



University of Saskatchewan

Dean, Western College of Veterinary Medicine

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) is an outstanding institution of research, learning, knowledge-keeping, reconciliation, and inclusion. Our innovative and diverse community and well-recognized experts continue to drive USask to be the university the world needs.

Our main campus is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another. Together, we are uplifting Indigenization to a place of prominence at the University of Saskatchewan.

With an annual research revenue of almost \$200-million, the University of Saskatchewan is a member of Canada's U15 top research-intensive universities and is home to the [Western College of Veterinary Medicine](#) (WCVM). WCVM is an internationally celebrated veterinary college that includes a veterinary medical centre, a provincial diagnostic laboratory, and large-scale research facilities. WCVM is a leader in promoting the global movement One Health and is well equipped to forge partnerships among health professionals as USask is the only Canadian university with a full complement of health sciences colleges and schools on one campus. WCVM is now seeking its next dean who will be a champion for interprofessional collaboration and continue the College's mission to "provide veterinary education in Western Canada and to act as a centre of veterinary expertise and research."

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine is the premier centre of veterinary education, research and expertise in Western Canada, educating veterinarians for Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and the northern territories. Established in 1963, the College is a key member of Canada's veterinary, public health, and food safety networks. More than 450 undergraduate and graduate students and over 90 faculty deliver programming that is designed to prepare students for vital careers in private practice, public service, research, academia, and industry. The College annually attracts more than \$12 million in public and private research funding and in return, WCVM researchers are making internationally significant discoveries in a range of areas including basic and applied sciences, clinical sciences, comparative medicine, food safety, toxicology, public health, and environmental health. The College provides future veterinarians with a contemporary and relevant education and has prepared over 3,500 alumni to be influential change makers, addressing the pressing issues of our time. The Western College of Veterinary Medicine is committed to enhancing Indigenization and responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Action. The College seeks to expand its understanding and practice of Indigenous ways throughout its programs and develop strategies to support Indigenization throughout.

The ideal candidate for Dean of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine is an advocate for excellence in research, teaching, student experience, and professional practice. A leader within an





academic or professional environment, candidates must possess a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine designation (a PhD would be an asset) with a robust record of research. The new dean will be an exceptional relationship builder and continue to strengthen partnerships with industry and alumni, government, and the international research and scholarly community. A track record of inclusivity, collaboration, and innovative thinking is essential, as is experience in advancing a vision and leading people to achieve exemplary results. To view a detailed Candidate Brief please click [here](#).

Learning and discovery are enhanced at the University of Saskatchewan by outstanding facilities, including the Canadian Light Source synchrotron, The Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization – International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac), the Global Institute for Food Security, the Global Institute for Water Security and the Sylvia Fedoruk Centre for Nuclear Innovation. USask is home to approximately 26,000 students from around the world including 3,300 international students and 3,400 self-declared Indigenous students who work alongside 7,000 distinguished faculty and staff.

The University of Saskatchewan is strongly committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace that empowers all employees to reach their full potential. All members of the university community share a responsibility for developing and maintaining an environment in which differences are valued and inclusiveness is practiced. The university welcomes applications from those who will contribute to the diversity of our community. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Consideration of candidates will begin in early February 2021 and continue until the position is filled, with the new dean to take office at a mutually agreed date. To ensure consideration, written nominations, applications, or expressions of interest should be directed in confidence to Gerri Woodford or Julia Robarts at usaskwcvms@odgersberndtson.com.

