

VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH

At Thompson Rivers University (TRU), we put knowledge at the service of people and communities to support their transformation. We empower our faculty and students to reach their goals with many paths to learning and research, an applied approach and a supportive, inclusive environment. We are committed to both academic excellence and accessibility for all, opening doors and opening minds. TRU is a comprehensive, learner-centered, environmentally responsible institution that serves its regional, national, and international learners and their communities through high quality and flexible education, training, research and scholarship. From traditional academics to trades, from certificates to graduate degrees, TRU offers students choice from over 140 on-campus programs and 50 Open Learning programs. More than 28,900 students study on campuses in Kamloops and Williams Lake and in regional centres throughout the interior, or in distance or online courses and programs through Open Learning. Research, knowledge creation and innovation thrive in TRU's open, flexible learning environment.

Against this exciting backdrop, TRU is seeking its inaugural Vice-President Research (VPR). Reporting directly to the President, the VPR plays a critical role in advancing the university's research mandate and provides direction and support to advance research and graduate studies. The VPR will encourage and facilitate high-quality research activity across the university, while leading the development of strong relationships with key external partners (local, national and international) and research funding bodies to enhance the growth of research infrastructure and high-quality research impact and training.

TRU is seeking an exceptional scholar and researcher who brings experience of research and academic leadership. The VPR must possess exceptional communication skills in order to build strong, effective relationships, within and beyond TRU, in order to meet the bold vision of redefining the university as a place of belonging – where all people are empowered to transform themselves, their communities and the world. With a respect for, and a champion of, equity and diversity, as well as an inclusive and principled approach, the successful candidate must demonstrate proven abilities to build relationships and communities. The VPR will have an in-depth knowledge of the ever-evolving research funding landscape.

Thompson Rivers University is strongly committed to hiring based on merit with a focus on fostering diversity of thought within our community. We welcome those who would contribute to the further diversification of our staff, our faculty and its scholarship including, but not limited to, women, Indigenous, Black and People of Color, persons with disabilities and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply however applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

To learn more about this exciting leadership opportunity, please connect with The Geldart Group at info@thegeldartgroup.com. To apply, please forward your CV, a letter of introduction, and the names and contact information for three referees in strictest confidence to the same email address.