Managing Director, Student Affairs

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, BC

An amazing opportunity to take up a newly created role with one of Canada’s leading universities. Reporting to the Vice President, Students (VPS) and as a key member of the leadership team, the Managing Director, Student Affairs is responsible for the strategic direction and oversight of a wide range of units and programs that are responsible for building, transforming, and enhancing UBC student engagement and experience on the Vancouver campus. Leading from an intersectional framework, the Managing Director will ensure an accessible, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students, building staff capacity to address and eliminate systemic barriers that may prevent full student participation. Aligning with the UBC Student Strategic Plan, the incumbent will establish overarching priorities and commitments for the Student Affairs unit, as well as lead strategic initiatives designed to advance inclusive excellence, enhance student success, and ensure access to meaningful learning experiences, supporting all students to achieve their academic, personal, and career goals.

The Managing Director will lead and develop an integrated student programming model to meet the evolving needs and diversity of its student population and provide students with an unparalleled experience. The successful candidate will ensure that all students are welcomed and supported and remove any barriers to full inclusion. In addition to managing a team of dedicated staff, this role will provide leadership in developing collaborative, strategic, responsive, and innovative partnerships across both campuses and with academic partners. Specifically, the Managing Director is responsible for the oversight of the Centre for Accessibility, the Centre for Community Engaged Learning, the Centre for Student Involvement & Careers, and International Student Development.

The ideal candidate is a dynamic student affairs professional who will be engaged in supporting a vibrant and future-oriented department. As an inclusive leader, the Managing Director will use a collaborative approach in the development of student affairs strategic plans, policies and programs and will ensure the department embodies the institution’s core values in their implementation. With experience overseeing a similarly complex and diverse portfolio, the Managing Director will have an expressed commitment and experience with equity-deserving student populations and experience fostering environments and advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusions of all students.

To explore this opportunity and become part of a world-class research university, please provide a cover letter and résumé in confidence to Shelina Esmail and Maggie Ow at www.pfmsearch.com.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community. The University welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world. UBC attracts, nurtures, and engages 65,012 students from 156 countries on two major campuses in Vancouver and Kelowna. With a $2.6B budget, research funding at $658M, 16,089 faculty and staff, 325,000+ alumni, this is Canada’s second largest university and recently recognized as North America’s most international university.

As one of the world’s leading universities, the University of British Columbia’s vision and values adhere to the principles of an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada, and the world. UBC is also working to build a community in which human rights are respected, and equity and inclusion are embedded in all areas of academic, work and campus life.