Vice-Principal, Research & Innovation – University of Toronto Scarborough

The University of Toronto Scarborough (U of T Scarborough) invites applications and nominations for the position of Vice-Principal, Research & Innovation. U of T Scarborough is an integral part of the University of Toronto’s tri-campus system. The University of Toronto (U of T) is the number one university in Canada and is internationally recognized as belonging to an exclusive group of top-tier global institutions. It is ranked 8th among the world’s public universities by Times Higher Education and 3rd in North America. U of T ranks 3rd in the world for research productivity, impact and excellence in the National Taiwan University Ranking, which analyzes the scholarly papers and research citations of the world’s top 800 universities. In the 2020 Times Higher Education Global University Employability Ranking, U of T was ranked 8th in the world for the employability of its graduates. The Association of Research Libraries ranks the U of T Libraries 3rd in North America.

Set in the beautiful Highland Creek Valley of one of the most vibrant and multicultural cities in the world, U of T Scarborough is home to over 1,000 faculty and staff and more than 14,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs across 16 academic departments, representing the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Our commitment to inclusive excellence has made us a destination of choice for talented learners, leading researchers, innovative teachers and excellent staff from around the globe. Together, they engage in cutting edge scholarship in diverse fields, thereby sustaining a vibrant intellectual community where we strive every day to inspire boundless ingenuity, address the pressing issues of our day, and generate solutions that are boundless in their impact.

Reporting to the Vice-President & Principal of the U of T Scarborough campus, and working collaboratively within a tri-campus system, the Vice-Principal, Research & Innovation (VPRI) is a member of the Campus Executive Team and strategically oversees all its research programmes and infrastructure. The Vice-Principal, Research & Innovation is responsible for taking a systems approach to enhancing research, associated creative activities, and innovation capacity within and beyond the Campus, including leading the development and enhancement of effective partnerships with community organizations, business, industry and other post-secondary institutions. The Vice-Principal, Research & Innovation is also responsible for the efficient administration and management of the Office of the Vice-Principal, Research & Innovation.

The ideal candidate will have a distinguished record of research, teaching, service and grant success, consistent with appointment at the rank of full professor at U of T. The candidate will also have extensive, demonstrated, accomplishments as a successful academic administrator and a scholar-leader in a research-intensive institution, with evidence of commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and the promotion of a respectful and collegial learning and working environment, where everyone is valued and supported to thrive. The candidate will have the ability to drive and to facilitate a broad range of
individual and collaborative research and creative activity, both disciplinary and interdisciplinary; will be skilled at engaging collaboratively with internal and external partners and stakeholders; and will have a sophisticated understanding of the research funding landscape, including granting councils, philanthropy, and commercial/industrial partnerships. The successful candidate will be a visionary, inspiring, and passionate enabler of the campus’ strategic research and innovation priorities and directions; a champion of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences; and the embodiment of integrity, transparency, and accountable stewardship.

The new Vice-Principal, Research & Innovation will assume office on July 1, 2021 or as mutually agreed.

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.

The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. The University’s values regarding equity and diversity are linked with its unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of its academic mission. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). The University 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 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.

For more information on this opportunity, contact Amorell Saunders N’Daw (asaundersndaw@kbrs.ca) or Beth McLennan (bmcclennan@kbrs.ca). Completed applications can be submitted online at http://www.kbrs.ca/Career/14255.