



STUDENT CONSULTATION PRESENTATION

**2026-27
Tuition Proposal**



**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**

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

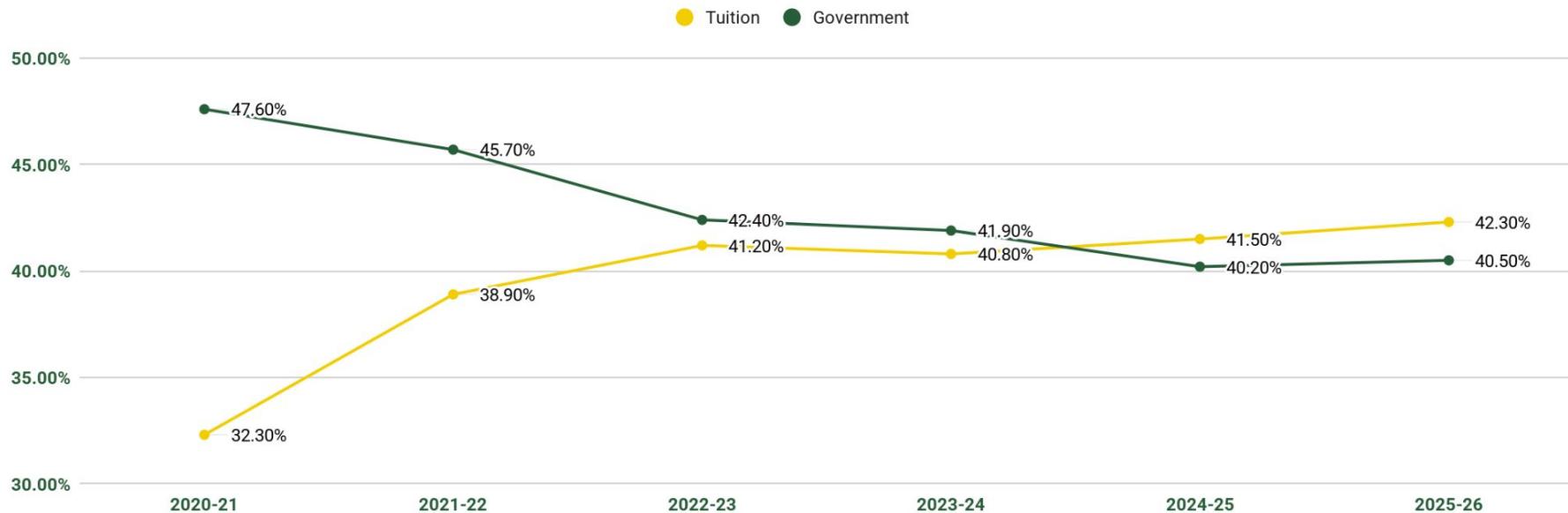
5% of tuition revenue goes directly into student financial support, approx. \$23.2M (2024-25)

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



A photograph of a student sitting at a desk in a library, looking at a phone. The student is wearing a blue jacket and a white scarf. The library has tall, yellow-painted bookshelves filled with books. In the background, there is a large window showing bare trees outside.

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

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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 Annual Rate: \$39,232.80	Program Total: \$165,561.60 Annual Rate: \$41,390.40
Faculty of Education & Native Studies Augustana & Faculte Saint Jean	Program Total: \$143,630.40 Annual Rate: \$35,907.60	Program Total: \$151,526.40 Annual Rate: \$37,881.60
Faculty of Science	Program Total: \$159,168 Annual Rate: \$39,792	Program Total: \$167,918.40 Annual Rate: \$41,979.60
Faculty of Business	Program Total: \$186,187.20 Annual Rate: \$46,546.80	Program Total: \$196,425.60 Annual Rate: \$49,106.40
Faculty of Engineering	Program Total: \$199,809.60 Annual Rate: \$49,952.40	Program Total: \$210,796.80 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 Annual Rate \$39,792	Program Total \$210,796.80 Annual Rate \$52,699.20
BSc in Nursing	Program Total \$143,630.40 Annual Rate \$35,907.60	Program Total \$172,353.60 Annual Rate \$43,088.40

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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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