Dean, Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education – University of Toronto

Founded in 1827, the University of Toronto has evolved into Canada’s leading institution of learning, discovery and knowledge creation. The University of Toronto is one of the world’s great universities, distinguished by an extraordinary depth and breadth of excellence. U of T’s global outlook and cosmopolitan location in one of the world’s great cities provides students with a transformative educational experience, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and competencies needed to navigate our rapidly changing world.

The University of Toronto encompasses 18 Faculties and schools, more than 100 departments, and 170 research centres and institutes across three campuses. At each of these campuses, U of T offers its students hundreds of undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, and more than a thousand clubs, organizations, activities and volunteer opportunities, including student-run legal and dental clinics and other community-based projects. The University’s nine fully affiliated hospitals and 12 community-affiliated hospitals and health-care sites offer teaching and research experiences for students in the health sciences that are among the best in the world.

Consistently ranked among the top 10 public universities worldwide, U of T has remarkable strengths in disciplines that span the humanities, social sciences, sciences and the professions. According to Times Higher Education (THE), U of T is one of only eight universities globally to place in the top 50 in all 11 subject areas ranked by THE, demonstrating excellence in scholarship across a wide range of fields.

The Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education (KPE) at U of T develops, advances and disseminates knowledge about physical activity, health and their interactions through education, research, leadership and the provision of opportunity. With its extensive co-curricular programs, it helps realize the University’s priority of enhancing the student experience, contributing significantly to the health of the student body and learning outside the classroom. Today, approximately 1100 undergraduate and 190 graduate students are enrolled in the Faculty’s degree program. Across the University of Toronto, over 90,000 students are eligible to participate in the co-curricular programs managed by the Faculty. In 2018-19 the operating budgets of the Faculty amounted to about $43.5 million, of which $12.5 million was curricular (academic) and $31 million co-curricular.

Reporting to the Vice-President and Provost as a member of the senior leadership of the University of Toronto, the Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education provides visionary strategic direction, academic planning leadership, and administrative oversight of the Faculty, as well as the University’s varsity and recreational programming and facilities. The 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, as well as working collaboratively with decanal colleagues to promote interdisciplinary research and teaching across the University.

The successful candidate will be an accomplished scholar and administrator who has demonstrated excellence 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 bring to the role a demonstrated sense of fairness and commitment to diversity and equity, and will support a culture of inclusiveness and accessibility at the Faculty. Additionally, the new Dean will possess a genuine interest in students, including a commitment to the student-centred environment of the University of Toronto, enhancing the student experience, and the Faculty’s research and teaching roles.

Regularly named 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. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, but applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. In accordance with the AODA, accommodation will be provided to individuals with disabilities throughout the recruitment process.

If you require accommodation in order to participate as a candidate in the recruitment process, please contact accommodate@kbrs.ca or communicate your needs to the recruitment professional below.

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Amorell Saunders N’Daw or Beth McLennan at 1-866-822-6022. Completed applications can be submitted online at http://www.kbrs.ca/Career/13860.