Chief Information Officer and Assistant Vice-President, Information Technology Services

Dalhousie University is the largest university in Atlantic Canada, comprised of more than 6,000 faculty and staff amongst its 13 Faculties. As part of Canada’s U15 group of research-intensive universities, Dalhousie is a key driver of the region’s intellectual, social, and economic development. 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.

Reporting directly to the Vice-President, Finance and Administration, the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Assistant Vice-President Information Technology Services (ITS) will play a leadership role in mapping Dalhousie’s new Digital Strategy to actionable priorities, processes, and associated investments. A foundational, enabling companion to Dalhousie’s new Strategic Plan, the Digital Strategy will positively impact our core teaching, research, service and student-life missions, and transform processes and systems across administrative and support functions. The CIO works in partnership with senior leaders across the University and with the Libraries’ Academic Technology Services to develop and implement systems, uphold and establish progressive cybersecurity standards and supervise and support process improvement initiatives within the organization. The CIO will prioritize the alignment of accessible and sustainable information technology services across the University to ensure a service model approach that meets the needs of the University’s diverse internal and external stakeholder groups. The CIO manages a strong senior leadership team within ITS and an overall staff of more than 120 staff across three units.

As the ideal candidate, you bring significant, senior IT leadership experience alongside deep experience leading teams within a large complex organization and a multi-constituent environment. You have experience developing and achieving plans that support a cohesive high-quality user experience across diverse internal and external stakeholder groups. You have led the development and implementation of proactive cybersecurity plans and supported systems-wide change management initiatives. You are able to translate organizational strategy into concrete actions and processes to ensure key outcomes are met and possess the relationship building and negotiation skills required to move plans forward productively in a complex environment. You are an inclusive leader who listens and consults, and you have the ability to guide, influence, inspire and collaborate. You are passionate about continuous learning and eager to explore new developments in the IT field. Through innovative thinking, you will be able to enthusiastically pilot new IT initiatives to move Dalhousie forward. You are able to communicate effectively, using plain language, with diverse stakeholders. You are driven by strong personal values including integrity, transparency, and a demonstrated commitment to fostering diversity and inclusiveness.

To be considered, please submit your application through https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/6569 by 07/12/2021. To review the brief, please contact Laura Godsoe at exec.search@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.