

# University of Alberta IEE Summer Programs (2026)

Experiential learning programs for emerging global leaders.

## About Our Summer Programs



### Your Journey Starts at One of Canada's Top Five Universities.

The University of Alberta offers an immersive setting for your growth. Our 2026 IEE Summer Programs are designed for emerging global leaders, combining hands-on learning with life on our vibrant Edmonton campus.



The University of Alberta offers two three-week, non-credit experiential learning programs designed for students who want to build global competencies, strengthen leadership skills, and experience life at one of Canada's top five universities.

These programs combine hands-on learning, community engagement, and immersive Canadian cultural experiences, delivered by International Education & Engagement (formerly University of Alberta International).

Students participate in skill-building workshops, collaborative projects, site visits, and a two-night excursion to Calgary and Banff National Park, all while living on our vibrant Edmonton campus.





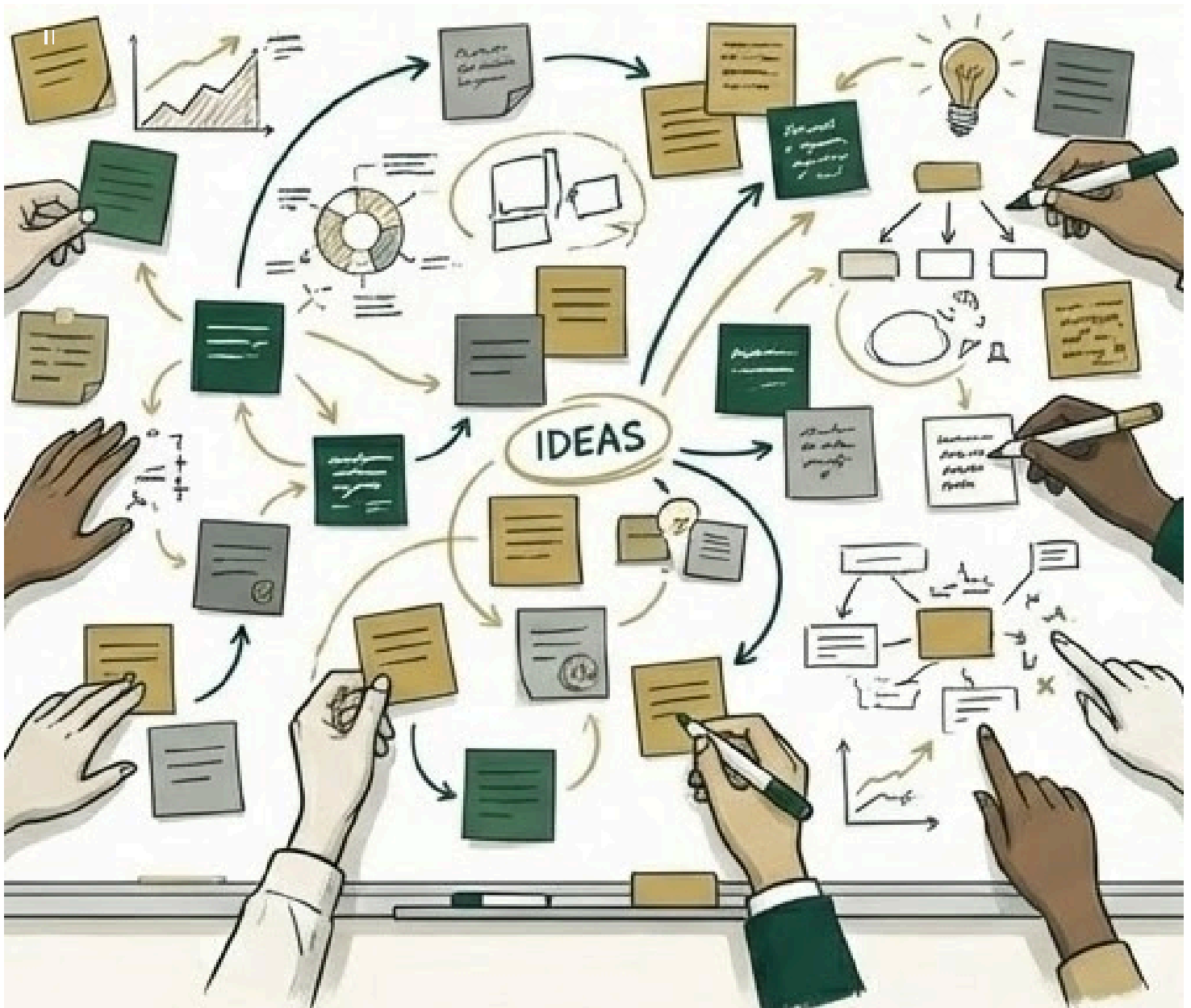
## Immersive Global Simulation Lab (IGSL)

July 2026

A three-week experiential program focused on diplomacy, crisis negotiation, and global leadership. Students participate in a multi-day simulation, collaborate with international peers, and learn from Canadian government and community experts.

[Learn More About IGSL](#)





## Global Youth Changemaker Lab (GYCL)

August 2026

A three-week program in social innovation and community impact. Students explore design thinking, develop creative solutions to local challenges, and present a final project pitch after working with Edmonton community partners.

Global Youth Changemaker Lab (GYCL)

## Our Approach to High-Quality Global Learning



# You Learn by Doing: An Approach Aligned with Professional Practice

Our programs are built on an experiential model with strong Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) principles. You will learn through authentic tasks, applied problem-solving, and structured reflection—mirroring elements of Canadian professional education.





## Experiential Learning with Strong Work Integrated Learning(WIL) Alignment

Our programs draw on global frameworks such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to help students examine complex issues from multiple perspectives.

Students learn by doing through practice-based activities that reflect real professional contexts. Our programs integrate:

- Facilitated workshops
- Team-based problem-solving
- Real-world case work
- Simulations or innovation labs
- Reflective debriefs

This approach blends experiential learning with WIL principles—emphasizing authentic tasks, applied skill development, and guided reflection.

## Cultural & Community Immersion

Learning extends beyond the classroom. Students engage with the people, places, histories, and communities that shape Alberta through:

- Indigenous learning sessions
- Alberta Legislature visit
- Local community partnerships
- Volunteer/service-learning experiences
- Planned cultural activities and excursions

This helps build cultural intelligence and a wider perspective on global and local contexts.







## Leadership & Personal Growth

Every activity is designed to help students grow as collaborative, confident, and globally minded leaders. Students develop transferable skills including:

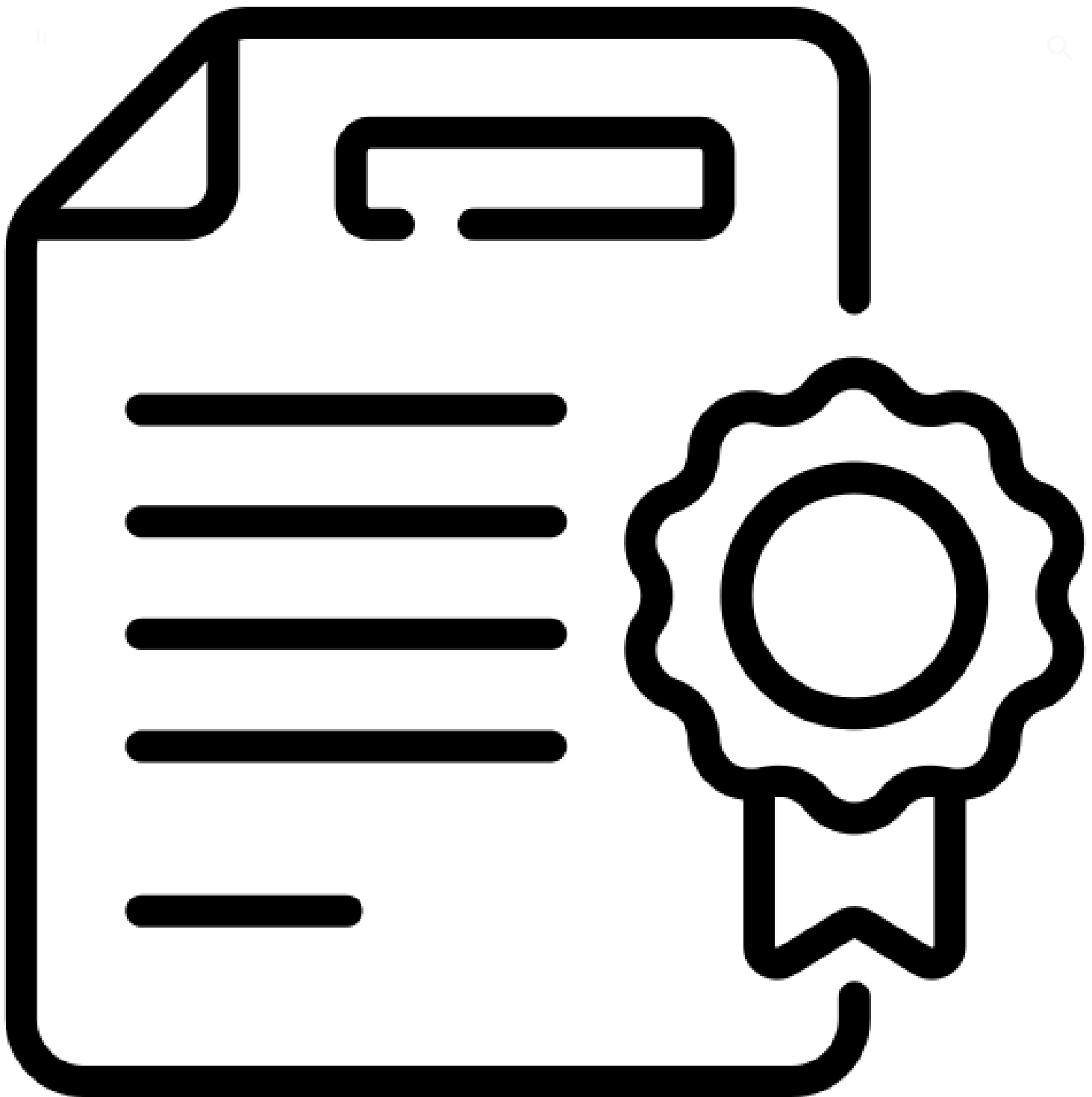
- Communication & storytelling
- Problem-solving & innovation
- Teamwork & collaboration
- Intercultural competence
- Self-awareness & reflection

Capstone presentations at the end of the program give students the chance to demonstrate what they've learned and celebrate their growth.

## Program Structure & Certification (General Overview)

The U of A summer programs are non-credit, short-term experiential learning opportunities designed for international undergraduate students. Each program includes instructor-led workshops, team-based activities, community engagement, and guided cultural experiences.





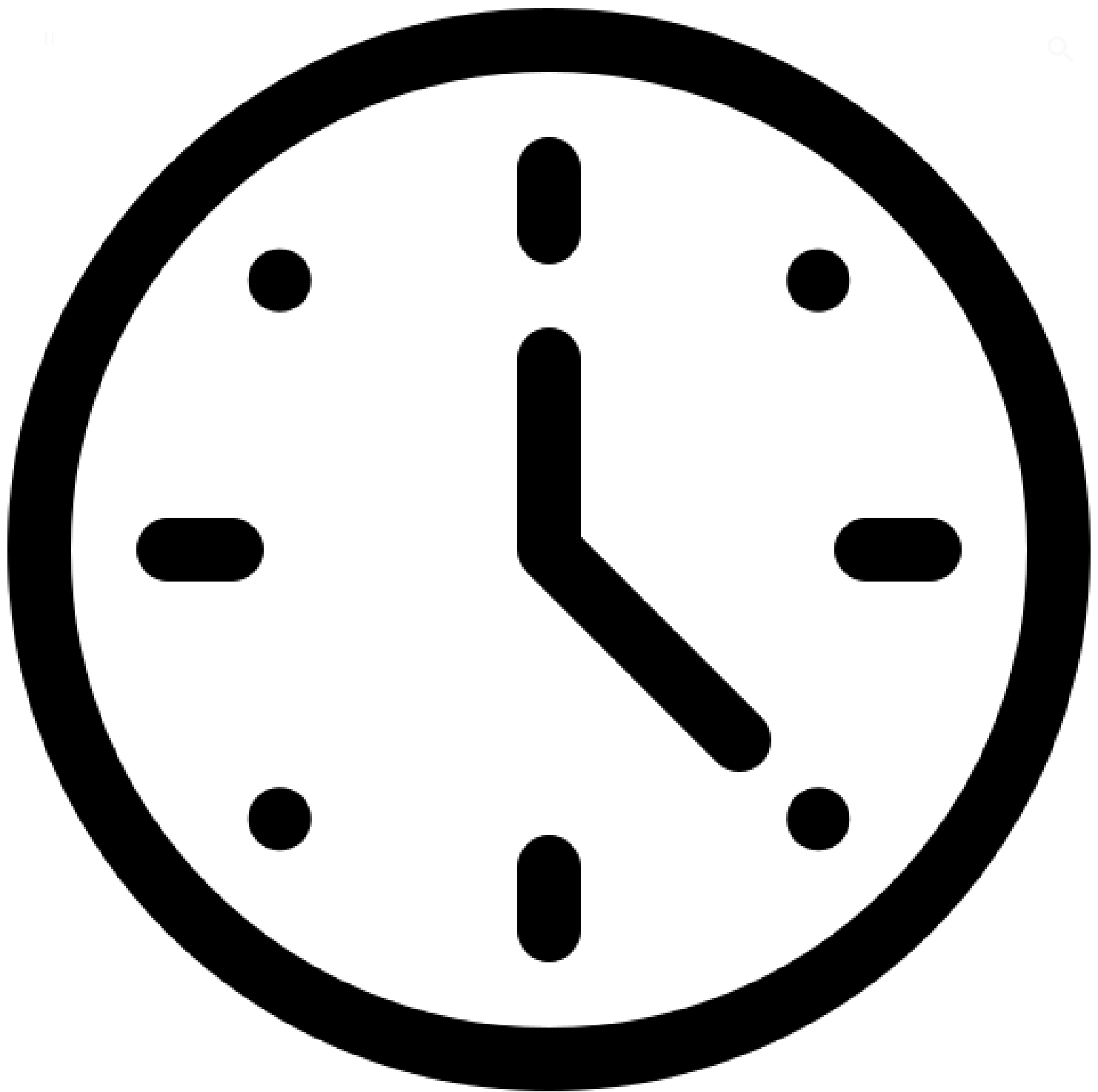
## Certificate of Completion

Students receive an official U of A Certificate of Participation, presented during the final ceremony and also provided digitally.

This certificate confirms participation, dates of study, and the nature of the short-term experiential program.

It is suitable for partner in  tion recognition and scholarship documentation.



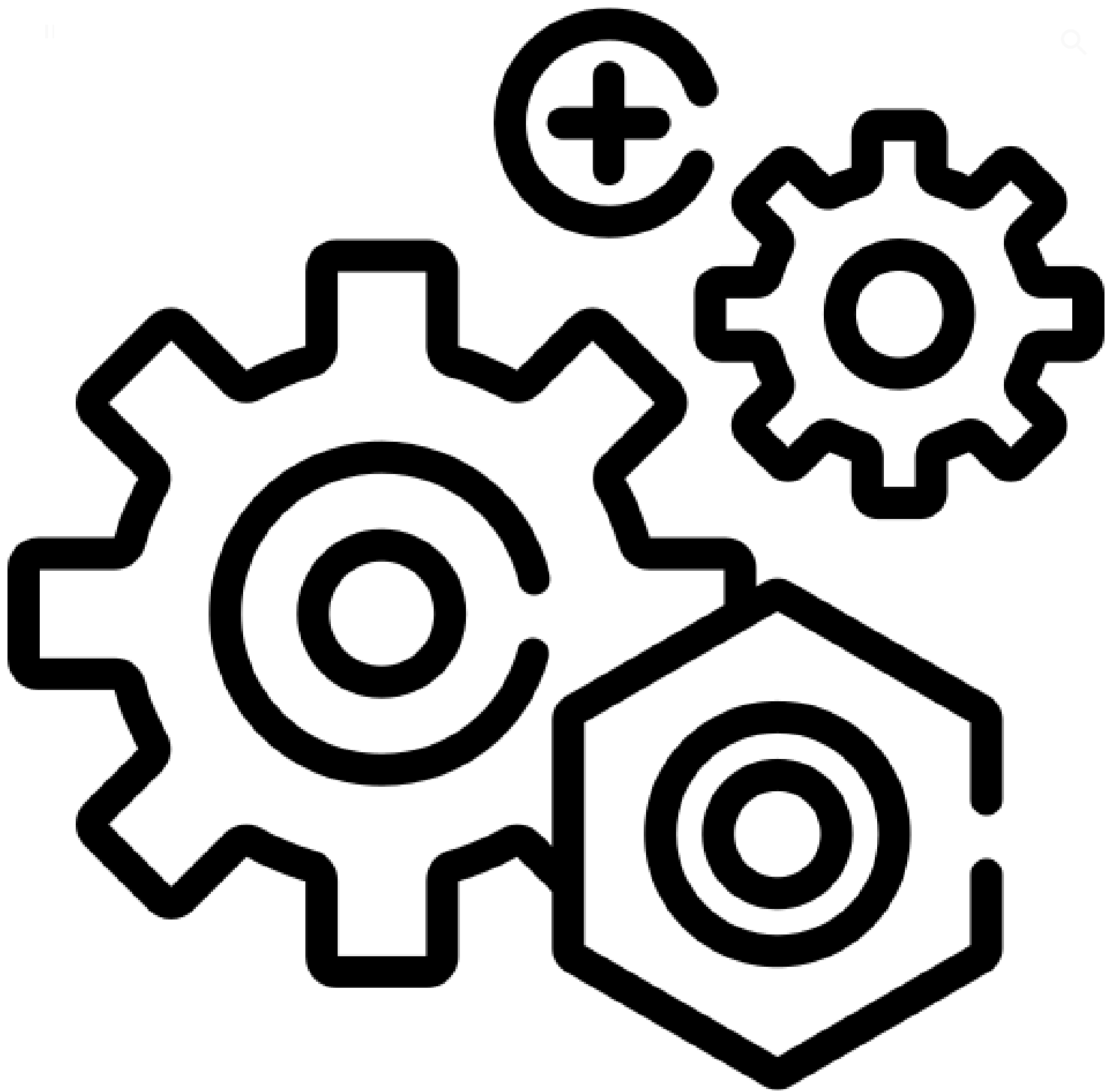


## Program Hours Summary

Both programs provide a clear breakdown of instructional and experiential contact hours, meeting the documentation needs of international partners.

Hours include workshops, team-based activities, facilitated learning sessions, community visits, and the Calgary–Banff excursion’s educational components.





## Learning Components

Programs combine workshops, team-based collaboration, community and civic engagement, Indigenous learning, and guided cultural activities during the Calgary–Banff excursion.

Together, these elements create a balanced academic, cultural, and experiential learning experience.



Our short-term programs are built on an experiential learning model that incorporates strong Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) principles. Students learn through authentic tasks, applied problem-solving, collaboration, and structured reflection—mirroring many elements found in Canadian professional and workplace-focused education. While non-credit and not formal WIL placements, both programs intentionally develop workplace-relevant skills that align with national WIL competency frameworks.

## Experience Alberta



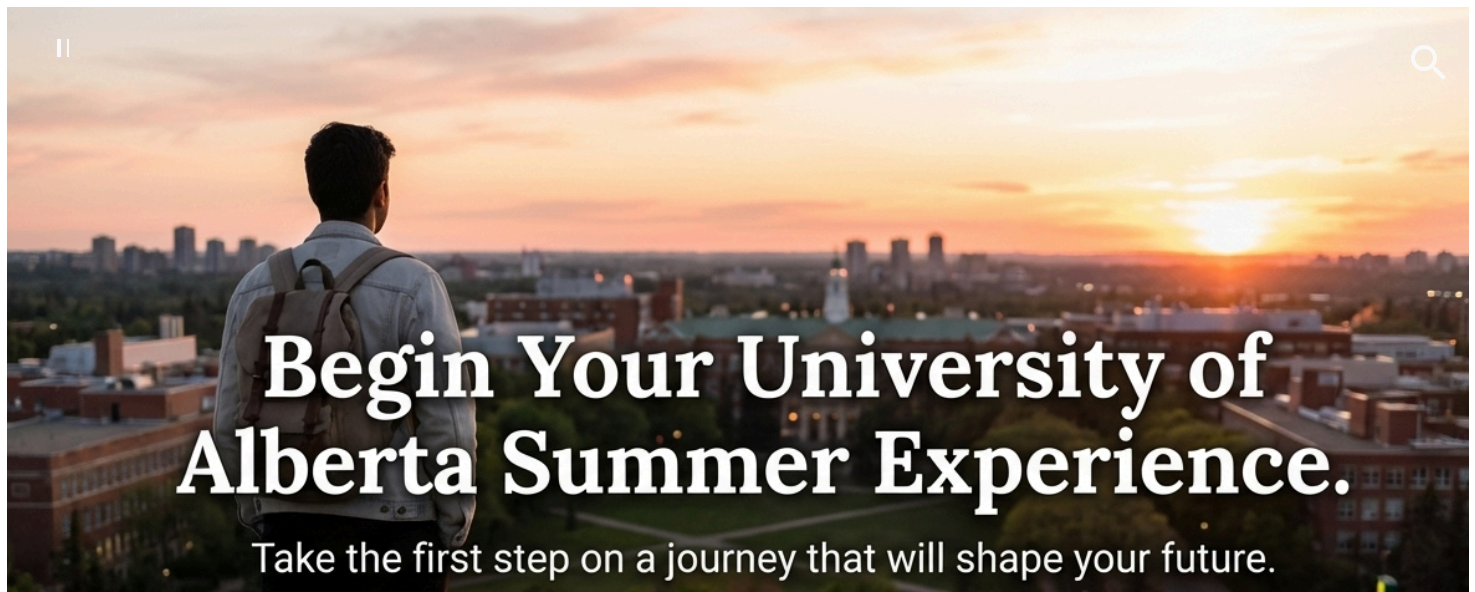
### Engage with Canada: From Urban Communities to the Rocky Mountains

Your learning extends far beyond the classroom. We immerse you in the culture and community of Alberta to help you build a wider perspective on global and local contexts.

-  Indigenous learning sessions
-  A visit to the Alberta Legislature
-  Partnerships and volunteer experiences with local Edmonton communities
-  A two-night guided excursion to Calgary and stunning Banff National Park

## Apply





## Who Is Eligible?

These summer programs are open to:

- Undergraduate and Graduate Students currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution
- Students who are interested in experiential learning, leadership development, global skills, and intercultural engagement

English Language Recommendations:

- IGSL: Minimum IELTS 5.5 or equivalent
- GYCL: Minimum IELTS 5.0 or equivalent  
(Students should be comfortable participating in interactive workshops and team-based work.)

## How to Apply

Applications will open at the beginning of January.

### 1. Access the application form

The form will be available through our program website when it is published in early January.

### 2. Pay the application fee

A CAD \$150 non-refundable application fee is required at the time of submission.

### 3. Review the waiver

A program waiver will be available on the website for partners and students once it is updated.

### 4. Receive an invitation letter

After the application has been accepted<sup>i</sup>, students will receive an official invitation letter.

