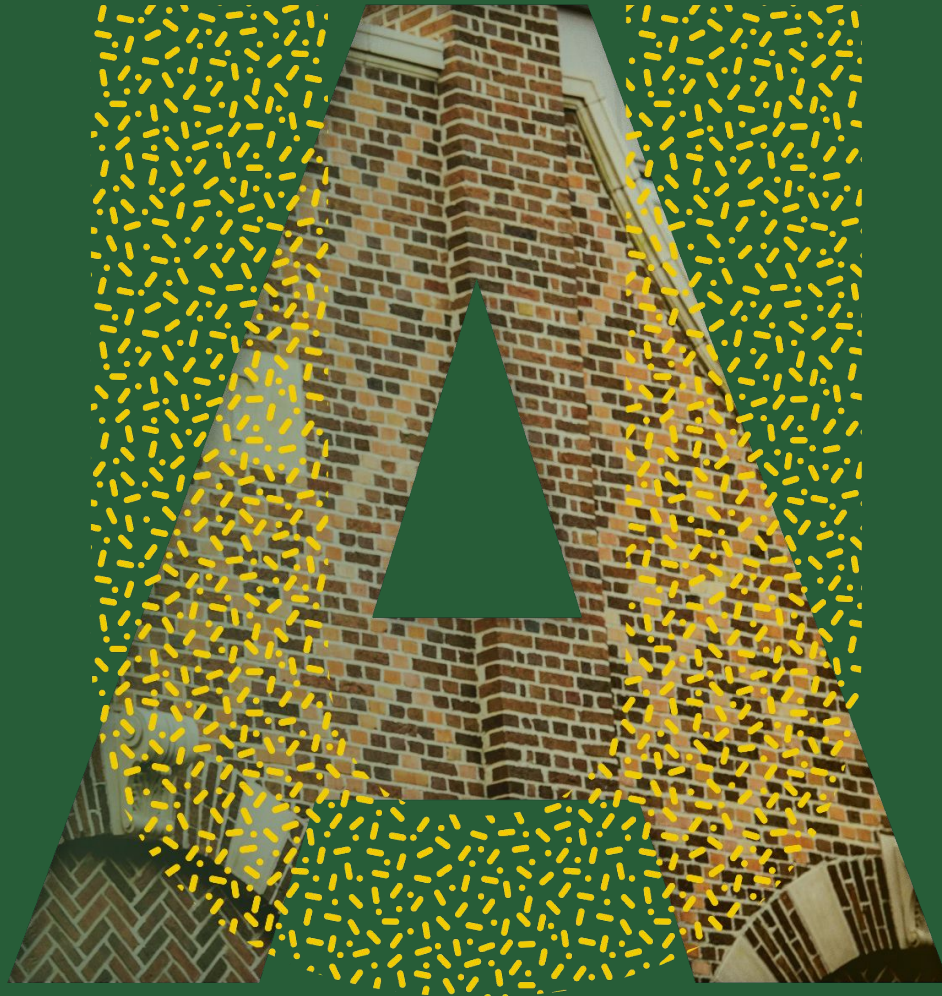


Student Consultation Presentation

2025/26

Tuition Proposal



TUITION CONSULTATION

- 01. Tuition Budget Advisory Committee**
Sept. 12, 2024; Oct.10, 2024; Nov. 13, 2024;
Jan. 14, 2025
- 02. Students' Union Tuition Townhall**
Oct. 29, 2024; 12-2 p.m.
- 03. Council on Student Affairs**
Nov. 7, 2024
- 04. Graduate Students' Association Tuition Townhall**
Nov. 7, 2024; 12-2 p.m.
- 05. International Students' Association**
Nov. 22, 2024; 5:30 - 6:30pm
- 06. Joint SU/GSA Tuition Townhall**
Jan. 8, 2025; 12:15 - 1:45pm

WHAT DOES MY TUITION COVER?

Tuition covers all expenses related to instruction at the university, including:

- Instructor salaries
- Creation and maintenance of classrooms
- Creation and maintenance of study spaces
- Disposable supplies for teaching, activities and labs (materials owned or leased by students are covered by other fees)
- Utilities
- Research that supports instruction and discovery
- Libraries

\$23.2M (5.5%) of tuition revenue goes directly to student financial supports (2024-25).

INCREASING COST DRIVERS

01. **CPI & inflation**
02. **Increases in our cost drivers**
 - **Salaries and benefits** - merit compensation and benefit increases (57% of costs)
 - **Materials and supplies** - impacted by CPI increases (18% of costs)
 - **Utilities** - impacted by CPI increases and rate of utilities (3% of costs)
 - **Maintenance** (4% of costs)
 - **Other** (18% of costs)
03. **Gaps in revenue**
04. **A desire to maintain quality of instruction and academic mission**

REVENUE SOURCES

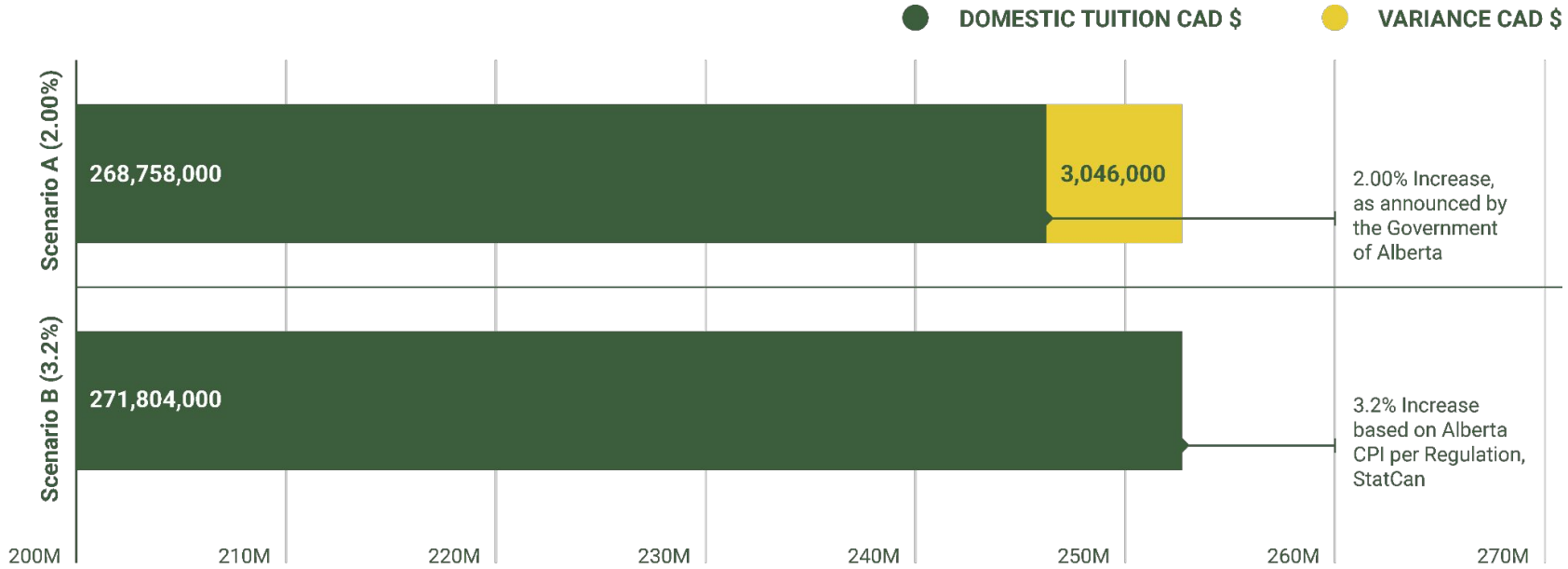
01. **Operating Grant**
 - **Total decrease** - \$222M in three years
 - **2025-26** - there is no anticipated strategic or inflationary increase in this grant
02. **Federal and Other Government Grants**
 - **Federal Research Support** - directed revenues
03. **Investment Income (unrestricted)**
 - **Income Projection** - \$30M
04. **Other Revenue Sources**
05. **Tuition**

Funding Remains Stagnant

- 01. Grant**
 - Remains flat with inflation increasing by over 10% the last two years.
 - Represents a \$44M additional cut to our provincial operating grant.
- 02. Projected costs continue to rise**
- 03. Domestic tuition capped at 2%**
 - Domestic tuition increase of 2% proposed for 2025-26.
 - The difference between a 2% domestic tuition increase and an increase at CPI (3.20%) creates a **\$3.0M revenue gap** for the University.
- 04. International student enrolment impacted by federal immigration policy changes**

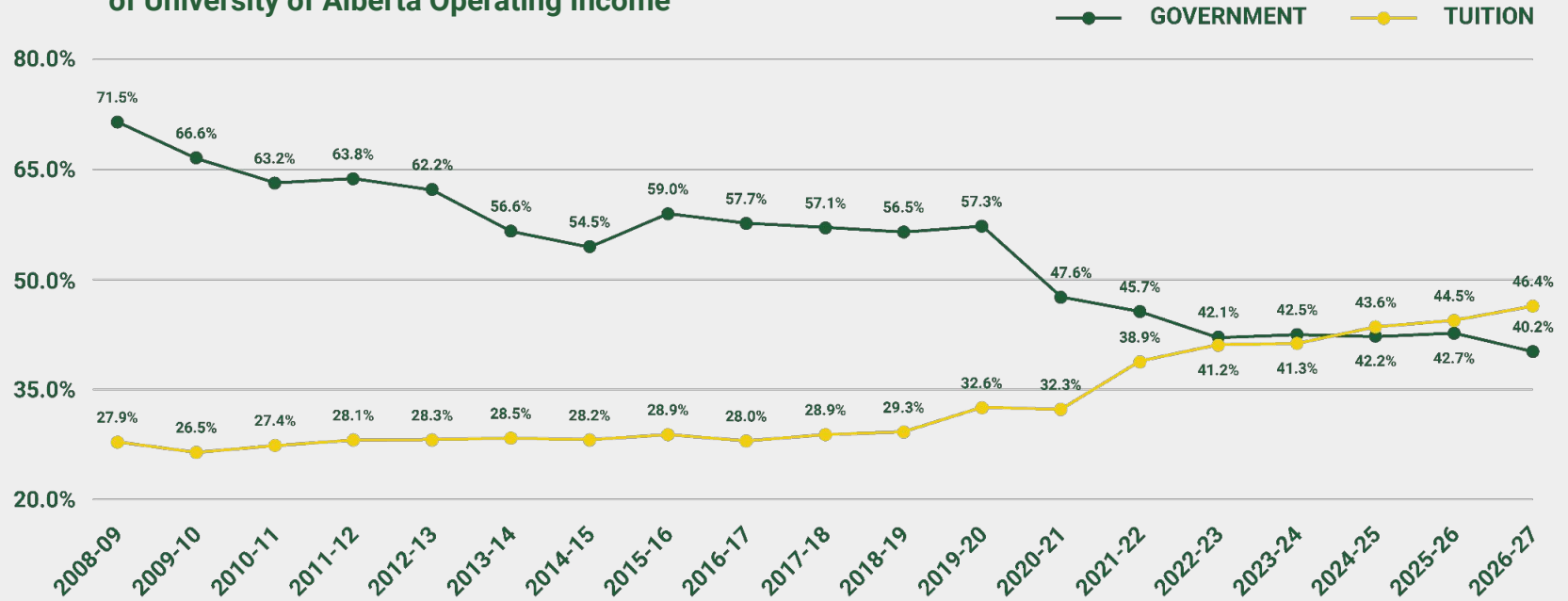
The U of A now has the lowest per-student provincial operating funding of any major university in Western Canada.

Legislated tuition cap creates funding gap



The Context - Revenue and cost balance

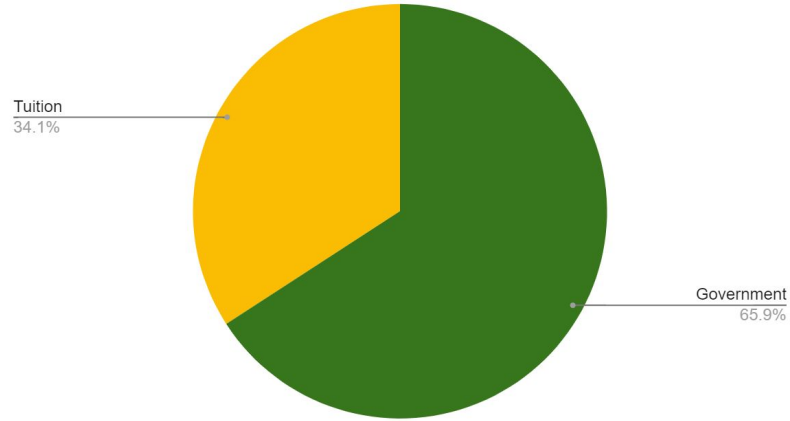
Government Funding and Tuition as Share of University of Alberta Operating Income



Source: CAUBO information is used until 2021-22. Actuals and projections from 2022-23 to 2026-27 are provided by RP.

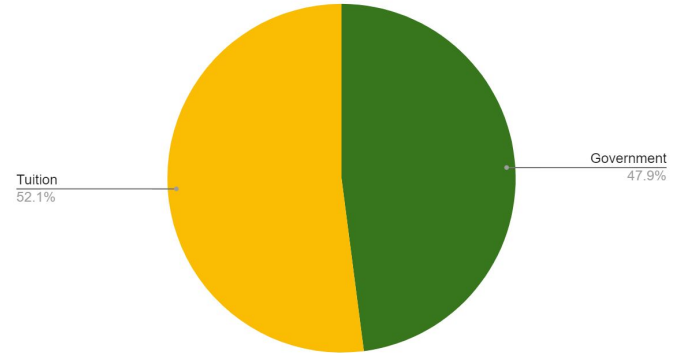
Tuition and Government Funding Comparison

2018/19



Operating Grant \$642.2M

2024/25



Operating Grant \$436.6M

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED DOMESTIC TUITION INCREASE FOR 2025/26?

A domestic tuition increase of 2.0% is proposed for 2025-26.

- Domestic tuition offset funding held at \$~8.5M.
- No additional offset proposed for Fall 2025.

FALL 2026 INTERNATIONAL TUITION PROPOSAL

Undergraduate

- All programs increase by 10% with the exception of Engineering programs which will increase by ~5%.
- International tuition offset 8.55% of total international tuition revenue continues.

FALL 2026 INTERNATIONAL TUITION PROPOSAL

Graduate (course-based)

- All programs increase by 10% with the exception of MBA programs which will increase by 5%.
- International tuition offset 8.55% of total international tuition revenue continues.

FALL 2026 INTERNATIONAL TUITION PROPOSAL

Graduate (thesis-based)

- Freeze international thesis-based tuition at current amounts for 2026/27.

Additional actions:

- Advisory Working Group on International Thesis-Based Tuition continues through 2024/25 and 2025/26.
- Assess impact of minimum guaranteed funding.
- Research practices at other institutions.
- Employ data-informed approach to identify mechanisms for increased student support as early as 2026 and update recommendations for 2027/28 international thesis-based tuition amounts.

Affordability and Supports



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The University of Alberta is committed to providing and optimizing robust student financial supports, in order to ensure that academically qualified students can attend the university. These student financial supports will align with institutional priorities and values, including those outlined in the institutional strategic plan. The University recognizes that access to affordable education is a shared responsibility between the University, the student, and government.

-UAPPOL Student Financial Supports Policy, 2019



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RO and GPS Administered Financial Support 2023/24

RO AND GPS ADMINISTERED FUNDING

\$86,347,745

UNDERGRADUATE

\$51,286,460

TOTAL ADMINISTERED FUNDING

GRADUATE

\$35,061,285

TOTAL ADMINISTERED FUNDING

74.7% = \$64,530,743

MERIT-BASED

63.5% = \$32,575,095

MERIT-BASED

91.1% = \$31,995,648

MERIT-BASED

19.0% = \$16,372,881

NEED-BASED

26.2% = \$13,435,689

NEED-BASED

8.4% = \$2,937,192

NEED-BASED

6.3% = \$5,444,121

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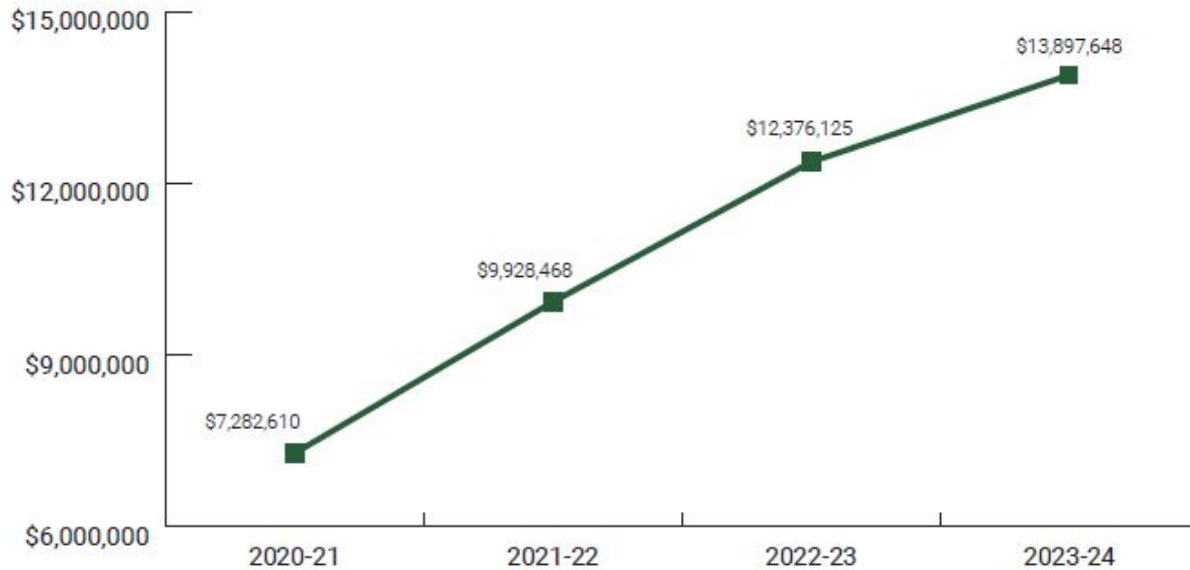
10.3% = \$5,275,676

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0.5% = \$168,445

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University Operating Spending on Need-Based Supports



Since 2020-21, there has been a 90.8 per cent increase in spending on need-based supports.

BURSARY DEMAND AND TOTAL ENROLMENT

- All students with an assessed financial shortfall received bursary funding in 2023/24.
- This represented 3.6% of total enrolment.
- No eligible students were denied bursary support.

HOW WE COMMUNICATE FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

01. Orientation
02. Information made available to professors to include in speaking notes and course syllabi
03. SU/GSA Handbooks
04. Application opening dates for scholarships and bursaries communicated through:
 - a. Undergraduate Digest
 - b. Graduate Digest
 - c. International Student Digest
 - d. Faculty-specific student channels
 - e. Dean of Students channels as appropriate
 - f. YouAlberta newsletter
05. Finances, funding and support web page launched in 2024 to provide a hub for the U of A's financial support programs, resources and more.
06. Financial support information shared year-round on the U of A Student Life Instagram account.
07. Council on Student Affairs (CoSA)



THANK YOU

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