



Future Skills Centre
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Calgary Regional WIL Secretariate and Portal

Partners

Calgary Economic Development

Locations

[Alberta](#)

Additional Partners

Mount Royal University, University of Calgary, Ambrose University, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, St. Mary's University, Bow Valley College, Magnet, Orbis Communications

Topics

Future Skills
Pathways to Jobs
SME Adaptability
Work-integrated
Learning

Work-
integrated
learning
(WIL)
gives
people
the
chance
to
apply
the
skills
they
have
learned
in
the
classroom
while
gaining
on-
the-
job
experience
and
pathways
to
meaningful
careers
in
emerging,
high-
demand
sectors.

Evaluation
Report:
Work
Integrated
Learning
Evaluation
Report

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Through FSC's \$2.9 million investment, Calgary Economic Development (CED) is developing a one-stop, online portal for WIL opportunities in the region. These paid work placements focus on gaining hands-on experience from industry experts over the course of a student's academic studies. Placements can be co-ops, internships, applied research projects or field placements.



This innovative model and central platform will support economic growth and inclusion through WIL for post-secondary students, and will benefit jobseekers, employers and the Alberta economy. This initiative

will also make WIL more accessible to non-traditional participants such as mature learners, youth, and organizations not typically connected to post-secondary institutions.

CED
and
multiple
local
stakeholders
have
come
together
to
form
a
consortium
with
technology
partners
Magnet
and
Orbis
Communications,
in
order
to
demonstrate
the
viability
of
deploying
a
regional WIL
model
and
to
identify
and
address
issues
around
broader
applicability
for
communities
and
regions
across
Canada.

This work is immediately contributing to Calgary's economic transformation, while also providing insights for a more systematic way for employers to collaborate with post-secondary institutions.

The Future Skills Centre acknowledges that the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee share a special relationship to the 'Dish With One Spoon Territory,' where our office is located, bound to share and protect the land. As a pan-Canadian initiative, FSC operates on the traditional territory of many Indigenous nations across Turtle Island, the name given to the North American continent by some Indigenous peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to work in this territory and commit ourselves to learning about our shared history and doing our part towards reconciliation.

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