

Granting Support from the Science Education Fund at The Calgary Foundation

The Calgary Foundation is a community foundation whose vision is to build a giving and caring community that values sharing, collaborating and learning, a community with citizens engaged in community building at all levels. We value transparency, accountability and integrity, and align our business practices with our values. The Calgary Foundation welcomes questions about any of our grants and funds. We welcome scrutiny of our decision-making processes.

The Science Education Fund is one of 364 Donor Advised Funds held at The Calgary Foundation. Its grant to the University of Calgary supports academic research in the science of global warming and the production of education modules, academic conferences and publications. Like all the others, this Fund and its grants are listed in our annual report and on our website.

The Calgary Foundation does not have a position on climate change. Not surprisingly, the issue of climate change has been strongly debated in our community. The Calgary Foundation values this public discourse and diversity of opinion; they are integral to building a healthy community. We do not make moral or critical judgments on the direction, process or outcomes of projects we fund. That is not the Foundation's role.

An illustration of the diversity of organizations we support in the area of the environment includes:

- The Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin
- Sustainable Calgary
- The Pembina Institute
- Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley
- Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

Whether funds are donor directed or at the discretion of The Calgary Foundation, a strict grant making process is followed:

- Recipients must be qualified donees under the Income Tax Act
- Recipients must be in good standing with Canada Revenue Agency
- Recipients are required to provide a confirmation of use of funds as stipulated in the grant agreement

The University of Calgary is a qualified donee and therefore eligible to receive support.

The Calgary Foundation serves close to 10,000 donors, whose Funds support all sectors of the community, Arts & Heritage, Human Services, Education, Health, Environment and Neighbourhoods. This generosity has provided, in the last fiscal year, \$22 million dollars to 543 charities of great scope and diversity.

As a community foundation, The Calgary Foundation prides itself on supporting the widest possible range of community programs and organizations. The diversity of our grantmaking is one of our defining features. We take pride in living in a country, province and city that allows freedom of thought and encourages public discourse and vigorous debate.

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