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Vice President, External Relations

St. Mary's University

Location: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

St. Mary's University, a leading teaching and research institution, invites dynamic leaders to join our community. Rooted in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, we offer affordable, accredited degrees in Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Education. Committed to integrity, compassion, and diversity, St. Mary's fosters an inclusive culture, welcoming over 1000 students, 200 faculty/staff, with an average class size of 25.

Our Commitment

Consistent with our Catholic values, St. Mary's University is committed to fostering an institutional culture that values, supports, and promotes equity, human rights, respect, and accountability within our community. St. Mary's is a university where all are welcome and inclusive excellence is important. We are committed to removing barriers for those who have been historically underrepresented or discouraged in our society.

Transformative Leadership Role

Join us as a key player in implementing our new strategic plan, driving growth, and enhancing the student experience. Reporting to the President, you'll champion our Advancement strategy, attract philanthropic support, and forge impactful partnerships across the community, alumni, government, foundations, and businesses.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and execute a comprehensive Advancement strategy aligned with university values.
- Lead a high-performing team covering fundraising, alumni relations, communications, and marketing.
- Oversee strategic planning, metrics analysis, and a major capital campaign.
- Manage a robust communication strategy, including web and social media presence.
- Cultivate strong alumni relations and engagement programs.

Ideal Candidate:

- Bachelor's degree, ideally with relevant accreditation or Master's level education.
- Minimum 10 years executive leadership with a proven track record in philanthropy.
- Expertise in fundraising, stewardship, communication, and advancement.
- Strong interpersonal and team leadership skills.
- Commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Additional Attributes:

- Proven ability to build and manage relationships, fostering stakeholder relations.
- Strategic thinking, problem-solving, and organizational skills.
- Initiative and resourcefulness in achieving results independently.
- Commitment to championing diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as Truth and Reconciliation.



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Apply Today!

This global search welcomes both internal and external candidates. The application portal remains open until the position is filled. Located in Mohkínstsis (Calgary) on the ancestral territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani First Nations), the Tsuut'ina and Íyârhe Nakoda Nations, as well as the Metis Nation, Region 3, St. Mary's is focused on developing the whole person: mind, body and spirit.

St. Mary's University has engaged DHR Global to manage this search. To explore this exciting opportunity further, please contact the DHR Calgary Office or submit your resume to mmorin@dhrglobal.com.

St. Mary's University is committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workforce. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women; First Nations, Métis and Inuit; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the university to apply.