Trent University invites applications, nominations, and expressions of interest for the position of Provost & Vice-President Academic. The appointment will be effective July 1, 2020. This is an exciting opportunity to provide dynamic academic leadership to a university founded on the ideal of interactive learning that is personal, purposeful, and transformative.

Recognized nationally for its leadership in teaching, research, and student satisfaction, Trent University attracts excellent students from across the country and around the world. For nine years in a row, Maclean's has ranked Trent as the number one primarily undergraduate university in Ontario. Trent enjoys a long-standing reputation as a leader in Indigenous education and reconciliation, and is internationally recognized for its programs in environmental studies. Part of what makes Trent unique and successful is its history as a collegiate university. At the heart of Trent’s student experience for over 50 years, its five colleges are communities that promote learning, embrace diversity, and foster meaningful connections among students, faculty, and staff.

Close to 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled in over 100 diverse academic programs across the arts, sciences, social sciences, and professional programs. With 800 international students representing 79 countries, and formal exchanges with more than 50 universities worldwide, Trent University is connected to the world. The University's Peterborough campus boasts award-winning architecture in a breathtaking natural setting on the banks of the Otonabee River, just 90 minutes from downtown Toronto. Trent’s campus in Durham offers a close-knit community with an urban vibe, conveniently located in Oshawa on the eastern side of the Greater Toronto Area. Further information may be found at www.trentu.ca.

Reporting to the President as a member of the executive team, the Provost & Vice-President Academic is the University’s chief academic officer, responsible for the planning, development, administration, and integrity of the academic affairs of the University. The Provost provides leadership within the University community: strengthening the academic core by defining academic priorities and implementing them; supporting faculty and the student body by guarding academic standards and freedom; overseeing relations with faculty unions; and serving as an advocate for academic integrity and excellence in communications with government, the public, and the Board of Governors.

The successful candidate will be a respected scholar and an exemplary leader with a strong commitment to actively encouraging excellence in teaching, scholarship, and research. The Provost will possess a proven record of senior academic leadership success with experience in planning and budgeting, building collaborative teams, labour relations, and promoting excellence, equity, indigeneity, diversity, and inclusion. The new Provost will have an open and collegial leadership style, outstanding management, communication, and interpersonal skills, a creative approach to problem solving, and the capacity to build and sustain positive working relationships with academic and administrative units, as well as with government agencies and external groups.

Trent University is actively committed to creating a diverse and inclusive campus community and encourages applications from all qualified candidates. Trent University offers accommodation for applicants with disabilities in its recruitment processes. If you require accommodation during the recruitment process or require an accessible version of a document/publication, please contact humanresources@trentu.ca.

The search committee will begin consideration of candidates immediately. Applications should include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without the consent of the candidate), and be submitted electronically, in confidence, to:

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