

## STUDENT CONSULTATION PRESENTATION

2026-27 Tuition Proposal



# Tuition Consultation Process

As approved by the Presidents of the SU and GSA

- **O1.** Tuition Budget Advisory Committee
  Sept. 16; Oct.15; Nov. 18, 2025; Jan. 15, 2026
- O2. 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
- **O5.** International Students' Association Council At the invitation of the SU
- O6. 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

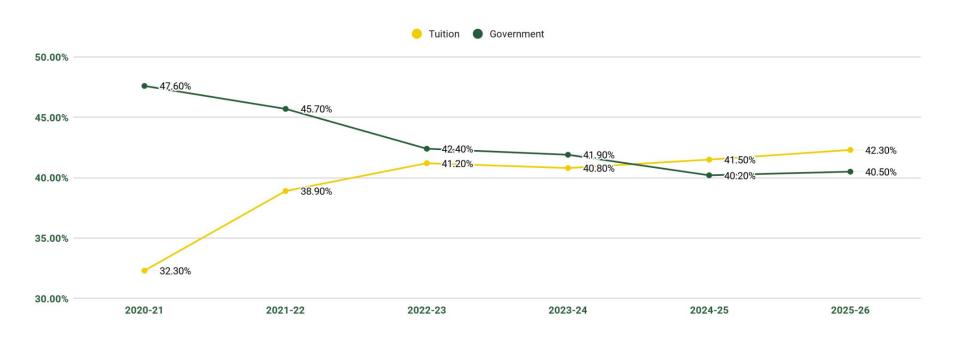
- Salaries and benefits merit compensation and benefit increases (57% of costs)
- Materials and supplies (18% of costs)
- **Utilities** (3% of costs)
- Maintenance (4% of costs)

### 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

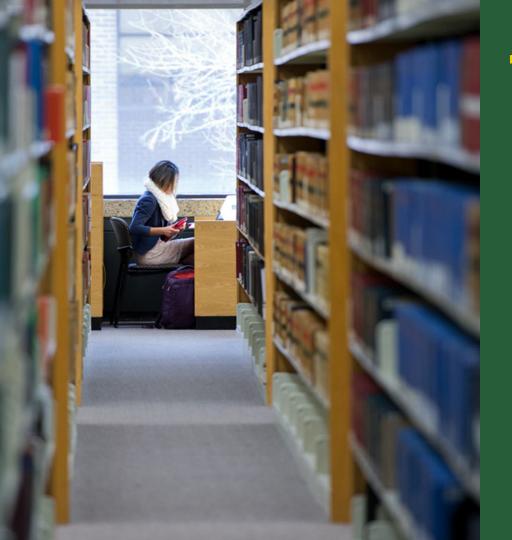
### The Context - Revenue and cost balance

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



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### **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.
  - o 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%

- 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.

## Fall 2027 International Tuition Proposal 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 Leading ——with purpose.		

# Fall 2027 International Tuition Proposal 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

# 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.

# Fall 2027 International Tuition Proposal

#### **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.
- Further consideration of approach for Fall 2027 is underway.

# Exceptional Tuition Increases (ETIs)

Advanced Education has indicated they will accept exceptional tuition increase proposals for Fall 2026.

### What is an ETI?

- A domestic tuition increase proposed for a specific program for the purposes of improving program quality (outside of the normal tuition increase cycle).
- Only applicable to new students.
- Requires consultation with the students' council, defined as the council of a student organization that represents the students enrolled in the program for which the ETI is being sought.
- ETIs are approved by the Board of Governors prior to submission to the Minister for final approval.

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### Exceptional Tuition Increases

- Two faculties, Education and Nursing, began consultation in October with their faculty (student) associations on proposed ETIs.
- Those proposals will proceed through the Board for institutional approval following the end of the consultation process.
- The Ministry's deadline for proposals is the end of December 2025.

## **Exceptional Tuition Increases**

Faculty	Program	Current Tuition (2025-26)	Proposed Increase (%)	Proposed New Tuition (Fall 2026)	Anticipated First Year Enrolment (FLE)
Faculty of Education	Masters of School and Clinical Child Psychology	\$9848	50%	\$14,772	5-10
Faculty of Nursing	Masters of Nursing Programs (course-based)	\$10,067	75%	\$17,617	5-10
Faculty of Nursing	Masters of Nursing Programs (thesis-based)	\$9,848	75%	\$17,233	5-10
Faculty of Nursing	PhD Program	\$19,695	20%	\$23,634	5

## 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
- **O5.** <u>Finances, funding and support</u> 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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