canada, we will support you throughout your application process. [uab.ca/recruitmentevents](https://uab.ca/recruitmentevents)



**FIELD SCHOOL**  
Alberta archeological field site



**ECOCAR**  
Students built a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle

## INFINITE POSSIBILITIES AWAIT YOU

Test your knowledge and put it into practice.

### START YOUR CAREER

Build your work experience and resumé with internships, job shadowing, and career mentoring opportunities. These are just a few of our resources that will connect you to employers in virtually every field:

- Co-ops, practicums, and internships in all direct-entry faculties
- The University of Alberta Career Centre
- Networking and recruitment

### FIELDWORK AND RESEARCH

Get involved in research as early as your first year with the Undergraduate Research Initiative, a program that could have you receiving funding for your own self-directed project. Or you could be enjoying Canada's great outdoors while getting hands-on experience in your field of study. Faculty-led field schools have students learning alongside leading researchers in some majestic Canadian landscapes. Your faculty advisor can provide you with more details.

### WORK WHILE YOU STUDY

As a post-secondary study permit holder, you can work while you study full time, on or off-campus. You can also work for up to three years after graduation under the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program. Working as a full-time student could offer you the following benefits:

- Better language skills
- Connections with employers
- Post-graduation opportunities
- New friends
- Extra income

# FUNDING YOUR FUTURE

It could be the most valuable investment you ever make.

## TUITION GUARANTEE

As an international student studying in Canada, you will know the total tuition for your program when you receive admission. In order to help you plan for the financial requirements of attending university, the U of A provides you with a tuition guarantee for the total tuition cost of your program.

## PLAN FOR IT

Whether you have financial barriers or you would just like more information about scholarships, awards, and funding options available to you — our advisors in the Student Service Centre can help guide you to the right support.

[uab.ca/ask](http://uab.ca/ask)

## FIRST-YEAR ESTIMATE



**\$29,500+**

FOR INTERNATIONAL TUITION

## PLUS



**\$3,500+**

FOR BOOKS, SUPPLIES,  
AND FEES



**\$12,500+**

FOR RESIDENCE WITH  
MEAL PLAN



**GET AN ESTIMATE BASED  
ON YOUR PROGRAM CHOICE  
WITH THE COST CALCULATOR**

AT [UAB.CA/COSTCALC](http://UAB.CA/COSTCALC)

Estimates are based on your program and living arrangements.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The U of A administers more than \$34 million in undergraduate financial support. There are scholarships and awards specifically for international students. The deadline for application-based awards is January 12, 2022. View all entrance awards at [uab.ca/awards](http://uab.ca/awards)

### ADMISSION-BASED

You might receive a scholarship you didn't even have to apply for. Eligibility for these awards is based on your admission average at the time of your admission offer.

**Gold Standard Scholarship:** Top 5% of students in each faculty may receive a maximum of \$6,000, depending on admission average.

**University of Alberta International Admission Scholarship:** Students with superior academics in high school may receive a maximum of \$5,000.

**University of Alberta Regional Excellence Scholarship:** Students attending high school in Canada on a study permit with an admission average of 80%+ could receive a scholarship ranging from \$4,000 – \$5,000.

### APPLICATION-BASED

Fill out a single application and we will assess your eligibility based on your background, experiences, academics, and interests.

**President's International Distinction Scholarship:** This is the University of Alberta's most prestigious and competitive scholarship for international students and is valued at \$120,000 (payable over four years). It is intended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, creativity, and who are recognized leaders within their school.

**University of Alberta International Leader Scholarship:** Well-rounded leaders with superior academics could receive a scholarship ranging from \$5,000 – \$10,000.

# ADMISSION TO THE U OF A

All undergraduate programs are open to international students with the exception of the Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy programs.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

You will need to meet the general admission requirements for your program, along with demonstrating English Language Proficiency (ELP) or FLP for French-language programs. If you have completed three or more years of full-time education in English (excluding ESL courses) in Canada (or in a country or institution where English is recognized as the official / primary language of instruction), ELP may be met. Go online to see other ways to meet ELP. [uab.ca/languagereqs](http://uab.ca/languagereqs)

## BRIDGING PROGRAM

The Bridging Program (BP) is for students who meet all admission requirements for their program except for the ELP requirement. Students in the BP can improve their academic English skills and fulfil the ELP requirement by taking English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses while earning credits. After completing BP, you will continue as a full-time undergraduate student. Go online to find out if you are eligible and for information on the five participating faculties. [uab.ca/bridging](http://uab.ca/bridging)

**TABLE 1: ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS**

WRITTEN EXAMS	REQUIRED GRADES
TOEFL INTERNET-BASED TEST (IBT)	Overall 90 with no band less than 21
IELTS (ACADEMIC)	Overall 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 30-1 (ALBERTA)	75% or higher ( <i>final blended grade must include the diploma exam or provincial exam mark</i> )
IB ENGLISH A1, A2, A LITERATURE, OR A LANGUAGE & LITERATURE	5 or better ( <i>official predicted mark or exam mark</i> )
IB ENGLISH B	6 or better ( <i>official predicted mark or exam mark</i> )
AP ENGLISH	4 or better ( <i>exam mark</i> )
GCE ADVANCED LEVEL (A-LEVEL) OR ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY LEVEL (AS-LEVEL), GCSE, IGCSE, OR O-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OR LITERATURE	B or better ( <i>exam mark</i> )
PREVIOUS EDUCATION IN ENGLISH	
THREE OR MORE YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION IN ENGLISH (EXCLUDING ESL) <sup>1</sup>	Successful completion <sup>2</sup>
POST-SECONDARY COURSEWORK	
6 CREDITS OF UNIVERSITY-LEVEL ENGLISH STUDIES COMPLETED AT A RECOGNIZED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INSTITUTION	B+ or better ( <i>must be transferable as 6 credits of ENGL at the University of Alberta</i> )
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA EAP 140 & 145	Successful completion

**TABLE 2: SPOKEN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to demonstrating overall English Language Proficiency, applicants to the teaching and health sciences disciplines need a further level of Spoken English Language Proficiency. Spoken English Proficiency is not required by all programs.

SPOKEN EXAMS	REQUIRED GRADE
TOEFL INTERNET-BASED TEST (IBT)	Minimum score of 26 in the Speaking section
IELTS (ACADEMIC)	Minimum score of 7.5 in the Speaking section
PREVIOUS EDUCATION IN ENGLISH	
SIX YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION IN ENGLISH IN CANADA <sup>1</sup>	Successful completion <sup>2</sup>

**NOTES:**

<sup>1</sup> In Canada or another country or institution where English is recognized as the official / primary language of instruction.

<sup>2</sup> Education must include Alberta Grade 12 (or equivalent) if secondary education is the highest level completed, or if a combination of secondary and post-secondary is used.

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EXPERIENCE THE U OF A FOR YOURSELF AND  
STAY UP TO DATE ON EVENTS SPECIFICALLY FOR  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT **UAB.CA/TOP5**

## ASK US

You've got questions, and our  
advisors have answers.

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