Dean of Health & Behavioural Sciences, Lakehead University

Lakehead is a comprehensive and nationally ranked research-intensive university and is the proud host to eleven Canada Research Chairs. Research Infosource has named Lakehead University Canada’s #2 Research University in our peer category and was previously named #1 for an unprecedented five consecutive years. Lakehead University has over 10,000 full-time equivalent students and 2,000 faculty and staff in ten faculties at two campuses in Orillia and Thunder Bay, Ontario. Maclean’s 2021 University Rankings place Lakehead University among Canada’s Top 10 primarily undergraduate universities and first in Ontario among primarily undergraduate institutions. Lakehead has a reputation for innovative programs and cutting-edge research, and offers a variety of degree and diploma programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels.

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 our campuses. 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.

The Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences is comprised of the Department of Health Sciences, the School of Kinesiology, the School of Nursing, the Department of Psychology and the School of Social Work, all of which share a dedication to human health and well-being. As such, students have the opportunity to study multiple dimensions of health, a broad area of study and practice that is relevant to every single individual. It is the Faculty’s goal to offer educational programming and inspire innovative research that will meet the ever-changing demands of the Canadian health care sector, with special emphasis and sensitivity to rural, remote, Indigenous and northern health issues. Researchers in the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences are making a concrete difference in the health of northern communities. Faculty research covers a broad range of individual, social, and ecological health issues, including a focus on Indigenous health.

The Faculty has approximately 257 graduate students and 1575 undergraduate students, with a fulltime faculty complement of 66 that includes 3 Canada Research Chairs and is home to several research centres including the Centre for Healthcare Ethics, Enhancing Prevention of Injury and Disability at Work Research Institute, Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health and the Centre of Education and Research on Positive Youth Development.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean provides visionary strategic direction, academic planning leadership, and administrative oversight of the Faculty. The Dean is the chief academic and operating leader and is responsible for all academic, administrative and operational activities of the Faculty and provides dynamic leadership in the areas of student, faculty and staff matters, academic programs and research, fiscal and resource stewardship, budgeting, internal and external relations, and strategic planning within the Faculty. The Dean is accountable for ensuring the academic quality and integrity of the Faculty and for program quality and accreditation.
The ideal candidate will be an accomplished scholar and administrator who has demonstrated excellence in education and in research. With proven academic leadership experience and a record of building strong teams and engaging with the community, the new Dean will possess an open and collegial style, a creative approach to problem solving, and outstanding management, communication, and interpersonal skills.

As the ideal candidate, you are a committed, innovative, and collaborative leader. You are an engaging and inspiring visionary, fostering new approaches to cross-disciplinary curriculum development with the goal of providing students opportunities to experience scholarly expertise and unique learning experiences. You are a passionate and dynamic communicator who effectively builds long-term, sustainable relationships with regional, national, and international partners. You are an effective administrator, analyst, listener, and decision-maker with a passion for the field. You are committed to making a significant contribution to the communities that the University serves, and to the society at large, through the Faculty’s programs, research, and the wide range of activities undertaken by faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

As the ideal candidate, you have a PhD in a relevant discipline and a record of scholarly achievements appropriate to an appointment at the full professor rank to one of the Schools/Departments within the Faculty. You also possess a record of administrative experience within the post-secondary environment, ideally in a multi-campus setting.

If you are interested in this opportunity at an organization that is committed to making a difference in the communities it serves, please apply online at www.kbrs.ca/career/14300. For more information, contact Katherine Frank (kfrank@kbrs.ca) or Beth McLennan (bmclennan@kbrs.ca).

Lakehead University is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment and welcomes applications from all qualified individuals including women, racialized persons, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities and other equity-seeking groups. The academic rank of the appointment will be commensurate with the qualifications of the successful candidate. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements.

We will provide support in the recruitment processes to applicants with disabilities, including accommodation that takes into account an applicant’s accessibility needs. If you require accommodation in order to participate as a candidate in the recruitment process, please contact accommodate@kbrs.ca.