## **CALGARY IN THE NEW ECONOMY**

## TALENT HOME TO BRIGHT MINDS

#### PRIORITIES

- Be a welcoming city where everyone can grow their careers.
- Provide adaptive, futurefocused learning opportunities that empower life-long skills development.
- Attract people who want to make a difference, create solutions and change the world.



**BY THE** NUMBERS  $\bigcirc$ 

Calgary's net population grew by <sup>O</sup> 49,754

residents, the largest single increase in over two decades

>36%

of Calgarians identified as visible minorities, the third highest proportion among Canadian metro areas

Unemployment rate declined from 9.3 per cent to

**4.9%** 

# **CALGARY IS A CITY THAT ATTRACTS AND** NURTURES BRIGHT MINDS

## STORIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

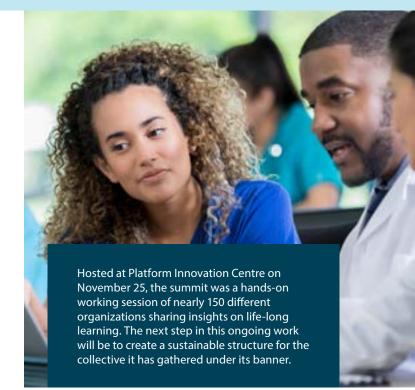
## LEARNINGCITY SUMMIT

LearningCITY Summit, a culmination of four years of collective work with the community, began to lay the foundation for the city's Skills Development Framework. The initiative is built on four pillars:



It is **adaptable**, embracing disruption and change as an opportunity;

- It is accessible, with justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion embedded in the learning process and championed by all;
- It is empowered, generating personalized, purpose-based learning; and
- It is open, fostering a spirit that drives performance and innovation.



#### **WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING**

The Calgary Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) pilot project launched to help employers navigate student engagement in their organizations and equip students with job-ready skills.

Funded with a \$2.9 million investment from the Future Skills Centre, a \$2.5 million investment from the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Advanced Education, and a \$1.2 million investment from Prairies Economic Development Canada, WIL is the first of its kind, engaging all seven of Calgary's major post-secondary institutions.



## **POST-SECONDARY TALENT**

Post-secondary institutions play a critical role in ensuring that talent have the skills they need to participate in the workforce of today and the future, as well as attracting new talent to the city.

- SAIT established the Alberta Bureau of International Education to boost and diversify international student enrollment and provide more international learning opportunities for Albertans.
- University of Calgary launched their quantum research hub Quantum City in partnership with the University of Alberta and University of Lethbridge.
- Mount Royal University's Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship's Growth Catalyst initiative received funding to support more businesses to scale up.
- Bow Valley College launched a diploma program in virtual production and video game development.