

Dean, Faculty of Information (iSchool) University of Toronto

The University of Toronto is conducting an extensive search for Dean of the Faculty of Information (iSchool), to take office by July 1, 2019, and invites expressions of interest, applications, and nominations. This is an exciting opportunity to join a leading research-led Faculty that is informing society through collaboration, innovation, and knowledge creation.

The Faculty of Information (iSchool) is one of the world's most important information and knowledge management schools. With more than 600 students, 68 faculty, instructors, and librarians, and 23 staff, the iSchool is leading the way in shaping and transforming the information field through groundbreaking interdisciplinary research and teaching. Innovative undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in Information offer cutting-edge specializations including User Experience Design, Culture & Technology, Critical Information Policy Studies, and Library and Information Science, while the Master of Museum Studies is unique in Canada and can be combined with a Master of Information, allowing students to gain expertise in the cross-section of these areas. The iSchool is home to the McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology, the Digital Curation Institute, the Identity, Privacy & Security Institute, the Knowledge Media Design Institute, and the Technoscience Research Unit.

Reporting to the Vice-President and Provost the Dean of the Faculty of Information (iSchool) is a member of the senior leadership of the University of Toronto, and provides visionary strategic direction, academic planning leadership, and administrative oversight. The new Dean will lead the Faculty to further excellence in teaching and research, and work collaboratively with a variety of internal and external partners to continue to raise its achievements, reputation, and resources.

The successful candidate will be an accomplished scholar and administrator who has demonstrated success in education and transformative accomplishments in research. With proven academic leadership experience and a record of building strong teams and engaging with the community, the new Dean will possess an open and collegial style, a creative approach to problem solving, and outstanding management, communication, and interpersonal skills. The new Dean will provide dynamic national and international leadership to enhance the Faculty's endeavours, promote excellence and inclusion amongst all faculty, staff, and students, and relate successfully to a wide range of internal and external partners.

The Search Committee will begin considering potential candidates immediately and will continue until the positions are successfully filled. Applications should include a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the applicant), and may be submitted in confidence, electronically, to the University's executive search consultants Laverne Smith & Associates Inc. at UTischool@lavernesmith.com.

The University of Toronto is consistently ranked among the top 25 universities in the world for innovation, teaching, and research impact. In 2017, U of T was ranked 13th in the world for graduate employability, and U of T's alumni include distinguished researchers, teachers, decision-makers, prominent politicians, global business leaders, and eminent philanthropists. The University supports a renowned commercialization program through a network of entrepreneurial accelerators, and is located in Toronto, one of the most diverse, vibrant, and inviting cities in the world. U of T is also recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers and one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. In accordance with the AODA, accommodation will be provided to individuals with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, but applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.