We live on a stressed planet. The impact of human activities on the structure and functioning of Earth’s systems has been so significant that we now live in a geological epoch of our own making – the Anthropocene. Even if we managed an unheard-of reversal of our errors, we will live the rest of our lives in the reality of human-caused global events that threaten the future sustainability of the planet. The University of Toronto Scarborough community is rising to meet these local and global challenges.

U of T Scarborough’s strategic plan, *Inspiring Inclusive Excellence*, commits to establishing research institutes for Globalization, Transnationalism and the Advancement of Resilient, Inclusive Societies and Ecosystems (GTA-RISE). GTA-RISE will conduct convergent research to solve the complex problems we face today. Through GTA-RISE, U of T Scarborough will offer trusted knowledge to create new narratives of our future and to implement socially-just and -equitable transitions towards that future. The directors of the research institutes will each lead a vibrant intellectual community and develop a visionary research agenda for their institute. GTA-RISE’s founding institutes will include: the Institute for Environment, Conservation, and Sustainability (*safeguarding planetary health*), the Institute for Inclusive Health and Well-Being (*ensuring health and well-being for all*), and the Institute for Inclusive Economies and Sustainable Livelihoods (*imagining sustainable and just economic futures in an age of necessary degrowth*).

U of T Scarborough invites nominations and applications for the position of Director of the Institute for Inclusive Economies and Sustainable Livelihoods (IIESL). The IIESL will provide an intellectual environment that facilitates partnerships with community organizations and enables the nimble exploration, development, and implementation of cutting-edge economic and development solutions. The Director of IIESL will be responsible for administering scholarly programs focused on economic inclusion. Potential research themes that the Director will advance include alternative and cooperative economic practices of Indigenous and racialized communities; data science methods for greater, more equitable prosperity; training and skills development strategies that encourage personal and economic development; and advanced understanding of the complex interdependencies among nations, localities, and economic agents to facilitate more transparent decision-making.

Reporting to the Vice-Principal Research and Innovation (VPRI) of the U of T Scarborough campus, and working collaboratively within a tri-campus system, the Director will be a member of the Office of the VPRI Leadership Team and will strategically oversee the research programs and infrastructure for the IIESL. They will perform a pivotal leadership role, which carries significant responsibility and accountability for the mandate of the Institute. They will provide a coherent, financially self-sustaining vision and direction for the Institute, consistent with the highest standards of scholarly excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration and advancing the objectives of U of T Scarborough’s strategic plan *Inspiring Inclusive Excellence* and of the University of Toronto’s Institutional Strategic Research Plan.

The inaugural Director will bring to the role superior leadership and management skills demonstrated by extensive accomplishments as a successful academic administrator and a scholar-leader in a research-intensive institution. The Director should possess: a PhD in a relevant discipline; a distinguished record of excellence in research and
teaching; scholarship which complements existing research strengths at U of T Scarborough in areas related to economic development, sustainability, and social justice and equity; an international reputation as someone who can lead innovative research at the highest levels; an extensive track record of procuring competitive research funding from funding councils, government, industry and/or other partners; and experience collaborating and building partnerships within and outside the university. The successful candidate will be eligible for academic appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor. The appointment will be for a 5-year term effective July 1, 2022, or shortly thereafter, with the possibility of renewal.

Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the following information in their application package: a research statement outlining current and future research interests together with three recent publications; and a teaching dossier that includes a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations. Candidates are also asked to submit a 1- to 2-page statement of contributions to equity and diversity, which might cover topics such as (but not limited to): research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups. Applicants must also arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly by the referee (on letterhead, dated, and signed) to Debra Clinton at dclinton@kbrs.ca by the closing date.

You may submit your cover letter and resume online at: http://www.kbrs.ca/Career/14390. The other documents in your application package must be submitted by email to dclinton@kbrs.ca

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, LGBTQ2S+ 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 Canadian citizens 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 named in the job description.