Assistant Vice-President, Research Services

From “the little college by the sea” to a world-leading, research-intensive university: Dalhousie University’s first 200 years have seen it transform from a local centre of learning to an institution with global impact. Now, at the dawn of its third century, Dalhousie is more relevant, more connected and more vibrant than ever.

Dalhousie University is a member of the U15 research-intensive universities in Canada. In 2019/20, Dalhousie received more than $180M in external research funding. As the only member of the U15 in Atlantic Canada, Dalhousie is a leader in the region and a respected partner nationally on research programming and innovation. Dalhousie provides a unique, interactive and collaborative environment for creating and sharing knowledge, supported by research funding from governments, industry and nongovernmental organizations.

Reporting to the Vice-President, Research & Innovation, the Assistant Vice-President, Research Services provides overall strategic leadership and direction for the Office of Research Services as a whole and is responsible for setting and maintaining service standards to meet the needs of the university’s diverse research community. In consultation with the senior executive team of the Vice-President Research & Innovation office, the AVPRS implements and/or reviews processes and policies to ensure the effective delivery of research services to both internal and external communities. This includes operational management for the Office of Research Services, strategic leadership, outreach activities, and the oversight of research application services and award support.

As the ideal candidate, you come to the role with a graduate degree and 10 or more years of leadership experience in a research-based environment. You have experience leading a team and proven skills in team building, mentoring, motivating and engaging staff. You have the ability to work successfully with various interest groups such as major funding agencies, boards and senior administration in a complex, high-volume and deadline-driven environment. Excellent organizational, interpersonal, writing and communication skills and sound judgement will also be critical for success in this role. As the leader of the Office of Research Services it is important that the ideal candidate possess administrative experience related to planning, organizing and directing service delivery in support of research programs. An understanding of the university environment and demonstrated continuous learning in the areas of equity, diversity and inclusion will allow the ideal candidate to build strong relationships across our diverse community.

To be considered, please submit your application through this link by November 16th, 2020. To review the brief, please contact Laura Godsoe at laura.godsoe@dal.ca

Dalhousie University supports a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Our total compensation package includes a defined benefit pension plan, health and dental plans, a health spending account, an employee and family assistance program and a tuition assistance program.
Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons (especially Mi’kmaq), racially visible persons (especially historic African Nova Scotians), persons with a disability, women, and persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.