



DEAN, FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Athabasca University (AU), Canada's Open University, is devoted to the removal of barriers that restrict access to and success in university-level study and to increasing equality of educational opportunity for adult learners worldwide. As Canada's only digital learning university, created by Alberta innovators, Athabasca University's classrooms, collaboration spaces and student hubs are not brick and mortar facilities but rather cloud and code based. Athabasca University provides learning for life. Through the achievements of its students, faculty and staff, AU stands out as a provider of high quality post-secondary education. AU serves over 40,000 students and offers more than 850 courses in more than 55 undergraduate and graduate programs in a range of arts, science and professional disciplines. To learn more about AU, please visit www.athabascau.ca.

Through the Faculty of Graduate Studies, AU offers two doctoral programs, seven master's degree programs, and nine graduate diplomas and certificates. They established the first online doctoral program in business administration within Canada which opened in 2009. In the fall of 2008, AU also initiated the first online doctoral program in education that specializes in distance education in North America.

As the Faculty's chief academic and administrative officer, the Dean is responsible to the Provost and Vice President Academic for providing strategic, academic and administrative leadership for the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The Dean provides university-wide strategic leadership for graduate program, develops and implements appropriate policies and collaborates with other academic leaders to advance consistency and quality across all graduate programs. A key member of the executive and academic leadership team, the Dean of Graduate Studies will have responsibility for developing the strategies, programs, services and supports to enhance AU's diverse range of graduate programming.

The successful candidate will be doctorally prepared, an inspirational and effective leader with a demonstrated ability to build consensus in the face of competing demands, have an exemplary academic background and an established record of academic administration. Demonstrable knowledge of distance and online education and current issues, emerging trends in graduate education as well as a track record of interdisciplinary collaboration is required. The candidate of choice will respect and thrive within a collegial culture and work towards inclusivity, consultation and transparency.

Athabasca University develops and maintains an environment that supports equitable working conditions for individuals traditionally unrepresented in universities. AU is committed to employment equity, encouraging applications from women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

This is an exciting opportunity to serve in a transformational capacity at Canada's leading online university. To learn more about this exciting leadership opportunity, please call Ashley Brown or Cameron Geldart of The Geldart Group at 587.534.2220 or forward your CV, a letter of introduction along with the names and contact information of three referees, in confidence, to ashley@thegeldartgroup.com.

