

Haskayne Student Access Process - Personal Statement

For University of Calgary Change of Program Applicants

The University of Calgary is committed to intentionally pursuing excellence, and recognizes that students have diverse identities, backgrounds and experiences that have shaped opportunity structures. The Haskayne Student Access Process takes into consideration factors that may have impacted a student's access, opportunities and ability to succeed. Exceptional barriers and challenges may include serious illness or disability, socioeconomic hardship, exceptional caring and family responsibilities, systemic discrimination related to identity in an equity-deserving group.

To be eligible for consideration to the Haskayne School of Business under the Haskayne Student Access Process, students must:

- Meet University Calendar specified transfer courses outlined in <u>A.5.3.1 Transfer Admission Requirements</u> and the Calendar minimum GPA of 2.00 or they must present adult student admission requirements outlined in <u>A.5.4</u> Adult Student Admission and the Calendar minimum average of 65%.
- Be either a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada or have Refugee Status.

Application Steps:

Step 1: Complete the Change of Program application (student centre) by February 1.

Step 2: Indicate your request to be considered for the **Student Access Process** by submitting the <u>Signed Statement</u> by <u>February 1.</u>

Step 3: Submit the Personal Statement (oral, written or video) below by February 15.

Personal Statement:

Change of Program applicants who wish to be considered under the Haskayne Student Access Process must complete and submit a Personal Statement which outlines the circumstances, barriers or challenges you have faced and discusses your ability to succeed in academics.

Students are not expected to share details about private or traumatic events in outlining their situation.

The Personal Statement is intended to aid the Haskayne Student Access Process Admissions Committee in their review of your application for admission within the context of your lived experience. You may respond in the format of your choice (oral, written or video). Written statements should be between 250-300 words per section, and video or audio submissions should be between 2.5 to 3 minutes in length per section.

Writing Support is available for current students at the Student Success Centre.

Additional documentation can also be submitted in support of an application under the Student Access Process. If you choose to provide letters of reference, they should be from respected community members, who are both familiar with your situation and able to support the information detailed in your Personal Statement below.

Section 1: Personal Circumstances and Barriers

Please outline the personal circumstances, systemic barriers or lived experiences that have led you to apply through the Haskayne Student Access Process. You may wish to consider the following prompts to guide your response:

- o What challenges or barriers have affected your access to or experience with education?
- What strategies, personal strengths, supports or resources (on and off campus) you have used, or are currently using, to navigate or respond to these challenges and barriers?

Enter your 250-300 word statement here	

Section 2: Education Goals

Please outline your goals, including short-term academic goals for your next year of study, and a longer-term goal for your education, and how this connects with your future career goal. You may wish to consider the following prompts to guide your response:

- o What aspirations or values guide your interest in the Bachelor of Commerce program?
- What education, personal, volunteer or work experiences have helped you prepare for post-secondary studies in Business?
- o What strategies or resources will you use to be successful in meeting your educational goals?

Enter your 250-300 word statement here		

Section 3: Resilience and Capacity for Success

Please share a description of any significant personal accomplishments that you are proud of, from school, work, home
or in your community. You may wish to consider the following prompts to guide your response:

- o How do your accomplishments reflect your strengths, values and growth?
- o How do your accomplishments demonstrate your potential in academic activities?
- o How do your accomplishments demonstrate your resilience and perseverance through hardship?

Enter your 250-300 word statement here		

Final Acknowledgements:			
By submitting this form, you acknowledge that:			
(initial) the information provided is true, accurate, complete, and prepared by you.			
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By submitting this form, you understand that the personal statement will be used:			
(initial) to support your request for consideration to the Haskayne Bachelor of Commerce program under the Student Access Process.			
(initial) by the Haskayne Student Access Process Admissions Committee, alongside your academic record to make an admission decision.			
Acknowledgement:			
I understand and confirm all the above statements.			
Student's Full Name:	UofC ID:		
Signature:	Date:		

This Personal Statement and any additional supporting documentation can be submitted to Haskayne Undergraduate Student Services in person at MTH 424 or via email to future.bcomm@haskayne.ucalgary.ca by the deadline of February 15.

Notice of Collection, Use, and Disclosure of Student Personal Information

The University of Calgary (UCalgary) respects your privacy and is committed to ensuring the privacy of all students, staff, and community members. UCalgary's collection, use, and disclosure of your personal information is authorized by section 65(a) of Alberta's *Post Secondary Learning Act* (PSLA) and section 4(c) of Alberta's *Protection of Privacy Act* (POPA). It will be used to support the evaluation of your application through the Haskayne Student Access Process.

We recognize the sensitive nature of your personal information and are committed to the protection of your privacy. UCalgary will treat your personal information as confidential at all times and will make reasonable security arrangements against such risks as unauthorized access to, collection, use, disclosure, or destruction in accordance with POPA. Access to your personal information will be restricted to a limited number of designated individuals responsible for considering applications through the Student Access Process on a need-to-know basis.

If you have questions regarding this notice or the collection, use, or disclosure of your personal information, please contact the Associate Dean, Undergraduate in the Haskayne School of Business, by calling (403) 220-5685, or the UCalgary Access and Privacy Office at:

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