

Eric Lahoda Memorial SU Clubs Scholarship

This Eric Lahoda Memorial SU Clubs Scholarship honours Eric Lahoda, former student and dedicated club member and executive. This scholarship is made possible through the [Quality Money Program](#). Ten scholarships, each valued at \$1000.00, are awarded each year.

Requirements for Application

Applicants must:

- Be a returning U of C student in good academic standing (GPA of 2.0 or higher);
- Be registered as a full-time student in the upcoming academic year;
- Have completed at least one year of study at U of C;
- Have participated in at least one Students' Union Club for at least one semester previously; and,
- Have contributed to the betterment of student life in meaningful, unique, outstanding, or otherwise positive ways.

Required Documents (PDF format):

- A [Letter of Reference](#) from a current club executive outlining your club contributions;
- [Proof of Enrollment](#) to verify that you're a returning full-time student;
- An [Unofficial Transcript](#) from My U of C; and,
- A [Letter of Intent](#) describing your personal commitment, contributions, innovations, and involvement with SU Clubs.

Evaluation Criteria

The Clubs Committee will specifically look at the following factors when determining scholarship recipients. These criteria should be addressed in your letter of intent and letter of reference:

- Has the applicant demonstrated a high level of commitment to the club(s) by contributing significantly to its success, growth or longevity?
 - Did they help found the club(s)?
 - How many years have they been involved with the club(s)?
 - How many hours have they contributed to the club(s)?
 - Have they held any Executive positions?
 - Have they played a leading role in the organization and/or execution of any major club events?
 - Have they acted as a mentor or otherwise contributed positively to the transition process from one Executive to another?
 - Have they served as a representative of the club(s) to any other organizations?
 - How have they contributed to increasing the membership of the club(s)?
 - What distinguishes their devotion to the club(s), its well-being and its concerns from that of a general club member?

- How has the applicant made a positive contribution to the issues or concerns championed by the club(s) and to the larger community of which the club(s) is a part?
 - How have they helped to raise awareness of the club(s) and/or its concerns?
 - Have they played a role in expanding the scope or depth of the club’s mandate?
 - Have they been successful in fundraising?
 - How have they acted as an advocate for the club’s issues or concerns on campus or in the larger community?
 - Have they been recognized for their club(s) activities by off campus individuals, groups or media?
 - Have their activities with the club(s) enriched the lives of students on campus?
 - Have their activities with the club(s) enriched the lives of members of the larger community of which they are a part?

- Has the applicant demonstrated innovation through their involvement with the club(s)?
 - How have they demonstrated originality, daring or a unique perspective through their involvement with the club(s)?
 - Have their activities with the club(s) filled or addressed a void in student or community services or concerns on campus?

Previous Recipients

2017 / 2018	2016 / 2017	2015 / 2016
Amy Chen Melinda Coetzee Rena Far Alexandria Hay Richard Lee-Thai Shelby Montgomery Hannah Rahim Ibrahim Sadiq Monica Uppal Joel Wong	Mariam Bello Laura Fader Samuel Geisterfer Tina Guo Sophie Hu Max Hum Jennifer Le Sarah Park Bareerah Rab Alice Zhang	Lucy Ni Raveen Virk Tejeswin Sharma Chinmoy Ayachit Rebecca Ng Vidhya Bavanala Julie Le Ananya Parasor Ryan Wallace Maria Servito
2014 / 2015	2013 / 2014	2012 / 2013
Leah Schmidt Emily Leedham Vanessa Sim Khulud Baig Maaz Shahid Hilary Jahelka Keon Ma Delano Civitarese Christine Ochitwa Abdulrahaman Alnoaimi	Lyndsey Ritz Zainab Malik Lisa Bui Andrea Oakunshayld Amy Li Khulud Baig Sasha Krioutchkova Kirsty McGowan Amanda Boadi Peter (Jianrui) Liu	Andreina Varela Corinna Liu Erin Langill Furla Lau Heather McCreedy Julia Milner Lynn Peterson Nikki Hau Peter (Jianrui) Liu Shannon Krochenski

SU Club Awards

The SU is proud to recognize excellence among clubs and club members for their outstanding contributions to the quality of student life on campus. Club Awards endowments are intended to award excellence in team leadership, service, sustainable practices, advocacy, and innovation. These awards, along with the Eric Lahoda SU Memorial Scholarships, are presented at the Annual Club Awards Banquet in April.

Nomination Evaluation Criteria

Clubs Committee evaluates all award nominations except those sponsored by other offices (see below). A written justification for each specific award must be provided on the nomination form (Available January 3). Nominations are evaluated for:

- **Fit** with the award description;
- **Impact** to students at the U of C; and,
- **Quality** of nomination.

Certain awards, such as the Sustainability award, have specific criteria (see descriptions, below). Remember that award nominations will be evaluated for **quality** over **quantity**!

Advocacy Award

If Student Organizations are good at one thing it's championing important social or political causes, but it takes passionate executives, volunteers, and members to be successful. The winner of this award has provided opportunities for students to take up an important issue or cause which aims to make a difference in the lives of students at the University of Calgary. Whether or not they were successful in their advocacy, this club relentlessly pursued their goal of offering opportunities for students to affect lasting positive change in our community and beyond.

Alumni Engagement Award (Sponsored by UCalgary Alumni)

The Alumni Engagement Award is presented to the club that demonstrates meaningful engagement between club members and their alma mater. This club effectively maintains communication with alumni beyond a single engagement opportunity, demonstrating the value of building lasting relationships with alumni. This club also utilizes support provided by UCalgary Alumni staff members across campus to foster support and new opportunities for alumni participation. Tell us how your club has bridged the gap between students and alumni and how it has added value to the club experience.

Best New Club Award

Despite the diverse range of interests existing SU Clubs represent, students may see a need to develop a niche activity or new group within the Clubs family. For this reason many students take it upon themselves to start a club with like-minded peers. The winner of this award has created a thriving organization, filling a niche on campus and launching their club. Within their first year they have excelled at recruiting members, hosting events, and managing their affairs in order to establish themselves as a lasting fixture of our campus community.

Campus Pride Award (Sponsored by UCalgary Leadership and Student Engagement)

For the club that demonstrates the most campus pride and involvement across campus. This club visibly celebrates our campus, and promotes a spirit of wellness, community and a place where students can use their strengths and talents. This includes engaging in cross programming and collaborative efforts outside the SU (including faculties, with Student Service departments, the Dinos or on projects that meet the University's Eyes High goals), or with other clubs. Tell us about your efforts in building pride in the U of C and why it's important to your club. Please also provide some examples of how you have achieved this in the past. Please provide examples and highlight for us how you plan to continue these efforts should you receive this award.

Club of the Year Award

The Students' Union believes that student organizations are an invaluable part of the undergraduate student experience at the University of Calgary. Students are encouraged to form and administer sustainable and financially responsible clubs that practice good governance and create an inclusive, respectful, and fun environment. The winner of this award has been exceptionally successful in most, if not all, other award categories. They have demonstrated exceptional effort improving the quality of student life and education through strong leadership, community service, and advocacy in sustainable, innovative ways, engaging all members of the campus community and beyond. They really are the bee's knees.

Collaboration Award

The SU encourages student organizations to collaborate among one another. The winner of this award has demonstrated excellence in their endeavors to extend their events beyond their own membership, thereby encouraging greater participation within the campus community. Their collaborations with other SU Clubs have led to greater cultural, social, and individual understanding of issues, creating a more welcoming, open, and diverse ethos among University of Calgary undergraduates.

Community Service Award

Many clubs exist explicitly to provide community services. Giving back to the wider community is woven into the fiber of the club's mandate and existence. The winner of this award has demonstrated outstanding commitment to this mandate, participating in or planning events that benefit the community as a whole. Through fundraising, volunteering, and awareness campaigns, this club has directly improved the quality of life within their community and enhanced student life in the process.

First Year Engagement Award (Sponsored by UCalgary Leadership and Student Engagement)

For the club that actively seeks, includes and engages first year students at the U of C. This club helps to build a sense of community and engagement across campus, and particularly among new students. Connecting with, promoting and supporting first year membership is a part of its mandate and a purposeful action taken to help students connect to a wide breadth of engagement activities on campus and to build a sense of community within the U of C. Tell us how your club has engaged first year students and created an environment of inclusiveness? Please provide examples and highlight for us how you plan to continue these efforts should you receive this award.

Innovation Award

The SU is proud to say that with over 300 clubs, there's one for everyone! Unique, innovative, and niche interests are represented by the diversity exemplified among our student organizations. The winner of this award has diversified their activities in new ways, pioneered creative programs, or adapted existing fundraising efforts or events to distinctly and effectively attract members and provide otherwise non-existent services to the University of Calgary community.

Leadership Award

Strong club leadership is essential to form effective, long-lasting, and valuable student organizations. Clubs that demonstrate exceptional internal leadership also act as positive examples within the SU Clubs community. These forward-thinking organizations help to develop leadership qualities within their community as well as among their executives. Through their events, activities, and services provided to students, the winner of this award exemplifies leadership at the University of Calgary.

L.O.V.E. (Longevity, Ongoing Vitality, and Engagement) Award

For a club who has demonstrated a strong commitment to developing and nourishing the long-term vision of their club. This club successfully transitions each year between executive teams and has created a strong foundation for engaging many generations of students. This club exemplifies the vitality that should be embodied by all clubs through their engagement with SU Clubs programming. The winner of this award will be chosen by Clubs Committee by demonstrating a commitment to attending ClubHub

information sessions and club workshops, participating in the Jr Executive program, collaborating with the CSO, meeting club deadlines and following procedures, and focusing on successful transition between executive teams.

Quality of Education Award

Active in both curricular and co-curricular aspects of post-secondary life, the winners of this award provides quality academic services and support to students at the University of Calgary. Benefiting members and non-members alike, this club's events and programs go beyond the in-classroom experience to ensure students receive quality education. They take steps to bridge accessibility gaps, create a positive learning environment, and improve students' chances of academic success.

Student Life Award

While all SU Clubs are a vital part of student life on campus, the winners of this award have made outstanding contributions above and beyond for both their members and students in general. Making a difference outside of the classroom, creating a sense of community on campus, and tangibly improving the quality of undergraduates' student experience at the University of Calgary are all contributing factors.

Sustainability Award (Sponsored by UCalgary Office of Sustainability)

Description

The Student Club Leadership in Sustainability Award recognizes exceptional student clubs whose accomplishments, projects, or initiatives have made positive contributions towards the sustainable future of the University of Calgary or the broader community. The accomplishment, project, or initiative should be co-curricular in nature, and it must have made a measurable impact on environmental, economic, and/or social wellbeing at the University of Calgary or in the community at large.

Eligibility

- Nominees are current University of Calgary Students' Union clubs in good standing.
- This is a group award, received by the club. Individuals are not eligible to receive this award. However, nominators are encouraged to recognize individual student leaders for their work with the club by nominating them for Undergraduate Student Leadership awards.
- Sustainability does not have to be in the club's mandate.
- All Students' Union club accomplishments, projects, and initiatives will be evaluated on three criteria: Impact, Creativity, and Collaboration.

Criteria

Nominees' accomplishments, projects or initiatives will be evaluated on the basis of three criteria: **impact, creativity, and collaboration**. Please explain how the nominees' accomplishment(s), project(s), or initiative(s) fulfill these criteria.

- I. **Impact:** Describe the nominees’ project or initiative and its **impact** on sustainability at the University of Calgary or in the broader community. How did this initiative make a positive contribution to environmental, economic, and/or social sustainability? Discuss the scope, longevity, and measureable outcomes of the initiative in your description. (Max. 300 words.)

- II. **Creativity:** What is **creative** about the nominees’ sustainability project or initiative? Discuss the initiative’s most innovative, exceptional, or transformative elements. (Max. 300 words.)

- III. **Collaboration:** Describe the nominees’ efforts to **collaborate** with other people, campus groups, or community partners. How did the nominees build partnerships for sustainability, and how did these partnerships add value to their initiative? (Max. 300 words.)

Previous Recipients (2017-18)

Award	Honorable Mention	Winner
Leadership	Engineering Students' Society	Mental Health Awareness
Community Service	Heart of the City Piano Program	Bear Necessities
Quality of Education	Petroleum and Energy Society	STEM Fellowship
Innovation	Robogals UCalgary	DeNovo Student Investment Fund
Sustainability	Engineers Without Borders & Emerging Leaders in Solar Energy	UCalgary Fashion Network
Alumni Engagement	Society of Undergraduates in Economics	Own It Institute of Canada
First Year Engagement	Nachda Punjab Bhangra Association	Engineering Students' Society
Campus Pride	Consent Awareness and Sexual Education Club	Humans of UCalgary
Advocacy	ONE UCalgary	Consent Awareness and Sexual Education Club
Collaboration	3 Things UCalgary	UC Baking Club
Student Life	Muslim Students' Association	Indian Students' Association
L.O.V.E.	University of Calgary Sparring Club	Students Against Domestic Abuse Association
Best New Club	Do It Yourself Club	Bouldering Club
Club of the Year	Consent Awareness and Sexual Education Club	Reforming Education on Drugs