



FOUNDING SUPPORTER BRIEF

A university for the whole human

An invitation from Vincent Zhang to help establish University of Jasper in Jasper, Alberta, Canada.

The founding conviction

“We human beings have our special responsibilities to make our society and world better.” - from the founding letter, identified by the founder as written in 2015.

The educational proposition

Bring substantial physical training, world humanities and fundamental inquiry into one education. Learn through hiking and campcraft, coached martial practice, reflective attention, mathematics and physics, close reading, debate and useful original work.

The first proposed programme

Six weeks in person in Jasper. 6-8 adult learners. Six courses, 144 facilitated hours and three camping nights. Core teaching is offline, with emergency communications and private access exceptions. Winter break: mid-December to mid-February.

The founding ambition

C\$10 million. The Founding Five proposes five commitments of C\$2 million each. An anchor family or foundation is an alternative route for discussion. Neither route has confirmed commitments.

The immediate conversation

Help establish a capable local host and teaching team, a fully costed pilot and the lawful operating arrangements. Early support could fund defined feasibility or pilot work, under an appropriate agreement. It is not necessary to buy land to begin testing the educational idea.

University of Jasper is a founding project in Jasper, Alberta, Canada. Its first proposed programme is non-degree. University authorisation, accreditation, charitable status, a venue and launch dates are not established.



THE WORK OF FOUNDING

Conviction supported by a credible plan

What is ready

An English founding charter; a detailed six-week instructor guide; a printable learner fieldbook; a website with teacher and student application drafts; and the founder's original crest, letter and song.

What a serious funding discussion needs

Named responsible people; evidence of local demand; venue and staffing quotes; insurance and operating requirements; a delivery budget with contingency; an appropriate recipient; staged agreements and a reporting plan. These arrangements remain to be established.

Governance

The Founding Five remains the founder's proposal: five founding positions at C\$2 million each, seeking C\$10 million in total. Vincent Zhang's intended model includes lifetime board voting rights. Those rights are not established and cannot be promised in exchange for a contribution. The legal structure, election and removal rules, director duties, total board composition and the founder's role must be resolved before any appointment or agreement.

Funding sequence

Feasibility and partner discussions > externally supported in-person pilot > reviewed learner work and actual costs > repeatable delivery > larger institutional funding > premises justified by demonstrated need.

A clear standard of stewardship

No investment return or tax receipt is promised. No contribution automatically creates a board appointment. The source of funds, donor conditions and decision rights must support the educational mission and lawful, accountable governance.

Begin a conversation

The official @ujasper.ca mailbox is being prepared. Use a confirmed personal introduction to the founder in the meantime. The site does not accept money or applications. This brief is an invitation to discuss a proposal, not a binding offer.

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