

Vice-President, Research and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies

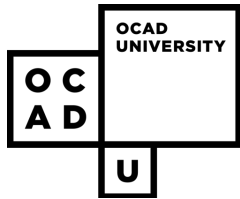
OCAD University acknowledges the ancestral and traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinaabe and the Huron-Wendat, who are the original owners and custodians of the land on which we live, work and create.

OCAD University (OCAD U) - Canada's largest and oldest art and design post-secondary institution - invites nominations and applications for the position of **Vice-President, Research & Dean, School of Graduate Studies**.

Located on a 12-building campus in the heart of Toronto's arts and cultural hub, OCAD University offers a vibrant and dynamic work and learning environment for more than 400 faculty and academic staff, more than 4,500 undergraduate students, and over 250 graduate students. OCAD U advances interdisciplinary art and design education and research grounded in liberal arts and science, and driven by leading-edge technologies, innovative teaching and professional practice. Committed to high-quality and contemporary approaches to education, research, and creation, OCAD University offers 18 undergraduate programs; seven graduate programs; continuing and executive education courses in art, media, and design; and, joint degrees, curriculum and articulation agreements within the Ontario college and university sectors. OCAD U graduates include artists, designers, curators, cultural workers, and creative industry entrepreneurs who contribute to sectors as diverse as arts and culture, arts administration, design, entertainment, media and digital technologies, health care, engineering, community development, government, finance, and sustainability. The university is shaping the culture and economy of Toronto and Canada by bridging disciplines, industries and cultures through welcoming spaces and vibrant relationships. The university remains deeply committed to continuing the work of decolonization and to supporting Indigenous knowledges and cultures.

The School of Graduate Studies at OCAD University offers seven dynamic programs in Contemporary Art, Design and New Media Art Histories; Criticism and Curatorial Practice; Design for Health; Digital Futures; Inclusive Design; Interdisciplinary Art, Media and Design; and, Strategic Foresight and Innovation. To learn more about the School and its innovative programs and exceptional students, please visit <https://www.ocadu.ca/academics/graduate-studies>.

OCAD U faculty and student researchers engage in transformative research that invigorates its graduate labs, studios, and classrooms, and supports all forms of scholarship by students and faculty members in creative and professional practices in art, design, the social sciences, humanities, science, and technology. The university is home to four Canada Research Chairs. In addition to Tri-Council funded research, OCAD U leads inter-, trans- and post-disciplinary research. More information about OCAD U's research enterprise can found at <https://www.ocadu.ca/research>.

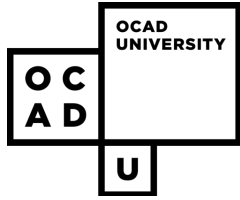


It is an exciting time to join OCAD U as the university moves forward with its seven priorities outlined in its six-year [Academic and Strategic Plan](#) (2022 – 28). This plan charts the course for OCAD U to drive positive impact and innovation in teaching, learning and scholarship. The Vice-President, Research & Dean, School of Graduate Studies is a member of OCAD U's senior leadership team and reports jointly to the President and Vice-Chancellor, and the Vice-President, Academic & Provost. The Vice-President, Research & Dean, School of Graduate Studies is responsible for focusing the university's emerging research capacity; effectively managing existing research activities; and providing strategic leadership to the development, implementation, and expansion of new research initiatives, including building up research capacity across all forms of research. The successful candidate will lead the educational and research leadership of Graduate Studies, diversify graduate student enrollment and faculty, expand existing graduate programs, and further new curricular directions.

The ideal candidate is an inspirational leader with significant educational leadership and administrative management experience gained within a research or graduate studies context, who possesses a PhD or relevant advanced or terminal degree, and is eligible for appointment with tenure to the senior ranks. The individual who realizes success in this role has a proven track record of teaching and research excellence with the ability to champion existing and future graduate programs; embraces new and innovative ways to advance OCAD U's capacity for creating and disseminating research and scholarship; demonstrates leadership in implementing strategic priorities and initiatives to advance equity and sustainability; and supports OCAD U's efforts to decolonize curriculum and reimagine pedagogy. The VP and Dean must have a collaborative, consultative, and transparent leadership style, exceptional interpersonal skills, and a visionary mindset. A systems-view towards creative integration of organizational structures will position the next VP and Dean for success.

Consideration of candidates will begin in February 2023 and will continue until the position is filled. Nominations, applications, or expressions of interest should be directed to Andrea Patrick or Krutika Hotwani at ocaduvpdean@odgersberndtson.com.

As an institution committed to art, design, digital media and related scholarship, OCAD University recognizes the profound and essential value that diversity brings to the creation, reception and circulation of creative practices and discourse. OCAD U understands that valuing diverse creative practices and forms of knowledge are essential to, and enrich, the institution's core mission and vision as an art and design university with a local and global scope.



As an employer committed to employment equity, OCAD University encourages applications from members of equity-seeking communities including women, racialized and Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, and persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions.

We encourage members of designated equity-seeking groups to self-identify within the voluntary Applicant Questionnaire.

In order to alleviate the under-representation of racialized and Indigenous academic administrators, priority in hiring will be given to qualified racialized and Indigenous persons who self-identify as such in the application process. This initiative is a special program under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

OCAD U is committed to providing an inclusive and barrier free experience to applicants with accessibility needs. Requests for accommodation can be made at any stage during the recruitment process. Please contact [People & Culture](#) for more information or refer to [OCAD U's Policy on Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#)

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