

Executive Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Services

Langara College

Vancouver, BC

Langara College is recognized as a leading undergraduate institution with a reputation for providing exceptional learning opportunities. Through the collective contributions of an outstanding faculty and staff, Langara provides university transfer courses, Career Studies, and Continuing Studies programs and courses to more than 23,000 students annually. Langara's programs and services continue to grow and innovate to meet the changing needs of the community.

snəw' eyəʔ leləm' Langara College is located on traditional, ancestral, and unceded Musqueam territory, and their college community has consciously entered a relationship with Musqueam in the past half-decade. In 2016, Langara was gifted the name snəw' eyəʔ leləm, meaning "house of teachings," by Musqueam in a traditional naming ceremony. In 2018, Langara was gifted a house post carved by Brent Sparrow, Jr. to recognize and express the unique relationship of reciprocity, responsibility, sharing, and learning between Langara and Musqueam. Langara is also guided by Musqueam Special Advisor to the President, former Chief Gail Sparrow. Langara recognizes that reconciliation and decolonization are lifelong journeys, and is committed to upholding their responsibilities to the Musqueam community.

Guided by the principles of the United Nations Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, and the Colleges and Institutes Canada Indigenous Education Protocol, the Executive Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Services, provides strategic leadership and administration for both Indigenous initiatives and support services for Indigenous learners. As a key voice driving systemic change, the Executive Director will be Langara's lead on Indigenous matters, working to enhance the access of Indigenous learners to the College, to advance the Indigenization of the College and curricula, and to strengthen relationships with Indigenous communities including Musqueam, organizations, and other partners. The Executive Director guides the College in defining and implementing a vision for the interrelated commitments and practices of Indigenization, decolonization, and reconciliation. Reporting directly to Vice-President, External, the Executive Director will lead the College to achieve Indigenous initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan and raise the profile of the College as a regional leader and role model in Indigenous education and services.

The successful candidate will bring a combination of embedded lived experience, skills and knowledge of Indigenous knowledge system(s), reconciliation, Indigenization, decolonization, intergenerational trauma and the importance of positive self-concept in education. They will have a minimum of five years' relevant experience in a post-secondary environment and a minimum of five years' experience in a leadership role in an Indigenous organization, association, or other related workplace. They will have proven relationship-building skills utilizing respect, reciprocity, creativity, collaboration, and innovation to engage others with authenticity and trust; exceptional project management skills; and excellent interpersonal, communication and presentation skills (both verbal and written); knowledge of an Indigenous language is an asset.

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