



Why Choose City Scholars?

The City Scholars program helps bridge the gap between campus and community by creating strong partnerships.

- **Students** bridge their academic knowledge with career development by learning about what it means to work within a public sector environment.
 - **Faculty** bridge theory and practice by applying their work in real-world contexts and supporting the City with research and analysis.
 - **City Staff** bridge with world-class "on-demand" expertise at post-secondary institutions to support operational and strategic needs at the City of Lethbridge.
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Our city of over 100,000 people is home to more than 12,000 post-secondary students at multiple world-class institutions. The talent and knowledge that exists in our city and region is inspiring. Accessing that talent and knowledge through strong partnerships allows us to support our community, our institutions, and the people who bring them to life.

With a focus on people, we believe that the best outcomes emerge when we work together, bridging diverse expertise, experience, worldviews, and skills.

We invite you to learn more about the City of Lethbridge and the City Scholars Program at lethbridge.ca

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Who We Are

City Scholars is a City of Lethbridge program that provides opportunities for collaboration between post-secondary students, faculty, and City of Lethbridge staff.

Globally, municipalities face complex social, economic, and environmental challenges as they work to deliver the plans, programs, and services that their residents and businesses rely on.

The City Scholars Program creates a pathway for students, faculty, and the City to work together on evidence-informed applied research projects that support innovation, and address challenges and opportunities we face. Through collaboration, we can better understand the needs of our diverse community, the impacts of local and global changes, and ultimately design and deliver high-quality planning, programs, and services to our community.

The City of Lethbridge acknowledges that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pays respect to the Blackfoot people past, present and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship to the land. The City of Lethbridge is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

How We Work

City Scholars creates a unique opportunity for collaboration through Work-Integrated Learning and Applied Research Partnerships.

Work-Integrated Learning (WIL)

WIL projects provide students with hands-on workplace experience, structured around both professional and academic outcomes. At the City of Lethbridge students have the unique opportunity to work on projects that positively impact the wellbeing of their community, while also benefiting from the mentorship of City and faculty supervisors. The skills and experiences gained through City Scholars' WIL opportunities support students as they enter the workforce and/or pursue further education.

Applied Research Partnerships (ARP)

Applied research grounds theory in real-world settings, such as within a neighbourhood or a City department. City Scholars' ARPs exist between the City of Lethbridge and post-secondary institutions and seek to impact the way we design and deliver planning, programs, and services. ARPs can be proposed by either City staff who have an operational need that requires research support, or by faculty and students who wish to advance research that results in benefits to the City and community.

Who We Work With

City Scholars brings together post-secondary students, faculty, and City staff through WIL and ARP projects. We create the necessary connections to ensure that each partner contributes to and benefits from collaborative work and research opportunities.

Benefits of City Scholars for:

Students



- Develop workplace skills and apply academic knowledge
- Access professional and academic mentorship
- Network with prospective employers
- Learn about municipal governance and business practices

Faculty



- Develop connections for applied research
- Collaborate with public service experts working in the research field of interest
- Provide opportunities for WIL placements
- Ground-truth research in a real-world context

City Staff



- Access faculty research expertise
- Increase capacity to take on research projects
- Develop staff mentorship and supervision skills
- Learn about new approaches and practices to their work