University of Alberta - Dean, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

The University of Alberta, its buildings, labs, and research stations are primarily located on the traditional territory of Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, and Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe nations; lands that are now known as part of Treaties 6, 7, and 8 and homeland of the Métis. The University of Alberta respects the sovereignty, lands, histories, languages, knowledge systems, and cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations.

The University of Alberta (U of A) is one of Canada’s top teaching and research-intensive universities, with an international reputation for excellence. Home to more than 40,000 students from 156 countries, the University attracts over $500 million in annual research funding.

The U of A’s Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation (KSR) is dedicated to high quality research and education in physical activity, sport, and recreation. Widely seen as one of the most successful in Canada, KSR is ranked among the top ten in the world by the QS World University Rankings for outstanding teaching and interdisciplinary research in sports-related subjects. With 38 faculty members, the Faculty is home to over 1180 undergraduate and 150 graduate students, and offers five undergraduate degree programs, three Masters programs, and the first PhD program in Physical Activity in the Commonwealth. Through the development of graduate certificates in Indigenous Sport and Recreation and Adapted Physical Activity, and the work of the Steadward Centre in facilitating adapted physical activity and para sport opportunities for adults, youth, and children experiencing disability, KSR has demonstrated a commitment to nurturing a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive Faculty. For more information, visit www.ualberta.ca/kinesiology-sport-recreation

Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), the Dean is accountable for the Faculty’s strategic vision, for fostering an inclusive, collaborative, and equitable culture, for ensuring the academic quality and integrity of its programs and operations, for championing fundraising efforts and outreach, and for enhancing the Faculty’s research profile. The ideal candidate will be a strong scholar with a PhD, appointable to the rank of Full Professor, and will have significant administrative experience earned in a complex environment. In addition, the Dean must demonstrate a commitment to the principles of collegial governance and bring a track record of promoting interdisciplinary scholarship. They will embrace and promote equity, diversity, and inclusivity in all of its forms, be an effective communicator and motivator, bring excellent networks (nationally and internationally), and have a strong orientation to relationship building, both inside the University and externally.

The Search Committee will begin consideration of candidates in late January 2022, with the new Dean to take office in the summer of 2022. Nominations and applications should be submitted to ualbertaksr@odgersberndtson.com

The University of Alberta 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; persons of any sexual orientations or gender identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply.

In accordance with the Accessible Canada Act, 2019 and all applicable provincial accessibility standards, upon request, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and University of Alberta throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.