Lakehead University is seeking a collaborative and strategic leader to serve as the next Dean, Faculty of Business Administration.

Celebrated as one of Canada's leading academic institutions, Lakehead University offers more than 85 academic programs that are grouped within 9 Faculties from a comprehensive selection of academic areas of study. Lakehead is an innovative comprehensive university that provides an education that is about how to think, not what to think. Closely tied to that enterprising spirit is a deep connection to the place. Lakehead is committed to making a difference in the communities it serves, developing a broader understanding of societal issues, and inspiring action for thoughtful, positive change. Lakehead University is also committed to the success of our Indigenous learners and to our relationships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples based on the principles of mutual trust, respect, reciprocity, and collaboration in the spirit of reconciliation. Lakehead University acknowledges the history that many nations hold in the areas around its two campuses.

The Faculty of Business Administration advances the development of learners, communities, and knowledge by integrating diverse perspectives, leveraging innovative approaches, connecting with key partners, and conducting impactful research. Their undergraduate students are well-prepared for the work world with a solid business foundation and the chance to specialize in an area of interest. They make a true effort to extend learning beyond the classroom, including opportunities to contribute to research and other scholarly activities at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. With their high dedication to an excellent learning environment and strong sense of community, they are among the best business schools in Canada.

The Role

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration is responsible for the overall management of the Faculty and serves as a strategic and collegial leader to faculty, staff, and students. The Dean contributes to the further development of the Faculty and its programs in research, teaching, and service through a keen understanding of what makes the Faculty both exceptional and unconventional: small classes, emphasized experiential learning, substantial regional impact, and a high degree of contact between students and faculty. The Dean leads the development of and articulates a clear strategic vision for the Faculty and serves as an active and visible ambassador, working closely with internal and external partners and stakeholders, including local business and Indigenous communities.

The Ideal Candidate

As the ideal candidate, you are a well-established scholar and a thoughtful, strategic, entrepreneurial leader with a successful academic administrative background. You are passionate about advancing connections with local and global business partners, and relationships with Indigenous partners, by developing informed education, research, and service strategies. You understand the value proposition for a small school with multiple campuses and have
supported the development of high quality undergraduate and graduate programs, and you know how to develop and maintain a culture of intense research, scholarly, and creative activity. Your engaging, open communication style helps you build friendly community relationships and expand outreach and donation programs. You are committed to social justice, to diversity, to inclusion, and to collegial governance.

Experience and Qualifications

The next Dean, Faculty of Business Administration should possess:

- An academic record consistent with appointment to the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor at the University;
- A PhD Degree in Business Administration or Management, a DBA Degree, or another relevant terminal degree;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to engage diverse stakeholders; and
- A record of successful academic, research, administrative, and leadership experience.

To learn more about this opportunity, contact Katherine Frank (kfrank@kbrs.ca) or Abbey MacLeod (amacleod@kbrs.ca). Completed applications can be submitted online at www.kbrs.ca/Career/17561.

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

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