

# Strategic Alliance

Together, we excel in transformative education and world-class research.



## Bold, modern, industry and people-focused

The University of Aberdeen, Curtin University and the University of Calgary have formed a Strategic Alliance. These three universities are leading champions of the energy transition, and share mutual strengths and goals for a sustainable future.

Through education and research, we seek to work together in partnership to have a positive impact locally, nationally and globally.

Spanning three continents, the new alliance will:

- **Support local, national and global stakeholders in the delivery of a just energy transition and a sustainable future for the world.**
- **Make a positive impact across the communities we serve.**
- **Develop engaged, globally competent citizens by providing them with opportunities to study and research.**

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## Areas of focus

### Academic

Focuses on collaborative degree programming and explores various models to ensure students can participate in Joint PhD programs, Dual Masters programs, Professional Masters programs and articulation type of undergraduate programs.

### Global Learning

With global learning expanding into the virtual realm, there is opportunity to expand touchpoints between our institutions' students, including in-person and virtual exchange, work integrated learning experiences, or combinations of both.

### Research

With all three institutions being strong in energy research and training, there is also an appetite to develop joint research centres/institutes in energy and other strategic areas.

### Transactional

This area focuses on sharing experiences and expertise between all three institutions. Through conferences, a proposed Senior Leadership Forum and job shadowing opportunities the goal is to help further the internationalization at all institutions.

### Student Recruitment

Although all three institutions have similar strengths in their program offerings, the different geographical locations will have a different draw for students. Collaborating on recruitment initiatives will help share costs and expand the footprint for all institutions in a budget conscientious way.



# International Research & Innovation

## Connecting UCalgary to global partners to engage in collaborative international research and innovation initiatives

UCalgary is pleased to offer strong grant programs to support this Strategic Alliance.

### VPR Catalyst Grants

Offered by the Office of the Vice-President (Research), VPR Catalyst Grants are designed to catalyze research initiatives that will lead to substantial external funding, and are intended to support well-defined early-stage research activities.

The VPR Catalyst Grants ask researchers to think boldly and strategically about how to maximize the impact of downstream funding. The stimulus grant program will prioritize those who present a winning research context, including for example mentorship, strong collaborators, and knowledge engagement partnerships.

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- Catalyze research initiatives that will lead to substantial external funding
- Intended to support well-defined early-stage research activities

**Value:**

- \$1,000 - \$15,000

**Duration:**

- 6 months

### Transdisciplinary Connector Grants

The new Transdisciplinary Scholarship Connector Grants program is designed to promote initiatives that enable UCalgary teams to explore questions, challenges and opportunities that demand a transdisciplinary approach.

Connector funding is distinguished from other forms of support such as start-up, bridge or Catalyst funding by its focus on fostering new connections among scholars, trainees, and external partners. The proposed activities need to clearly show how they will result in lasting new connections as well as how they will benefit the area of scholarship being addressed.

**Focus:**

- Exploration of questions, challenges, and opportunities that demand a transdisciplinary approach
- Foster new connections among scholars, trainees, and external partners

**Value:**

- up to \$10,000 - Initiating stream
- up to \$20,000 - Consolidating stream

**Duration:**

- 6-12 months

### Deadlines

May 15, August 15, November 15, February 15

Please be sure to identify your proposal as connected with the Alliance, and to provide information about your co-investigators from the other institutions in your application.



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**Start something.**