For 50 years, Thompson Rivers University has taken pride in providing an excellent education to every learner that comes to us from a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives, at various stages of the learning journey. TRU is a leader in international training, development and education with a diverse history of global engagement reaching all corners of the world.

OUR MISSION

TRU is a comprehensive, learner-centred, environmentally responsible institution that serves its regional, national, and international learners and their communities through high quality and flexible education, training, research and scholarship.

Thompson Rivers University is proud of our place as a leader in international education. For more than 40 years, we have made international outreach a priority.

Today students from more than 100 countries are enrolled at our main campus, pursuing a dream of an education, and helping to shape a better world through shared intercultural experiences and understanding. Abroad, TRU partners with high schools, colleges and universities in 13 countries. Whether we offer a Canadian credential jointly with another institution, or provide a pathway for future study at TRU, our goal is to see each student succeed. Having been an international student, I appreciate the challenges and rewards of gaining a global experience.

At TRU we embrace and explore the world. Our faculty conduct research in other countries and our students study abroad.

We are a university that welcomes the world, and we welcome you to find out more about us.

Brett Fairbairn
President and Vice-Chancellor
1970
Cariboo College
Created as a two-year community college during the initial expansion of post-secondary education in British Columbia, Cariboo College is founded as a result of vigorous lobbying by community leaders.

1995
University College of the Cariboo
Granted University College status in 1995, Cariboo College is transformed into The University College of the Cariboo (UCC) and expands to offer a growing number of Bachelor degree programs.

2005
Thompson Rivers University
Granted full university status and a new name: Thompson Rivers University. The new university delivers a complete range of college and degree programs, including Masters degrees and expanded distance education options.

KEY FACTS
- Public university
- Established in 1970
- Main campus in Kamloops, British Columbia
- 28,000 + students enrolled in on-campus and online programs
- 700 + students enrolled in TRU programs delivered at partner institutions overseas
- 3,500 + international students from over 100 countries each year
- 2,000 + Employees: faculty, support staff and administration
- 140 Programs on campus and 60 programs online

TRU Accreditations & Memberships
- Province of British Columbia, Canada
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities - USA
- Languages Canada
- BC Education Quality Assurance Designation
- Universities Canada member
- Council of International Schools
- Research Universities’ Council of BC member
- Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) member
**ACADEMICS**

### Adventure, Culinary Arts & Tourism

- Bachelor of Tourism Management
- Post-Baccalaureate Diplomas: Adventure Studies, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Tourism, Managing Festivals and Events, Resort Experience Management, Tourism Destination Development, Tourism Experience Management
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate: Tourism
- Adventure Guide Certificate
- Adventure Guide Diploma
- Events & Conventions Management Diploma
- Resort & Hotel Management Diploma
- Sport Event Management Diploma
- Tourism Management Diploma
- Professional Cook Level 1 & 2
- Culinary Arts Certificate
- Culinary Arts Apprenticeship - Professional Cook 3 (Red Seal)
- Retail Meat Processing Foundation Certificate
- Meatcutter Apprenticeship Level 1 & 2

### Arts, Humanities & Social Science

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Arts)
- Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Journalism
- Associate of Arts Degree
- Associate of Arts Modern Languages Degree
- Visual Arts Diploma
- Aboriginal Studies Certificate
- Cultural and Social Explorations Certificate
- Literary and Art History Certificate
- Modern Languages Certificate
- Painting and Drawing Certificate
- Visual Arts Studio Certificate
- World Languages and Cultures Certificate

### Business, Economics & Management

- Master of Business Administration
- Master in Environmental Economics & Management
- Master of Science in Environmental Economics & Management
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Dual Degrees available in Computing & Business and Arts & Business
- Associate of Commerce and Business Administration Diploma
- Accounting Technician Diploma
- Executive Assistant Diploma
- Management Diploma
- Administrative Assistant Certificate
- First Nation Applied Economics Certificate
- First Nation Taxation Administration Certificate

### Education

- Master of Education
- Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies
- Bachelor of Education - Elementary
- Bachelor of Education - Secondary STEM
- Post-Diploma Certificates: Infant and Toddler Educator, Special Needs Educator
- DSTC First Nations Language Teacher Program
- Early Childhood Education Diploma
- Teaching English as a Second Language Certificate

### Health Sciences

- Master of Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Health Care Assistant Certificate
- Practical Nursing Diploma
- Respiratory Therapy Diploma
Online & Distance Learning

TRU Open Learning delivers hundreds of distance and online courses, including those leading to over 60 certificates, diplomas, and degrees. Most courses offer continuous registrations and flexible scheduling options, removing traditional barriers to increase access to quality post-secondary education.

From traditional academics to trades, from certificates to graduate degrees, TRU offers over 200 programs to choose from and provides our students opportunities to apply what they learn in co-op work terms, study abroad, undergraduate research, field schools and practicums—with guidance and mentorship by our dedicated faculty.
INTERNATIONALIZATION AT TRU

Thompson Rivers University has a long history of being open and accessible to students from around the world and of sharing the expertise of the university with the international community. International activities at Thompson Rivers University are led by TRU World, the university’s international training, education, and development division. The department acts as a coordinating and facilitating centre for all international activity at TRU, and provides external partners with complete liaison, program development, and project management services.

Scope of International Activity

- Accreditation, articulation and joint delivery of academic programs
- Customized training, consulting, and development projects
- Student exchange and field school programs
- Programs for international students at the TRU campus
STUDY ABROAD

The TRU Study Abroad Centre promotes student and faculty mobility by supporting student exchange, international field schools, and work abroad opportunities. The Study Abroad Centre provides student advising, pre-departure support, incoming student support and risk management services for incoming and outgoing study abroad participants, field school participants and faculty leaders, and work abroad participants. Students have the option of studying abroad in more than 200 institutions in over 40 countries around the globe or participating in one of the many international field schools offered each year.
The main TRU campus is located in Kamloops, British Columbia. Set on a 250-hectare site near the city centre, our modern campus offers a complete range of academic, recreational, and athletic facilities. The university also operates a second campus in Williams Lake and regional learning centres in a number of towns throughout south-central British Columbia.

Over the next 30 years, the university campus will become home to thousands of new residents and offer retail services, parks, professional services and more for the community through the development of an exciting new university village called The Reach.

With a population of almost 100,000 people, Kamloops, British Columbia, is a modern, safe and comfortable city with many of the amenities and attractions of a large, bustling centre. TRU is located in the heart of this welcoming city and beyond our campus you’ll find beautiful beaches and parks that line the junction of two rivers next to a vibrant downtown. With a wide range of outdoor, city, cultural and campus activities and just a 3.5 hour drive or 45 minute flight from Vancouver, learners love all that our city has to offer.
Ranked #1 University in North America for sustainability by the Sierra Club

STARS Platinum rating for Sustainability
TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Transnational education programs allow students in partner-institutions to partially or fully complete TRU program requirements at their home institutions. TRU currently has 40 active partner-institutions in countries around the world, including China, Colombia, El Salvador, Iceland, India, Norway, Mexico, Scotland, Spain, Turkey, UK, USA, and Vietnam.

Accreditation Programs

These programs are based on an accreditation model where TRU works with partner institutions to deliver TRU programs in the partner’s home country. Students can complete the whole program at partner institutions with an option to transfer to TRU to complete their studies. Students can earn a degree or diploma from TRU, in addition to a credential from their home institution, upon successful completion of their studies. Thousands of students have studied in TRU programs delivered at partner institutions overseas. Current programming areas include Business, Computing Science, and Tourism.

Articulation Programs

These programs allow students from partner institutions to seamlessly transfer the credits earned at their home institutions for further studies at TRU. Current program models include 2+2, 1+3 for a bachelor degree program and programming areas include Arts, Business, Science, Computing Science, Tourism, and Technology Management.

Visiting Student Programs

These programs provide students from partner institutions a study abroad opportunity in Canada. All courses may be eligible for university credit at the student’s home institution, based on an agreement between TRU and a partner institution. This program is open to students enrolled in any program and the duration can be one or two semesters based on the needs of students. Current program models include general programs and customized programs based on the requirements of a partner-institution.

Pathway Programs

These programs provide a pathway from overseas high schools to a Canadian university. Qualified students may also be able to complete selected TRU open learning courses during their high school studies. Current program models include a general pathway towards any programs at TRU and a special pathway towards a specific program at TRU based on an agreement between TRU and a partner-institution.
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

For three decades, Thompson Rivers University has been delivering customized training programs of the highest calibre to over 1,000 participants each year. Our intensive short-term programs are strategically balanced to maximize learning opportunities while allowing participants enough time to gain an appreciation of Canadian culture and participate in carefully selected activities. The result is a rich and rewarding experience creating memories that will last a lifetime.

We offer both open enrollment programs and customized programs, all designed to meet the goals of program participants. Our open enrollment programs offer the most popular features perfected over decades of running summer and winter camp programs, resulting in a highly motivating and fun learning environment. We also work closely with international partners, including governments, educational institutions and businesses, to develop programs tailored to the needs of the client. We can deliver our programs on our campus or overseas at a location suiting the needs of our program participants.

ITC Program Features

- Student-centred instruction
- Customized, content-based curriculum
- Exciting cultural and recreational activities
- Experienced TESL certified instructors
- Integrated skills
- Communicative learning
- Flexible options for assessment
- A safe, supportive learning environment
- An intercultural campus
- Small class sizes
- Exit surveys to monitor and ensure quality

Open Programs

Meeting the needs of hundreds of enthusiastic learners from around the world each year, our Open Programs form the cornerstone of all the programming offered by TRU World’s International Training Centre and are open to individuals as well as large and small groups. We have developed a comprehensive range of programs to help our students achieve their individual goals. A full array of carefully selected cultural and recreational activities are woven into each program, and ample time is reserved for level-appropriate English language classroom instruction. The result is a highly motivating and dynamic program that will leave learners with increased cultural knowledge, greater language proficiency, and a more informed world view.

Customized Group Programming

The International Training Centre at TRU offers customized programs for groups large and small. In addition to our Open Programs, we have a long history of providing customized English language training, including study tours, ESL + academic programs, and professional development programs. These programs feature a combination of specific English language studies along with components of specialized training in the areas of business, tourism, health, social work, psychology, child care, and more.

We have worked with educational institutions, governments, corporations, non-profits and agents to build tailored programs and we have a proven track record of meeting the unique requirements of our clients. We are able to utilize and adapt our academic program strengths to develop programming in almost any field, including components such as English Language training, Intercultural Communication, cultural experiences, and recreational activities as desired.
CONSULTING SERVICES AND TRAINING

Building on the expertise of our university community, Thompson Rivers University is a leader in the global exchange of knowledge and has undertaken training and consulting contracts in a wide range of subject areas. Our services have been delivered to diverse clients including governments, corporations, NGOs and non-profit organizations, and have included:

These projects are delivered both in Canada and abroad, and have been funded by client-partners, government, international development banks, and NGOs. For example, with the assistance of CIDA funding, TRU developed an Indigenous Tourism Development Program that provided indigenous trainees from Chile with customized training and knowledge of Canadian aboriginal tourism initiatives. This program was delivered both in Canada and in Chile with the cooperation of local indigenous groups.

In Jamaica, training programs that addressed specific technical and supervisory training needs were developed for Kaiser Aluminum, ALPART, Alcan, and Jamaica’s human capital development agency HEART. TRU conducted extensive skills assessments and then designed customized skills upgrading programs for both tradespeople and supervisors. TRU also led the development of a related apprenticeship program. In China, the university has been a leader for teacher training, working with a number of state education bureaus to provide thousands of Chinese educators with training in advanced teaching methodologies.
Thompson Rivers University has an extensive record of reaching out to the world’s communities — providing training, creating educational pathways, and delivering programs across the globe. These initiatives have contributed to our university’s vibrant international profile and reputation while helping our partners to achieve their goals.

We are a young institution with a rich history. We began as a community college in 1970 and have evolved into what we are today — a student-centred, globally-minded, premiere university offering programs ranging from ESL to graduate degrees. Students from more than 100 countries come to TRU annually to take advantage of our comprehensive range of programs, our unique combinations of flexible learning options, and our balance of theoretical and applied studies. Internationalization has enabled our students to develop lifelong skills and connections as they prepare for life and work as citizens of our global village.

We invite you to explore the opportunities to work with us: accreditation programs, customized training, research partnerships, group programming, articulation and transfer agreements, and so much more. Our team of international education specialists is at your service and we welcome you to become a part of our global community.

Baihua Chadwick
Associate Vice-President, International CEO, TRU World Global Operations