The University of Manitoba invites applications, nominations, and expressions of interest for the position of Dean, Faculty of Arts, with the appointment to be effective summer 2024 or as mutually agreed. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a Faculty that is a global leader and preferred destination for world-class research, innovation, and excellence in teaching.

The University of Manitoba thrives as a place where challenges are embraced. Since 1877, the University’s world-class research and outstanding student experience have made an indelible impact on Manitoba, Canada, and the world. The University offers more than 100 programs - more than any other post-secondary institution in Manitoba. This includes providing 100+ undergraduate and nearly 150 graduate programs to over 29,000 students. The University has over 10,000 faculty and staff, and more than 188,000 alumni across Canada and 133 different countries. Contributing $2.4 billion annually to Manitoba’s economy, the University is located on two campuses in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba’s culturally diverse capital area with a population of almost one million. Winnipeg offers a high quality of life with affordable housing, a long heritage of diverse cultural activities, and numerous recreational opportunities. For more information about the University of Manitoba, please visit the website at umanitoba.ca.

The Faculty of Arts is committed to providing an excellent liberal arts education to its students, to expanding knowledge through research and creative activity, and to serving its communities through outreach. Established as a separate administrative unit in 1970, the Faculty of Arts has been awarding degrees in arts for nearly 100 years. At present, the Faculty houses 27 Departments and Programs, 8 Centres and Institutes, has 4651 undergraduate and 470 graduate students, and 588 academic and support staff. The Dean works with a team of 4 Associate Deans.

Reporting directly to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the successful candidate will possess the academic qualifications required to ensure credibility within the Faculty and to hold the rank of Professor, and will have strong achievements in teaching, research, and community engagement. The Dean will have a transparent and collegial style, outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, and will be able to inspire students, faculty, and staff, build inclusive and collaborative work environments, demonstrate financial acumen in managing the Faculty’s resources and academic priorities, and be highly engaged with a range of internal and external stakeholders and partners. The Dean will have an understanding of current and future issues, trends, and forces that will impact arts education. Experience with fundraising and advancement as well as with administration within a unionized academic environment, will be an asset in this role. The new Dean must approach their responsibilities in a way that promotes equity, diversity, and inclusion and continues to advance the University’s relationship with Indigenous Peoples.

The University of Manitoba is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from women, racialized persons/persons of colour, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

The consultants will begin review of candidates immediately, with committee consideration later in the fall, and will continue until the role is filled. 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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