Located in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls approximately 15,000 students per year. UFV has been recognized as one of BC’s Top Employers (2020), which is a highly valued factor for the 1400 passionate professionals who work there. Students value the fact that UFV is large enough to offer variety, yet has small class sizes, so they can get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on environment. The University offers more than 100 programs, including three master’s degrees, 17 bachelor’s degrees with majors, minors, and extended minors in more than 35 subject areas, four graduate certificates, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. The main campus of UFV is located in beautiful Abbotsford, British Colombia, with a second large campus in Chilliwack. There are also additional campuses locations in Mission and Hope, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is seeking a visionary, engaged and collaborative leader to become the next Dean of the College of Arts. Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President, Academic and working closely with internal and external stakeholders, the Dean will foster, support, and encourage collaborative leadership. As the senior academic and administrative officer of the College of Arts, the Dean represents the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Dean is responsible for providing strategic leadership and executing on a shared vision for the College. The College has over 120 permanent faculty members, 14 academic departments and over 3000 students.

The College is known within the institution for its commitment to applying a reflective critical lens, leading with empathy, and creating innovative solutions. Our work is grounded in a nuanced understanding of complex issues informed by awareness of values, histories, languages, and culture, and predicated upon effective use of evidence. We are an inclusive, student-centred community of scholars that draws on the strengths of faculty, students, and staff. We aspire to put empathy into action, and commit to equity, indigenization, and inclusion.

As the ideal candidate, you have proven experience in a leadership role within an academic arts setting and bring advanced skills in leading through a lens of equity, diversity and inclusion. You show aptitude and inclination to engage in meaningful consultation and active listening, and to work toward consensus. You also have an outstanding record of teaching, and faculty- and student-focused support, in addition to a record of scholarly achievement commensurate with an appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor.

If you are interested in assuming this leadership role with UFV’s engaged and committed community of faculty, students and staff, please contact Katherine Frank (kfrank@kbrs.ca) or Sarah Tinglery (stingley@kbrs.ca), or submit your application online at: www.kbrs.ca/Career/14192

Long before Canada was formed, the Stó:lō (people of the river) occupied the land on which UFV is located. They lived in the Fraser Valley and lower Fraser Canyon of British Columbia and they spoke Halq‘eméylem, also known as the upriver dialect. UFV recognizes and honours the contribution that Aboriginal people have
made — and continue to make — to our community. UFV supports Indigenous learners and seeks to incorporate indigenous ways of knowing in the curriculum.

University of the Fraser Valley is committed to diversity and inclusiveness. We encourage applications from members of racialized communities, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, and persons of all sexual and gender identities. We seek candidates with qualifications and knowledge to contribute specifically to the further diversification of our campus community.

KBRS will provide support in its recruitment processes to applicants with disabilities, including accommodation that takes into account an applicant’s accessibility needs. If you require accommodation because of a disability or for any other reason during the interview process, please contact KBRS.