

February 3, 2026

### Call for UCalgary Arch Awards Portrait Artists

The University of Calgary is seeking talented portrait artists to create a series of illustrated portraits for the UCalgary Arch Awards. This opportunity is open to UCalgary students, staff, and alumni, as well as Calgary-based portrait artists.

We are commissioning 6–8 illustrated portraits of Arch Awards recipients who exemplify excellence in their fields, celebrating their achievements through expressive and impactful artwork.

### Details and requirements

- Portraits must accurately and flatteringly capture each recipient's likeness while allowing the artist's unique style to shine.
- Artists may work in either digital or traditional mediums.
- Final artwork must be **8"x10" at 300 dpi**.
- Portraits will be featured in both digital and print promotional materials and displayed on screens during the Arch Awards ceremony.
- Artwork may be cropped or adjusted as needed for promotional use.
- Reference photos will be provided by the client.
- The **project budget is approximately \$3,600**, depending on the final number of portraits.

### Project timeline

- March 17—Submissions received
- April 10—Artist selected
- April 13—Number of Arch Awards recipients confirmed
- April 22—Formal quote from artist
- May 15—Photo references provided to artist
- June 8—Portrait sketches received
- June 17—Portrait sketches revised and approved
- July 13—Painted portraits received
- July 16—Painted portraits revised and approved
- July 24—Final artwork delivered

### Submission requirements

Please include:

- Samples of previous portrait work that reflect the style you would use for this project
- Confirmation of your availability to meet the project timeline
- A **per-portrait quote**

Submit your proposal by **March 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

For questions or more information, contact **Rich Farr** at [rich.farr@ucalgary.ca](mailto:rich.farr@ucalgary.ca)

Sincerely,



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