

Vice-President (Research) University of Lethbridge

The University of Lethbridge (uLethbridge), Alberta's Destination University, is a comprehensive and research-intensive university founded on the principles of liberal education where inspired scholars integrate research and creativity with teaching. Founded in 1967 on traditional Blackfoot land, it is a place where student engagement in learning, creative activities, and research takes place every day. uLethbridge offers more than 150 undergraduate and 60 graduate programs in the faculties of Arts & Science, Education, Fine Arts, Health Sciences, the School of Liberal Education, the School of Graduate Studies, and the Dhillon School of Business, at two campuses - Lethbridge and Calgary - to more than 8,000 students. The University of Lethbridge is committed to creating and supporting environments dedicated to equity, diversity and inclusion. uLethbridge takes pride in enhancing community engagement, and is committed to collaborating with Indigenous peoples and communities to ensure that their partnerships, and ensuing programs, meet the needs of these communities.

The University of Lethbridge is seeking a visionary, strategic and innovative leader to join the President's Executive Team as Vice-President (Research) to develop and promote research and research creation programs, while ensuring effective support to students and scholars through collaboration, communication, and service. This key role will be responsible for building upon uLethbridge's research strengths and advance opportunities to further accelerate research growth, funding, and success in all areas of scholarship at one of Canada's top-ranked universities and leading research institutions. The Vice-President (Research) will work with academic and administrative units to ensure an integrated approach across all faculties, schools, and campuses, that aligns with uLethbridge's strategic plans and priorities ensuring that the future is bright for the uLethbridge research enterprise.

The Vice-President (Research) is the primary spokesperson for the University on research matters and policy, and shall provide innovative leadership for the full spectrum of the University's activities including raising the profile of research within Alberta, Canada and beyond; and developing and enhancing relationships with external organizations, funding agencies, business, industry and other post-secondary institutions.

The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of leadership, research achievement, advancing research and innovation excellence, knowledge mobilization, and connecting and translating research impacts to the community. This leader is a strong communicator and relationship builder who is enthusiastic about driving transformational change, and will advocate, inspire and generate excitement around interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research. Demonstrated experience in attracting funding including philanthropic support for research, developing and sustaining partnerships with industry, government, funding and granting organizations and community agencies is essential. The next Vice-President (Research) will have the capacity to listen and make decisions grounded in a commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, academic freedom, and collaborative processes while preparing the next generation of creative and innovative professionals for a changing world.

Janet Soles and Associates has been retained to conduct this important search on behalf of the University of Lethbridge. For more information about this opportunity or to apply, please send your curriculum vitae and letter of interest in confidence to UofLVPR@jssearch.ca.

The University of Lethbridge hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity and diversity. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given preference.