

Monthly Newsletter

Faculty of Arts
Students' Association



From Our Team to You

Welcome to the 2026–2027 academic year, Arts students!

It has been a pleasure meeting so many of you throughout the first month of the semester, and we're looking forward to connecting with even more of you throughout the year ahead.

The Faculty of Arts Students' Association represents undergraduate students across the Faculty of Arts and works to advocate for your interests, create opportunities for student involvement, and build a stronger Arts community. Over the past month, we've been busy welcoming students back to campus, launching new initiatives and opportunities, and laying the groundwork for everything we hope to accomplish this year.

This month, our General Council will begin its fall session alongside our newly selected Department Representatives, creating another important space to raise student concerns and help shape FASA's direction throughout the year.

Most importantly, FASA is here to represent you. Whether you have an issue affecting Arts students, an initiative you'd like us to pursue, or simply something you think we should know about, I encourage you to reach out to me or any member of our Executive team. I'm excited for what's ahead and look forward to seeing what we build together.

Best,
Alicia Ebbs
President

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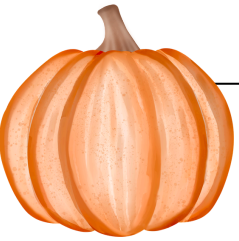
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THE FASA RECAP

FASA hosted our first event of the year, Heart the Arts! This social mixer allowed students to play mini games related to each department in our diverse faculty, and compete for one of three Village ice cream gift cards.

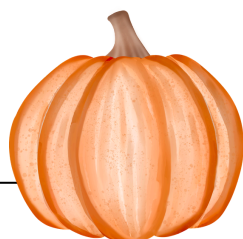


Upcoming: Stay tuned for information about our next events, which will include a workshop with the Centre for Career and Personal Development, as well as an event designed for first years by FASA's brand new First Year Committee.



This fall, FASA launched the New Beginnings Scholarship, awarding \$500 to one undergraduate student in the Faculty of Arts. We were thrilled to receive 56 applications! Following a two-stage review process by our Scholarship Committee, we are excited to congratulate **Moureen Thangavelu** as this year's recipient.

Thank you to everyone who applied and shared their stories with us. FASA has more funding opportunities planned throughout the year, so stay connected with us on social media for future scholarships and opportunities!





ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Quick Links

- [Academic Writing Centre](#)
 - [Essay Structure Guide](#)
 - [Citation Guide](#)
 - [Test Taking Tips](#)
 - Anonymous Google Forum:
 - To give feedback and provide useful information for students on campus:
[Feedback forum](#)
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YOUR ACADEMIC SUPPORT TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU!

VP Academic Introduction Statement

Hello everyone! My name is Saryssa, and as VP Academic, I'm committed to fostering an environment where every Arts student feels supported and heard, empowering them to succeed. This year, my focus is on strengthening academic advocacy, expanding mentorship opportunities, and ensuring students have direct access to the tools and transparency they need to thrive.

My goal is to bridge the gap between students and the Faculty; turning feedback into action and ideas into meaningful change. Together, we can continue building a Faculty of Arts rooted in equity and collaboration while prioritizing academic excellence.

Let's make this year one defined by impact and growth - because your voice deserves to be heard.

Please feel free to reach out to me at:
academic@fasualgary.ca

Academic Directors Introduction Statement

As Directors and Associate Directors of the Academic Committee, we are proud to reaffirm our commitment to supporting the academic success and well-being of the Arts student body. This year, we are focused on strengthening the connection between students and the resources that empower them – whether that be academic tools, peer support, or institutional advocacy.

We recognize that the journey is not one-size-fits-all. For this reason, we are working to expand access to mentorship with Alumni, improve transparency around academic processes, and foster spaces where your concerns and ideas are not only welcomed, but acted upon. Our committee exists to amplify your voice, advocate for your needs, and help build a strong learning environment where all students can thrive. We are excited to continue building a faculty culture rooted in equity, collaboration, and academic excellence.

We encourage you to stay engaged – attend events, share your feedback, and be part of the conversations shaping your education. Together, let's make this year one of impact, inclusion, and meaning.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us!
academicadvocacy@fasualgary.ca



On the Arts Lounge - Reminder to Keep Tidy!

Now that September classes are finally wrapping up and everyone has regained their bearings after the summer break, the FASA team would love to kindly remind everyone using the Arts Lounge to keep everything as organized as possible! The Arts Lounge is a space for everyone to both lock in and wind down, and ensuring this space is not mistreated is important to the balance and vision we strive for!

A few things to be aware of when using the Arts Lounge:

- Any changes to the arrangement of the Lounge are expected to be moved back to their prior positions. Importantly, furniture must be lifted off the ground to prevent scratches or marks on the floor.
- All garbage and recycling are to be disposed of in their designated areas.
- The use of nails, adhesives, or thumbtacks on the walls of the Lounge are strictly prohibited!
- Any damage to the Lounge should be reported to the University's Facilities Customer Care Centre.

For more information, check out our “Lounge Use Guidelines” on the FASA website! And of course, we have the courtesy to inform you that failure to comply with the guidelines automatically makes us very disappointed in you, and what is scarier than the burden of failure? As we continue this semester, let us ensure that we are all doing our part to make the Arts Lounge a veritably clean and comfortable space!

Best to you all!



Arts Lounge Maker's Corner

FASA is proud to introduce The Maker's Corner, our brand new stationery station in the Arts Students' Lounge.

At The Maker's Corner, you will find all sorts of everyday school supply items such as pens, pencils, papers, sticky notes and more. We operate with the simple philosophy of sharing creativity: take what you need, and give what you can. We hope this new addition makes student life easier, especially as we slowly enter the notorious midterm season.

This is just the beginning of many new exciting things for our Arts community. So please keep an eye out for more! We look forward to growing and connecting with you all.





FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a little extra financial support this semester? Here are a few funding and paid opportunities available to UCalgary students this fall.

Undergraduate Bursary Applications Are Open!

UCalgary's Undergraduate Bursary Competition supports students experiencing financial need or unexpected financial challenges. One application considers you for both the **Student Peer Assistance Bursary** and **SU Quality Money International Bursary**, based on eligibility.

International Bursary: Fall selection deadline is October 30.

Student Peer Assistance Bursary: Apply by April 30, or until funds are exhausted.

Apply through **Student Centre → My Financials**.

Students are encouraged to apply early!

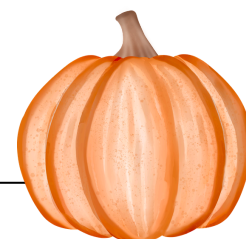
Have an idea? Apply for SU Quality Money

Got an idea for a project, program, or service that could improve student life at UCalgary? Applications for the 2027–2028 SU Quality Money Program are now open. The program funds student-led proposals designed to make a lasting impact on campus. Applications are due **November 27**.

Want to Earn Some Extra Money This October?

Elections Alberta is hiring paid election officers for the 2026 Referendum, including Voting, Information, and Counting Officers. No resume or cover letter is required, and applicants can select roles based on their availability.

Apply by October 10.



Club of The Month: U of C Creative Writing Circle



Contact information

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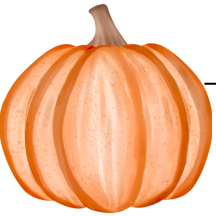
Instagram: [@uofc_cwc](https://www.instagram.com/uofc_cwc)

The U of C Creative Writing Circle (CWC) is a student-led creative writing organization dedicated to fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive writing community at the University of Calgary. We welcome undergraduate students from all faculties and disciplines, regardless of their writing experience or background. Whether students are experienced writers or simply curious about exploring creative writing, CWC provides a welcoming space where they can develop their skills, share their work, and connect with fellow writers.

CWC hosts free events and activities designed to support students throughout every stage of their creative writing journey. Our events include writing workshops, creative writing activities and games, spoken poetry contests in collaboration with local literary magazines (e.g. NōD Magazine), and opportunities for students to exchange constructive peer feedback. Members can also receive editorial critiques from our Editor-in-Chief, providing additional guidance as they refine their work. Through these activities, we aim to make creative writing accessible as a non-academic pursuit while encouraging students to explore their creativity beyond the classroom.

A central part of CWC's work is creating opportunities for students to share and showcase their writing, whether through our events, our website, or via our chapbook. Our bi-annual chapbook, published in September and January, features creative works by UCalgary students and provides emerging writers with opportunities to see their work in print and build experience as published authors. We also connect students with creative writing professionals and members of the publishing industry, offering insight into the realities of writing, publishing, and pursuing a career in the literary field.

CWC strives to create and foster a community where students can express themselves freely, learn from one another, and develop their identities as writers. By providing accessible resources, creative opportunities, and meaningful connections, we hope to nurture a lasting community of writers across the University of Calgary.



What's Happening in Arts

There's lots happening across the Faculty of Arts this October! Here are a few upcoming events to check out.



Law School Admissions Panel

Thinking about law school? The Pre-Law Society is bringing admissions officers from law schools across Canada to help you get your questions answered about applications, admissions, and how to stand out.

October 7 | 5:30–7:00 PM | MFH 2370

Amapiano Dance Class

SASA and African Studies Calgary are bringing Amapiano to campus! No experience is needed, just come ready to dance, have fun, and enjoy free food afterward.

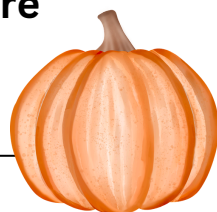
October 9 | 6:00–8:00 PM | AUX Gym | Free



Yet I Am

UCalgary's School of Creative and Performing Arts and Handsome Alice Theatre present Yet I Am, an original devised performance exploring gender, identity, and the pressures to conform through movement, text, and personal storytelling. **Free for students with code CYSFREE**

October 30–November 7 | Reeve Theatre



Important Dates this Month



October 5 | World Teachers' Day

October 5th is a day of honouring the role of teachers and how they shape education all around the globe. Have a professor who has made a difference in your university experience? **SU Teaching Excellence Award nominations are open until October 16.**

October 12 | Thanksgiving

Celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada, Thanksgiving is traditionally a time to celebrate the fall harvest, give thanks, and share a meal with family and friends.



October is also SU Food Security Month, making it a great time to learn more about food security resources and initiatives on campus. Throughout the month, the SU Campus Food Bank and UCalgary Campus Food Hub are running Pack the Pantry, a fall food drive supporting students in our campus community.

October 19 | Alberta Referendum

Albertans will vote on ten referendum questions on October 19, with advance voting available October 13 to 17. Eligible voters can review the referendum questions, check their voting location, and find voter information through [Elections Alberta](https://elections.alberta.ca).

Where we represent you



FASA executives represent Arts students across several councils and committees throughout the year, bringing student perspectives, concerns, and priorities into conversations happening across the Faculty of Arts.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) Committee

FASA has student representation on the Faculty of Arts EDIA Committee, which works to advance equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility across the Faculty. The committee considers issues affecting the student experience, including academic progress, scholarships, admissions, classroom climate and other barriers students may face.

Arts Faculty Council

FASA also holds student representation on Arts Faculty Council, where members of the Faculty of Arts come together to discuss matters affecting the Faculty. This gives FASA an opportunity to bring student perspectives into broader faculty-level conversations and decisions.

FASA General Council

Our own General Council brings together FASA executives and Department Representatives from across the Faculty of Arts. Department Representatives bring forward concerns, ideas and updates from their respective student communities, helping FASA identify issues and initiatives that need attention.

Have something you want us to bring forward?

If there is an issue affecting you or other Arts students, we want to hear about it. Reach out to your Department Representative or a member of the FASA Executive team so we can continue bringing student voices into the spaces where decisions are being made.



Contact Us



The Faculty of Arts Students' Association (FASA) is here to support and enrich your university experience. Have questions or want to get involved?

Reach out to us:

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Stay updated on our events and initiatives by following us on social media:

Instagram: @fasa_ualgary

TikTok: @fasa.ualgary

Facebook: Faculty of Arts Student's Association

Visit our website: www.fasaualgary.ca

Check out the Arts Lounge!

Location: Social Sciences 103

Hours:

- Monday to Friday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Thank you for reading!

We truly appreciate you taking the time to stay connected with FASA and the Faculty of Arts community. Your support and engagement help us continue to create meaningful events and initiatives for everyone. If you have any suggestions, questions, or would like to get involved, don't hesitate to reach out. Stay tuned for more exciting updates and opportunities in the next issue!

Together, let's make this year one to remember!

The FASA Team