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## Statement on Free Expression

The University of Calgary operates as a public comprehensive academic and research university under the authority of Alberta's **Post-secondary Learning Act**

Our purpose as a university is to contribute to the body of world knowledge while simultaneously engaging our students and communities in learning guided by processes of discovery, creativity and innovation. The knowledge we create benefits society. It promotes cultural understanding and social justice, improves quality of life, and helps to secure a prosperous and sustainable future for all. The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and to the highest standards of ethical conduct. Expression that constitutes hate speech, a genuine threat or harassment, discrimination, defamation, an unjustified invasion of privacy or reveals confidential information are examples of expression that are prohibited by law.

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While all members of the University community have the right to free expression, this does not imply that the University endorses opinions and views expressed by its members.

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