



February 20, 2019

Dear Mayor Nenshi and Councillors,

The University of Calgary Students' Union (UCSU) would like to voice our support of Councillor Farkas and Mayor Nenshi's Notice of Motion to reinstate the summer student hiring program at the City of Calgary.

We understand the importance of degree-relevant work experience while students are in their studies. Increasingly, students are expected to have this relevant experience upon graduation in order to get even the most entry-level position. Programs like the city's summer student hiring program allow this to happen.

The City of Calgary is one of our city's largest employers and, as such, should invest in the future of our city. This means tapping into the diverse, entrepreneurial and energetic talents that exist at all our post-secondary institutions. The impact of investing in youth employment now will pay off as students are ready to tackle the opportunities and challenges our city faces upon graduation.

We ask that you consider the positive impact that reinstating the summer student hiring program can have on both post-secondary students and on the City of Calgary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sagar Grewal".

Sagar Grewal
President, University of Calgary Students' Union

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anayat Sidhu".

Anayat Sidhu
Vice-President External, University of Calgary Students' Union