

YukonU: Canada's First University North of 60°

Situated on the Traditional Territories of Yukon First Nations in 12 communities, we are guided by the indomitable spirit of the Yukon with its millennia of resilience and resourcefulness. We prioritize the uniqueness and values of the North in all that we do.

YukonU continues to grow alongside a changing northern landscape. With the promise and potential of Canada's first university North of 60, we approach all questions with curiosity, creativity and collaboration.

- In 2020, Yukon College became Yukon University. In 2022, we launched our first strategic plan as a university. This strategy, *Becoming*, is a five-year road map between what is and what is yet to become. Our vision is to become:
 - A thriving learning and research institution leading Canada's North.
 - Our commitments include:
 - Build our identity and nurture our culture as a university
 - Take our place in advancing reconciliation
 - Continue to develop our northern expertise
 - Develop bold thinkers and confident change leaders
 - Be leaders for the common good.
- YukonU is developing bold thinkers and confident change leaders in research, degree programs, trades training, lifelong learning and community programming.
- With multiple research programs, including six research chairs, our students are involved in cutting edge research relevant to the North such as renewable energy, permafrost, Indigenous knowledge and health.
- Trades continue to be a cornerstone of our offerings at YukonU. We recognize the importance of skilled trades in our growing community.
- From business to Indigenous governance, to science and health care programs, YukonU is responding to the changing needs of our growing population.

YukonU is taking its place in advancing reconciliation and equity, diversity and inclusion. We empower students, staff and faculty to achieve their fullest potential and help to create a kinder, better future for all.

- In 2024, we will finalize our Reconciliation Framework. This will guide our approach, intention and priorities to meet our commitment to advance reconciliation and uphold our legislated commitments to the rights of Yukon First Nations people.
- YukonU is fostering a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in all that we do. We aim to infuse EDI as a guiding force through the education we deliver and the research we lead.

YukonU's Polaris Project

This new science building will serve to incubate and mark the future for YukonU. Through its design and intention, it will invite and cultivate an interplay between Yukon First Nations culture and ways of knowing, and western approaches to learning and to knowledge generation. It will become a place to learn, teach and create knowledge in new and transformative ways.

