



Office of the
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Alberta

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University of Calgary met its duty to assist

An inquiry by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner into an access request to the University of Calgary has determined the University met its duty to assist an applicant.

The Applicant had requested email communications containing his personal information sent and received by a professor in relation to a grant application to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The University responded to the Applicant, explaining that the professor had not created or received any email communications.

The Applicant asked the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the response on the basis the University had not conducted an adequate search.

Adjudicator Teresa Cunningham found that the University had provided sufficient evidence to establish that the information requested did not exist and had never existed. She also found that the University met its duty to respond to an applicant openly, accurately and completely under section 10 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) when it communicated the results of its search to the Applicant. She confirmed that the University had met its duty to assist the Applicant.

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