

EYES HIGH – BIG SKY

Eyes High, our University of Calgary institutional vision, outlines our dreams, goals and ambitions as a university. We look to our big prairie sky for those aspirations.

The University of Calgary is a global intellectual hub located in Canada's most enterprising city. In this spirited, high-quality learning environment, students will thrive in programs made rich by research, hands-on experiences and entrepreneurial thinking. By 2022, we will be recognized as one of Canada's top five research universities, fully engaging the communities we both serve and lead.

Our institutional vision is based on 3 foundational commitments:

- Research + Scholarship
- Enriching the Quality and Breadth of Learning
- Integrate the University with the Community

We will develop our four days together loosely on these titles and then add a 4th for the purposes of the conference. It will be entitled "The Land"

Calgary is set in a compelling landscape with a great panorama to the Rocky Mountains. Banff's proximity and international reputation bring to the world to us.

The city is land-locked in a resource-rich, northern prairie setting where the land has real meaning for us.

The audacity of our settlers, the entrepreneurial spirit of our city and the gentle words of our indigenous relatives come together to make this a special place that is in transition. Oil + gas extraction as well as agriculture practices must do things differently. The University of Calgary has an important role to play in this transition.

In the maturing frontier town of Calgary our maverick tendencies are offset by the deep commitment people have to their communities and their city.

Calgary had to fight for a university of its own in the late 50s. It fought for and won the 1988 Winter Olympics and it consequently boasts an international airport amongst other site.

There is plenty to do!

We look forward to hosting the AUA in 2020.