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Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications – MacEwan University

MacEwan University is seeking a dynamic and visionary leader to serve as the next **Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications**.

MacEwan University is where caring faculty help people connect their passions to their future paths. Located in the heart of Edmonton's diverse and dynamic downtown community, and on the traditional lands of Treaty Six First Nations and homelands of the Métis people, MacEwan is known for exceptional undergraduate learning. With its dedication to teaching excellence, informed by scholarly research, innovation, and creative activity, MacEwan provides an exceptional collaborative and supportive learning environment with a commitment to human rights, environmental sustainability, and opportunities for community engagement. We are committed to creating an equitable, diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community for all peoples, cultures, and identities.

MacEwan's comprehensive undergraduate university offers 59 programs to more than 18,000 full- and part-time students in business, communications, community and human services, design, fine and performing arts, health, humanities, natural science, nursing, public safety, and social science. Through a wide array of experiential learning opportunities, and strategic relationships in the community, MacEwan partners with others to produce graduates of stature. Along with a robust grounding in their chosen disciplines, MacEwan students are given durable life skills that prepare them to take on the world.

For over 40 years, MacEwan has been home to dynamic and high-profile fine arts and communications programs with deep community roots. While these programs were formerly housed in MacEwan's Centre for Fine Arts and Communications, in 2014 the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications ("FFAC") emerged as a full-fledged unit with equal governance and administrative status to other Faculties and Schools at the University. MacEwan is also home to Canada's first university record label, Bent River Records, the only bachelor's degree in Music Sound Recording and Production, and the only minor in Songwriting in Canada.

The Role

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President Academic, the Dean of Fine Arts and Communications is responsible for the academic and administrative direction of the Faculty. The Dean is also accountable for creating a positive and inclusive work environment which will serve as the foundation for the academic well-being and growth of the University. The Dean will provide leadership, supervision, support, and direction to all faculty and staff. The Dean is accountable for the planning, development, maintenance, and ongoing quality review of full-time and part-time post-secondary programming offered. The Dean is also responsible for ensuring the curriculum, and related learning outcomes, meet or exceed any relevant external accreditation and licensing requirements. As a senior leader, the Dean's role is to be responsive to the needs of students, industry, and the community, while aligning with MacEwan's strategic framework *Teaching Greatness: Strategic Vision 2030*.

The Ideal Candidate

The ideal candidate will be a strategic leader, with outstanding communication and interpersonal skills and an open and collegial management style. You will have a track record of improving and innovating in teaching and learning, with a demonstrated commitment to service for students, faculty, and other constituents. Applied and scholarly expertise in relevant subject matter and the ability to manage within a complex and unionized environment are all required. *Experience and qualifications should include:*

- A strong record of teaching, scholarship, and service to qualify for a senior academic appointment, with a terminal degree in a field related to the areas of study of the Faculty;
- Successful experience in post-secondary administration;
- Successful experience in a student-focused institution that places a high degree of importance on the quality of its teaching and the provision of a variety of learning options and modes of delivery;
- Prior experience in developing or contributing to academic planning at the Faculty or institutional level;
- Demonstrated success in fostering innovative solutions to address academic or administrative challenges; and,
- Successful experience in the practice of a professional discipline housed by the Faculty.

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/17408

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

MacEwan University is committed to fostering the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion within our community, and we are dedicated to removing barriers that have been historically encountered and are currently experienced by some members of our society. We welcome and encourage applications from Indigenous peoples, racialized persons, visible minorities, women, persons with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, and members of all equity-deserving groups. We believe that the diversity of our students, staff, and faculty serve as a strength of our institution and benefit to society. We are committed to ensuring full and inclusive participation for all in our community.

KBRS and MacEwan University 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.

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