

Ryerson University

AVP, Zone Learning & Strategic Initiatives

Ryerson University is a distinctly urban university with a focus on innovation, entrepreneurship and academic excellence. It is guided by a bold Academic Plan, an ambitious research agenda, and a Master Plan to revitalize the campus and surrounding neighbourhood and helping reshape the downtown core of Toronto. Ryerson has a mission to serve societal need and a long-standing commitment to engaging its community. It is the most applied-to university in Ontario relative to available spaces and its reputation with business and community leaders continues to rise, both locally and internationally. Ryerson is a university on the move.

Zone Learning is a new model of experiential learning built to prepare students for the 21st-century economy. Offered only at Ryerson University, it allows students to apply their degree coursework to the development of start-ups, companies, projects or ventures, both social and entrepreneurial. Students develop valuable skills and competencies through workshops and bootcamps, add to resumes or portfolios with real-world experience that employers seek, or even graduate with their own start-ups. Ryerson has ten zones where students and entrepreneurs incubate ideas, projects and start-ups. Some Zones focus on specific verticals and offer students access to resources and mentors to help develop their own ideas or put their talents to work by collaborating on someone else's. Other Zones focus on business development and acceleration. Students together with independent start-ups work at the forefront of emerging markets to develop new products, explore innovative solutions, or embark on ventures to change the world.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice President, Academic, Ryerson is seeking the inaugural Assistant Vice President (AVP), Zone Learning & Strategic Initiatives. Leading a senior team of 7 executives, the AVP will seek to optimize opportunities for growth and expansion, to provide strategic leadership and direction to Zone programs and initiatives, and to establish metrics and guidelines that promote sustainability and operational excellence. Working collaboratively with both internal and external Advisory Councils, the AVP will develop and operationalize the strategic vision, framework and integrated structure for the Zone Learning network, ensuring they align with Ryerson's academic, research and community service mandate.

As the ideal candidate, you are a collegial leader who builds support and excitement of transformational projects. You are passionate about the intersection of innovation and education, and bring a depth of experience with fostering collaboration amongst groups to build outstanding partnerships. As a business leader, you possess a high level of financial acumen and understanding of revenue generation activities. As an accomplished people manager, you will work to ensure strong relationships are built across campus with academic, staff and senior administrative leaders, and externally with partners, industry, venture capitalists and all levels of government. Ryerson University is strongly committed to fostering diversity within its community, and candidates must have a commitment to creating a culture that embraces diversity, indigenization, internationalization, and innovation.

Ryerson University welcomes those who would contribute to the further diversification of its staff, its faculty and its scholarship including, but not limited to, women, visible minorities, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply but applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

To explore this key leadership position at Ryerson University further, please contact Jane Griffith or Sarah Adams at sarah.adams@odgersberndtson.com or submit your resume and related information in confidence online at www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/15011.

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