

The City Scholars Program played a crucial role in laying the research foundation for my biodiversity project. The student I collaborated with was enthusiastic, intelligent, and dedicated to making a positive impact in our community. I highly recommend the City Scholars Program to my colleagues and students at our post-secondary institutions!

University of Lethbridge Student

This last year, it's been an engaging and exciting experience working with the City Scholars Program. The first semester, my business students worked on a feasibility analysis for putting seacan business incubator spaces in the downtown core. Two of my students presented their work at the symposium, a first for our program. This semester, my marketing students have been conducting a study of student opinions on key City issues. Our projects have been rewarding for the students, giving them the opportunity to see their work matter in a real-world context. It has drawn them into their community and helped them feel connected to Lethbridge.

Lethbridge Polytechnic Faculty

Through the City Scholars Program, I had an incredible opportunity to connect my academic background with practical urban challenges. My project challenged me to grow by developing research, analytical, and critical thinking skills that will be invaluable as I continue my academic journey. The program also gave me the chance to connect with professionals from around the world and learn about the innovative work planners are doing globally. One of my highlights of the program was how it broadened my perspective on the possibilities of what I can do with my degree. As a public health student, it has inspired me to think more creatively about how I can make a meaningful impact in my field.

University of Lethbridge Student

City Scholars has provided me an opportunity to apply my studies in a real world context. As I prepare to graduate this semester, my internship at the City has given me more confidence to enter the workforce. I learned a lot throughout my program at the University, and this opportunity has allowed me to apply those learnings and understand the ins-and-outs of improving my workflow. I feel more connected with my community now that I better understand the work that goes on at City Hall. After this experience, I would encourage anyone and everyone to find a WIL opportunity before graduation.

University of Lethbridge Student

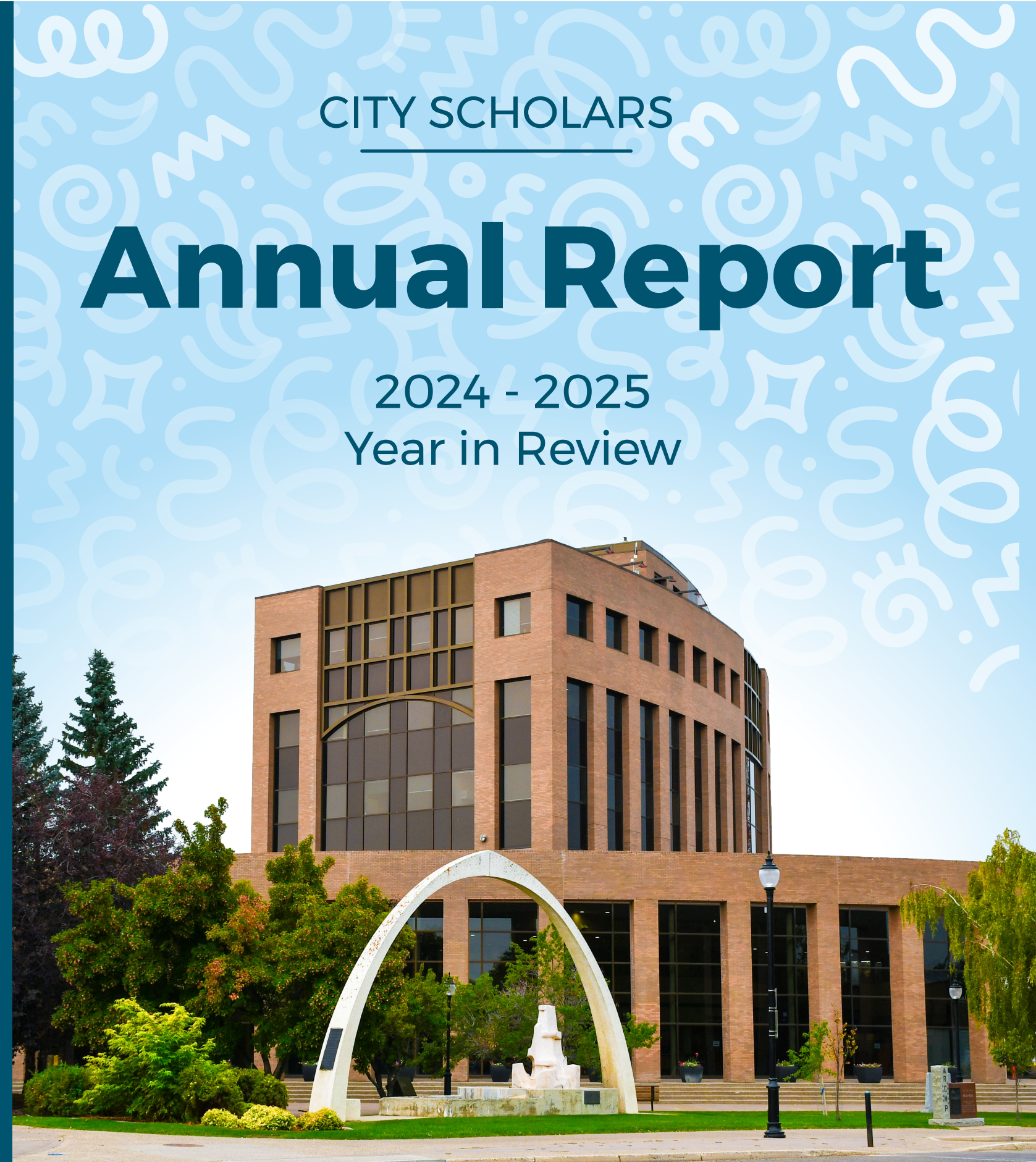
As a student, it's really cool to be a part of something that's real, not made up, and see if it actually develops in the future. It would be great to be able to say that I was part of that. It will also be useful later on in life looking at new business opportunities for myself to pursue. If I want to move into new markets, I can use the information that I've researched for my WIL course as I'm looking to build a new business. The process has been useful.

Lethbridge Polytechnic Student

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Annual Report

2024 - 2025
Year in Review



What We Achieved Together

- Applied Research
- Collaborations
- Opportunities
- Celebrating Students

Projects

Summer 2024

- Labour Market Trends and City of Lethbridge Risk Exposure Analysis (continuation)
- Policy Innovation Lab: Food Insecurity and the Land Use Bylaw
- Policy Innovation Lab: Circulum Design and Support

Fall 2024

- Community Capitals Asset Mapping Internship
- Health, Planning and Public Participation
- Battle of the Belly River Heritage Management Planning
- Biodiversity Policy Research
- Community and Change: 2025 Lethbridge Municipal Election
- Community and Change: Public Transit
- Community and Change: Snow Routes
- Student Engagement for City Planning and Infrastructure Projects
- New Media Internship
- Partner Services Student Researcher

Winter 2025

- Community Capitals Asset Mapping (continuation)
- Feasibility Study for City Ambassador Program
- Heritage, Memory and Commemoration
- Water Conservation and Social Norms
- Photo Documentation of Commemorative Sites
- Alternative Forms of Housing Conservation Research
- Student Engagement for City Planning and Infrastructure Projects
- New Media Internship
- Indigenous Relations Office Strategic Planning

Our Shared Work

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Projects

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City Departments

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Partners

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Student Research Showcases

Thank you to our partners

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