



# STUDENT CONSULTATION PRESENTATION

2026-27  
Tuition Proposal



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# Tuition Consultation Process

As approved by the  
Presidents of the  
SU and GSA

01. **Tuition Budget Advisory Committee**  
Sept. 16; Oct.15; Nov. 18, 2025; Jan. 15, 2026
02. **Council on Student Affairs**  
Nov. 6, 2025; Jan. 22, 2026
03. **Students' Union Council**  
Nov. 4, 2025
04. **Graduate Students' Association Council**  
Nov. 24, 2025
05. **International Students' Association Council**  
TBD, 2026
06. **Student Townhalls**  
GSA: Nov. 20, 2025  
SU: January 14, 2026

# 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

**5% of tuition revenue goes directly into student financial support, approx. \$23.2M (2024-25)**

# What Drives a Tuition Increase?

## 01. Increases in our cost drivers

- **Salaries and benefits** - merit compensation and benefit increases (57% of costs)
- **Materials and supplies** (18% of costs)
- **Utilities** (3% of costs)
- **Maintenance** (4% of costs)

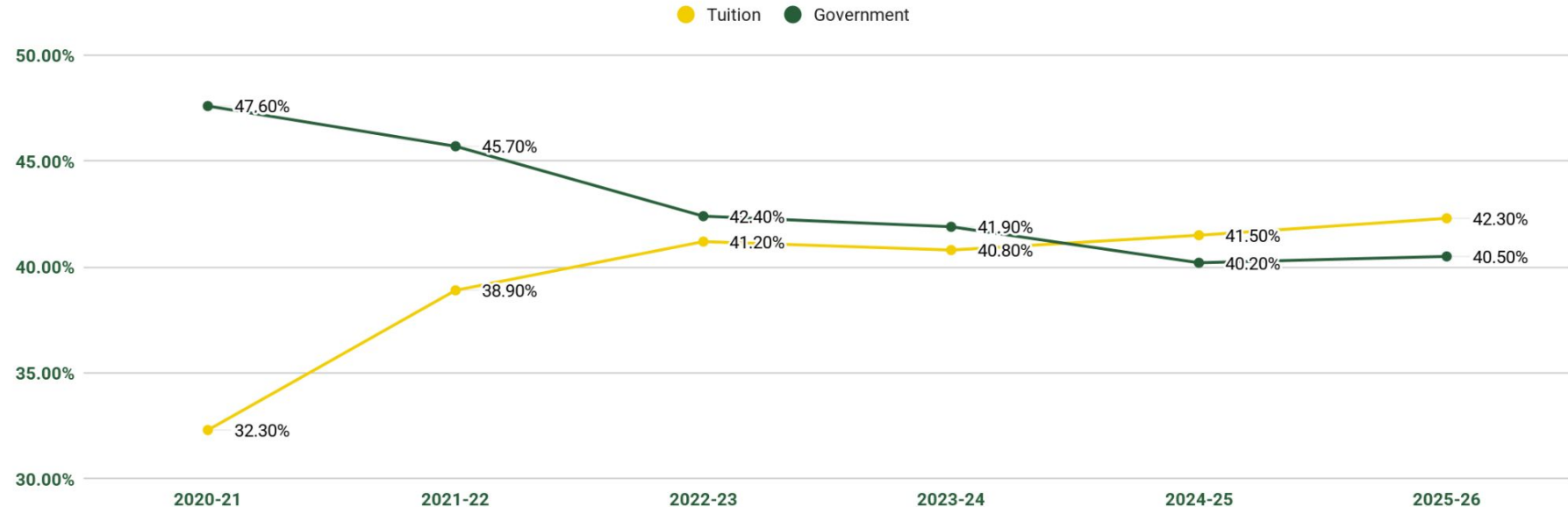
## 02. Gaps in our revenue

- Government grants are not expected to increase to support instruction broadly

## 03. A desire to maintain quality of instruction and academic mission

# The Context - Revenue and cost balance

Government funding and tuition as share of University of Alberta operating income





# Tuition Impacts

- In Fall 2025, the gap between the 2% increase to domestic tuition and an increase at CPI resulted in a \$3M revenue gap for the University.
  - In Fall 2024, that gap was \$7M.
- If we did not pursue the 2% increase for Fall 2026, the university revenue would be reduced by \$5M.
- Areas impacted by that reduction would include the student experience, supplies, maintenance and repairs, classroom upgrades, cleanliness, etc.

# 2026/27 Domestic Tuition Increase Proposal

Domestic tuition increase for Fall 2026: 2%

- Undergraduate and graduate
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- Currently, domestic tuition offset funding held at \$8.5M.
  - Discussions underway for adjustment to further ensure predictability in an ongoing way for students.

# Fall 2027 International Tuition Proposal

## Undergraduate

- 5.5% increase for new students in Fall 2027.
- Exceptions:
  - Harmonization of Computing Science tuition to Engineering [~26% proportional increase].
  - Harmonization of Nursing to peer institutions [~20% increase].
- International tuition offset of 8.55% of total international tuition revenue continues.

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## Sample Impacts

| Program   | Fall 2026 Tuition                                       | Fall 2027 Proposed Tuition (5.5%)                       |
|---|---|---|
| Faculty of Arts, ALES, & KSR  | Program Total: \$156,931.20<br>Annual Rate: \$39,232.80 | Program Total: \$165,561.60<br>Annual Rate: \$41,390.40 |
| Faculty of Education & Native Studies<br>Augustana & Faculte Saint Jean | Program Total: \$143,630.40<br>Annual Rate: \$35,907.60 | Program Total: \$151,526.40<br>Annual Rate: \$37,881.60 |
| Faculty of Science  | Program Total: \$159,168<br>Annual Rate: \$39,792       | Program Total: \$167,918.40<br>Annual Rate: \$41,979.60 |
| Faculty of Business   | Program Total: \$186,187.20<br>Annual Rate: \$46,546.80 | Program Total: \$196,425.60<br>Annual Rate: \$49,106.40 |
| Faculty of Engineering  | Program Total: \$199,809.60<br>Annual Rate: \$49,952.40 | Program Total \$210,796.80<br>Annual Rate \$52,699.20   |

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## Sample Impacts - Exceptions

| Program                  | Fall 2026 Tuition                                     | Fall 2027 Proposed Tuition                            |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| BSc in Computing Science | Program Total \$159,168<br>Annual Rate \$39,792       | Program Total \$210,796.80<br>Annual Rate \$52,699.20 |
| BSc in Nursing           | Program Total \$143,630.40<br>Annual Rate \$35,907.60 | Program Total \$172,353.60<br>Annual Rate \$43,088.40 |

# Fall 2027 International Tuition Proposal

## Graduate, Course-Based

- 5.5% increase for most programs.
- Potential exclusions.
- International tuition offset of 8.55% of total international tuition revenue continues.

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## Graduate, Thesis-Based

- Advisory Working Group on International Thesis-Based Tuition has been meeting over the last year.
- Reminder that international thesis-based tuition was frozen for Fall 2026.
- Anticipated proposal to reduce international thesis-based tuition by -5.5% for Fall 2027.

# 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. Student, Success and Experience 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)

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