Ryerson University is a distinctly urban university with a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. It is guided by a bold Academic Plan, an ambitious research agenda, and a Master Plan to revitalize the campus and surrounding neighbourhood. The special mission of Ryerson University is the advancement of applied knowledge and research to address societal need, and the provision of programs of study that provide a balance between theory and application and that prepare students for careers in professional and quasi-professional fields. It is the most applied-to university in Ontario relative to available spaces and its reputation with business and community leaders continues to rise. It is clearly a university on the move.

Reporting to the President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mohamed Lachemi, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic is Ryerson’s chief academic officer, chief operating officer and the principal advisor to the President on all academic affairs. The Provost provides leadership in academic priorities, in academic policy and programming, strategic planning, and university budgeting. Fulfilling priorities set out in the Academic Plan, the Provost will lead and support greater student engagement and success through exceptional experiences; increase the excellence, intensity and impact of Ryerson’s scholarly, research and creative activity; advance Indigenous initiatives; foster an innovation ecosystem; and expand community engagement and urban partnerships. The university-wide Provost’s team includes vice-provosts, deans and chief librarian, and directors of academic support services and facilities.

The successful candidate must be an accomplished scholar, possessing a strong record of academic and research achievements, and tenure as a senior academic administrative leader. They must hold a PhD, or equivalent terminal degree, and be appointable at the rank of full professor. The Provost and Vice-President, Academic should demonstrate a deep commitment to academic values, curricular excellence, and to the continuation of strong community engagement through values-based partnerships and to ensuring the campus is a positive and welcoming place for all students. The leadership style and attributes which will benefit the successful candidate include being collaborative and collegial, a strong communicator, a strong advocate of equity, diversity and inclusion, and an engaging problem solver who is respectful and a good listener. The ideal candidate embodies what Ryerson is known for: academic excellence, collegiality, innovation and entrepreneurship, leadership, nimbleness and responsiveness, and commitment to promoting equity, diversity and inclusion.

Ryerson University welcomes those who have demonstrated a commitment to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion and will assist us to expand our capacity for diversity in the broadest sense. In addition, we encourage applications from members of groups that have been historically underserved, including First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, Indigenous peoples, racialized persons, persons with disabilities, and those who identify as women and/or 2SLGBTQ+.

To explore this significant academic leadership position at Ryerson University further, please contact Jane Griffith at jane@leadersinternational.com or visit https://leadersinternational.com/opportunity-ryerson-provost-and-vpa/.
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