Dean, Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science is one of the University of Manitoba’s largest academic units with an operating budget in excess of $40 million and research grants exceeding $10 million annually. There are seven departments in the Faculty: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics & Astronomy, Statistics, which participate in genetics, biochemistry, data science and interdisciplinary programs. Its programs offer opportunities of scientific discovery and innovation aimed to impact our society as a whole – connecting discovery to invention for a better world.

There are more than 184 full-time academic staff and 70 full-time support staff as well as numerous part-time and seasonal employees, post-doctoral fellows and research associates. Current enrolment in the Faculty of Science exceeds 6000 undergraduate students and 400 graduate students with many additional students from other faculties taking courses in Science.

The faculty’s mission is to produce the research scientists who invent a better future for us all through fundamental and applied science and research, and to educate all those who pass through the University of Manitoba doors – the scientists, physicians, nurses, engineers, lawyers, accountants, entrepreneurs, CEOs, politicians, social scientists, artists, and educators.

Located in the city of Winnipeg on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation, the University of Manitoba is recognized as Western Canada’s first university, and a place where students come to learn and be inspired. The University is honoured to have been chosen to host the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and is committed to Indigenous achievement and to making Manitoba a centre of excellence for Indigenous education and research.

The University is also Manitoba’s only medical-doctoral institution and is a member of the U15 group of research-intensive universities. The university offers a robust and diverse suite of over 100 graduate programs, taught by award-winning professors, and with partnerships with over 40 research centres, institutes and shared facilities to its 31,000+ students. The University generates more than $1.8 billion in annual economic activity and attracts $160 million dollars annually in sponsored research income. Drawing in international students representing over 120 countries, over 18 percent of students are international and contribute to the cultural diversity of the University’s community.

Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President: Academic, the Dean, Faculty of Science is responsible for leading the strategic direction and overall management of the Faculty, ensuring the Faculty's research, teaching, service, and learning programs align with the University’s strategic direction, Strategic Academic Plan, Strategic Research Plan, and the Faculty of Science Strategic Plan, and fulfilling the University’s objectives as outlined in the Strategic Mandate Agreement. The Dean will serve as an advocate for students and faculty as well as an ambassador for the Faculty with external partners, including other academic institutions, industry, and government.
The ideal candidate will possess an academic record consistent with appointment to the rank of Professor at the University and a record of exceptionally successful research, teaching, and academic administrative and leadership experience. The next Dean, Faculty of Science should demonstrate a collaborative and consultative leadership style, with a passion for inclusive cultures. They will have an innovative lens to address new academic program development and implementation, and with program review and evaluation. The ideal candidate will also have a familiarity with strategic and operational planning, resource and financial management, faculty relations, and human resource processes. With a passion for and commitment to undergraduate and graduate student success and for fostering and supporting student learning, research, experience, growth, and development for all students, the ideal candidate will create strong relationships with faculty, staff, and students within the Faculty and across the University. The next Dean should also demonstrate an ability to identify, develop, and negotiate mutually beneficial strategic partnerships within the Faculty, across the University, and between the University and community, industry, government, educational, and research funding and granting partners.

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Katherine Frank (kfrank@kbrs.ca) or Debra Clinton (dclinton@kbrs.ca) or submit your application online at: [http://www.kbrs.ca/career/14230](http://www.kbrs.ca/career/14230)

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. Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the “Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba).”

Members of the above designated groups must self-identify to be considered for employment equity. Candidates may self-identify, in confidence, by filling out a Self-Identification Questionnaire, which will be provided by KBRS to all applicants.