Provost & Vice-President, Academic
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, BC

Ranked as Canada’s top comprehensive university, and with a vision to be Canada’s engaged university, Simon Fraser University (SFU) is recognized globally for academic and research excellence. SFU has three vibrant campuses located on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish people in British Columbia’s largest municipalities - Burnaby, Surrey and Vancouver - and deep roots in partner communities throughout the province and around the world. Tremendous opportunity remains to build SFU’s presence and programs in all three municipalities.

The SFU community includes more than 30,000 undergraduate students, 5,700 graduate students, 2,900 faculty and staff, supported by an operating budget of $750m. SFU is consistently ranked among Canada’s top 15 research universities by leading university ranking organizations and has been ranked by Maclean’s Magazine as the number one comprehensive university in Canada for over a decade. SFU has increased its research income more than any other research university in Canada in the last decade, and more than doubled in the last 15 years.

The Provost and Vice-President, Academic, reporting to the President, is the chief academic officer of the University and provides strategic leadership on academic, financial and operational matters at the university. Working closely with the President, Deans, Vice-Presidents and Vice-Provosts, the Provost ensures operational planning and budgeting is fully integrated across the university, aligns with the university’s academic and strategic mission, its institutional priorities and is supported by the appropriate allocation of resources. The Provost is responsible for providing leadership and oversight of academic affairs while supporting the efforts of Deans, faculty and staff to drive academic excellence across the university to ensure the core activities of research, scholarly activity, teaching and learning are of the highest standards.

An external review of the Provost and VP, Academic office was recently completed and several institutional changes and new resources for the office were identified. These changes will support the Provost with the resources and strategic capacity to provide impactful leadership that ensures SFU is defined by its dynamic integration of innovative education, cutting-edge research and far-reaching community engagement.

As the ideal candidate, you will have an exceptional track record of success in academic leadership. With a passion for academic excellence and the student experience, the Provost will be committed to collegiality, collaboration, and transparency. Through strong people skills, an inclusive approach and respect for diversity, inclusion and reconciliation, you are a proven relationship- and community-builder with the vision and strategic skills necessary to advance SFU’s academic mission, nationally and internationally.

For more information on this exceptional academic leadership opportunity at one of Canada’s leading universities, please contact our search consultants, Khaleeda Jamal or Brent Cameron of Boyden, at +1 (604) 685-0261. To apply for this position, please email: sfuprovost@boyden.com or click Apply.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. SFU is an equity employer and encourages applications from all qualified
individuals including women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Indigenous people, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the university.