

UCalgary SAPL-Inspired Track

Local Calgary architecture, planning, landscape, and portfolio preparation

Important notice

This CYDS track is inspired by UCalgary SAPL as a local design benchmark. It is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or sponsored by the University of Calgary unless a relationship is explicitly confirmed.

Purpose

CYDS created this local-first track so Calgary teens can build portfolio work grounded in the city around them: streets, parks, schools, winter conditions, transit, accessibility, landscape, and community life.

Before launch

- Complete the local challenge brief and review rubric.
- Seek local mentors, reviewers, or site-visit hosts.
- Publish dates, expected workload, parent notes, and safety

What students will build

- A Calgary site study with maps, photos, user observations, and design constraints.
- A public-space or neighbourhood improvement proposal connected to architecture, planning, or landscape thinking.
- Sketches, models, diagrams, and feedback notes that show process instead of only a final image.
- A portfolio case study that explains local impact, tradeoffs, and what the student learned.

Who should join

Calgary-area teens 13+ who are curious about architecture, planning, landscape, sustainability, city design, or competitive portfolio preparation. No prior design experience is required.

How to join

Apply for free CYDS membership and mention this university-inspired track in the form. You can also email questions to info@cydsociety.ca.

Next step

Join the interest list at cydsociety.ca/ucalgary-sapl-design-track.html

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