



**UNIVERSITY  
OF ALBERTA**

# **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDYING IN CANADA**

**2024 - 2025 HANDBOOK**





# TOGETHER, WE ARE Leading with Purpose

Join our world-class institution with a long history of leadership and innovation around the globe.

**TOP 5**  
UNIVERSITY IN CANADA

**TOP 100**  
UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD

**44,000+**  
STUDENTS from  
157 COUNTRIES

**300,000+**  
ALUMNI  
WORLDWIDE



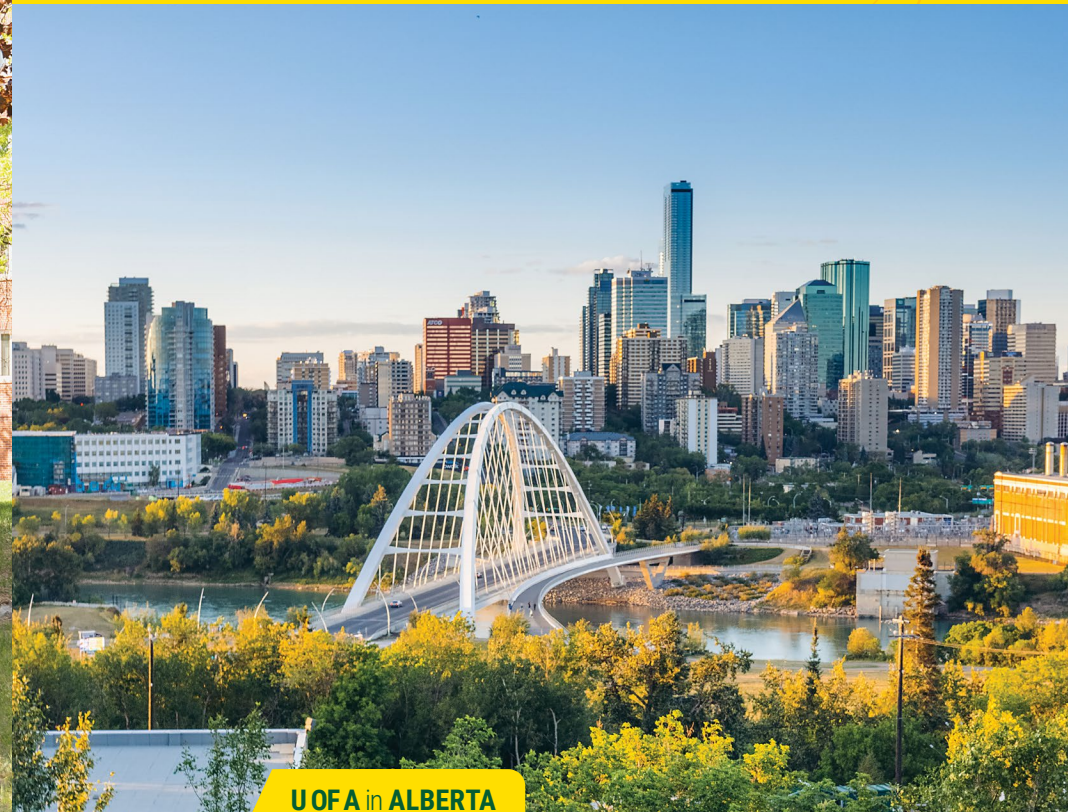
**3rd** IN THE **WORLD**  
FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE &  
MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCH



**2nd LARGEST**  
RESEARCH LIBRARY  
IN CANADA



**5th** IN **CANADA**  
FOR GRADUATE  
EMPLOYMENT



**U OF A** in **ALBERTA**



**3 HOURS**  
TO THE CANADIAN  
ROCKIES



**325 DAYS**  
OF SUNSHINE



**150km**  
OF TRAILS

**LARGEST MALL**  
IN NORTH AMERICA

Studying at the University of Alberta places you in the heart of the city of Edmonton. Here you will find North America's largest urban park, world-class festivals, an enviable arts scene and a bustling downtown core full of unique stores and coffee shops. And you will be steps away from it all!



# INFINITE POSSIBILITIES AWAIT YOU

## AT ONE OF CANADA'S GREATEST UNIVERSITIES!

### Find Your Program

Picking the perfect program for you is important, which is why we have 200+ to choose from across our three main teaching campuses. Visit [uab.ca/programs](http://uab.ca/programs) to explore program options and admission requirements, or [uab.ca/averages](http://uab.ca/averages) for a list of historical admission averages.

### Kick-Start Your Career

University is meant to be spent beyond the classroom, which is why we have so many opportunities to enrich your degree that make our graduates some of the most employable in the world. Get involved in research as early as your first year with the Undergraduate Research Initiative or pursue co-ops, practicums, internships or career mentoring. [uab.ca/wil](http://uab.ca/wil)

### Work While You Study

As a post-secondary study permit holder, you can work while you study full time and for up to three years after graduation under the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program. Working as a full-time student can help you gain better language skills, make new friends and earn extra income all while exploring post-graduation opportunities.

### Your Success is Our Goal

From immigration and academic advising, to health care and mental wellness, to student-led organizations and groups, you are supported at every step of your journey by a network of services. Support specific to international students is available at International Student Services. [uab.ca/iss](http://uab.ca/iss)

## English Language Proficiency

In addition to the general admission requirements for your program, you will need to demonstrate English Language Proficiency (ELP) or French Language Proficiency (FLP). Head online for a full list of ways to meet ELP. [uab.ca/languagereqs](http://uab.ca/languagereqs)

TABLE 1: ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMS	COURSE REQUIREMENTS
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
DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST	Overall 120 with no subscore less than 100
HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 30-1 (ALBERTA OR NWT)	75% or higher (final blended grade must include the diploma exam or provincial exam mark)
IB ENGLISH A1, A2, A LITERATURE, OR A LANGUAGE & LITERATURE	5 or better (official predicted mark or exam mark)
IB ENGLISH B	6 or better (official predicted mark or exam mark)
AP ENGLISH	4 or better (exam mark)
PREVIOUS EDUCATION IN ENGLISH	
THREE OR MORE YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION IN ENGLISH (EXCLUDING ESL) <sup>1</sup>	Successful completion with at least 5 academic, for-credit courses taken per year in those three years. We only consider courses that were taken for credit, and we will not consider courses that were failed or ESL/ELL courses in the 5 course per year calculation. <sup>2</sup>
POST-SECONDARY COURSEWORK	
6 CREDITS OF UNIVERSITY-LEVEL ENGLISH STUDIES COMPLETED AT A RECOGNIZED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INSTITUTION	B+ or better (must be transferable as 6 credits of ENGL at the University of Alberta)
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA EAP 136 & 137 <sup>2</sup>	Successful completion

Applicants to some disciplines in the Faculties of Education and Health Sciences will also be required to demonstrate a further level of Spoken English Language Proficiency in addition to ELP.

TABLE 2: SPOKEN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

SPOKEN EXAMS	COURSE REQUIREMENTS
TOEFL INTERNET-BASED TEST (IBT)	Minimum score of 26 in the speaking section
IELTS (ACADEMIC)	Minimum score of 7.5 in the speaking section
DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST	Overall 140 with no subscore less than 120
PREVIOUS EDUCATION IN ENGLISH	
SIX YEARS OF FULL-TIME EDUCATION IN ENGLISH IN CANADA <sup>1</sup>	Successful completion <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In a secondary or post-secondary institution in Canada or another country where English is recognized as the official/primary language of instruction. Will be evaluated upon receipt of Official Final Transcripts.

<sup>2</sup> Find more information about the Bridging Program at [uab.ca/bridging](http://uab.ca/bridging)

<sup>3</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.



# FUNDING YOUR FUTURE

## REEM

STUDENT AMBASSADOR

After moving from the Middle East to study at the U of A, Reem found her purpose here, completing a Bachelor of Science and now pursuing a Molecular Biology and Genetics graduate degree. She is involved with the International Students' Association, and won Resident Assistant of the Year!



Ever since I was young I had a passion for science, so I recognize how lucky I am to be thousands of miles from home conducting lab research with experts in the field. My time at the U of A has allowed me to cross paths with some wonderful people who have made Edmonton my home away from home. To any international students considering moving to pursue school, I say "do it". I know it's scary, but it is the first, most crucial step you can take so that your future self can look back and thank you."

## A DEGREE IS A VALUABLE INVESTMENT IN YOURSELF AND YOUR FUTURE.

But we know it comes with a cost. That is why we have resources in place to help. From awards and scholarships to student loans, bursaries and emergency funding, our advisors can help guide you to the right support. [uab.ca/ask](http://uab.ca/ask)

### FIRST-YEAR ESTIMATE\*

# \$31,000+

FOR INTERNATIONAL TUITION

plus

**\$3,600+** FOR BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND FEES  
**\$16,100+** FOR RESIDENCE WITH MEAL PLAN



GET A REFINED ESTIMATE AT [uab.ca/costcalc](http://uab.ca/costcalc)

\* These figures are based on one year of full-time study in a general Arts program for 2023-24; fees are subject to change every year.

### Tuition Guarantee

As an international student studying in Canada, you will know the total tuition cost of your program at the time of admission through our international tuition guarantee. Get an estimate based on your program choice and living arrangements using our cost calculator. [uab.ca/costcalc](http://uab.ca/costcalc)

### Scholarships & Awards

The University of Alberta administers more than \$46 million in undergraduate financial support each year, and we have scholarships and awards specifically for international students. [uab.ca/awards](http://uab.ca/awards)

#### Admission-Based

Based on your admission average alone, you could receive awards you don't even have to apply for!

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

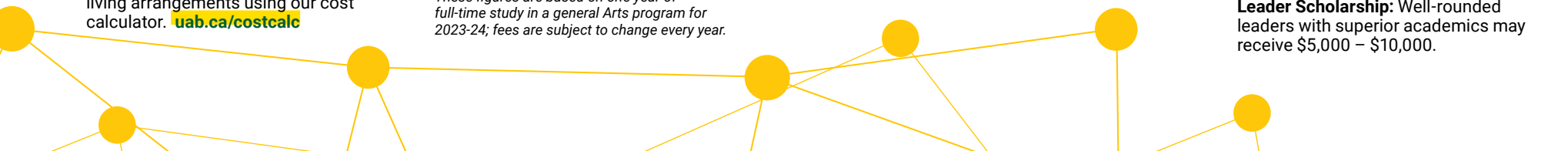
**Alberta Regional Excellence Scholarship:** Students attending high school in Canada on a study permit with an admission average of 80%+ may receive \$4,000 – \$5,000.

#### Application-Based

Simply fill out one application and we will assess you for eligibility based on experience, background, academics and interests. The deadline to apply is **January 10, 2024.**

**President's International Distinction Scholarship:** The University of Alberta's most prestigious and competitive scholarship for international students. Valued at \$120,000 (payable over four years).

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



Ready to join us?

**[uab.ca/start](https://uab.ca/start)**

### **ASK US**

You've got questions, and we've got advisors.

Contact a coordinator specifically for international students studying in Canada!

 [uab.ca/mapleleaf](https://uab.ca/mapleleaf)

 [mapleleaf@ualberta.ca](mailto:mapleleaf@ualberta.ca)

Sign up for notifications at

**[uab.ca/top5](https://uab.ca/top5)**

### **MEET US**

Attend a presentation or come to an event.

**[uab.ca/recruitmentevents](https://uab.ca/recruitmentevents)**

### **VISIT US**

Take a tour and see our vibrant campus for yourself. **[uab.ca/tours](https://uab.ca/tours)**

### **KEEP CONNECTED**

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