Vice-President, International
University of Toronto

The University of Toronto acknowledges that the land on which it operates has, for thousands of years, been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and the University is grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

Located in one of the world’s most vibrant, inclusive and multicultural cities, the University of Toronto is seeking an internationally respected leader, educator, administrator and scholar as its next Vice-President, International.

U of T continues to set an example for teaching and research excellence in Canada and around the world. The U of T community has much to be proud of. The University is ranked 8th among the world’s public universities by Times Higher Education and 3rd in North America, behind only Berkeley and UCLA. U of T ranks 3rd in the world, sharing the podium with Harvard and Stanford, 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. The Association of Research Libraries ranks the U of T Libraries 3rd in North America, after Harvard and Yale. 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. Closer to home, the University recently received the single largest gift in Canadian history, $250M, from James and Louise Temerty to support advances in human health and health care education and research.

As Vice-President, International, you will build on this success and ensure that the University’s strengths, vision, presence and impact are recognized internationally. Reporting directly to the President, and supporting colleagues from across U of T’s three campuses in the Greater Toronto Area and around the world, you oversee a bold and comprehensive internationalization strategy that enhances U of T’s global reputation, attracts the world’s best and brightest, engages and leverages the deep expertise of its scholars and staff, and develops students and scholars as engaged and impactful global citizens.

To this end, you work collaboratively with U of T’s tri-campus community, including its Deans, Principals and Vice-Presidents as well as academic, government and industry partners. You are guided by an overarching international framework that aligns with the University’s strategic priorities and supports academic divisions in advancing their priorities. A local and global ambassador for U of T, you provide direction on a range of issues that include student and faculty recruitment, international research and innovation alliances, joint teaching and other forms of academic cooperation, international experience for students, alumni relations, and communications and branding. You also lead and support efforts to build partnerships with both the world’s most renowned universities and emerging institutions in the Global South.

At no other moment in history has U of T’s international role been more critical. While the pandemic has brought deep loss to communities around the world, it has only strengthened U of T’s resolve to address one of the biggest health and societal challenges facing the planet in over 100 years. With courage and compassion, U of T scholars, leaders and teams, together with local and international partners, have moved into high gear to add to the world’s understanding of and recovery from this crisis. As Vice-President, International, you will play a key role in enabling this work to continue into the future.
As the ideal candidate, you are an inspiring leader, skilled administrator and established scholar with credentials appropriate for a tenured faculty member. You have experience effectively navigating complex, decentralized academic environments with diplomacy and tact. You have a reputation for integrity, sensitivity to cultural diversity, openness, decisiveness and sound judgment. Collaborative and collegial, you are an exceptional communicator, reliable partner, and strategic thinker. You have finely honed relationship-building skills, with the confidence and ability to represent U of T to local and international audiences that include government officials, diplomats, corporate leaders, benefactors, alumni, and members of the wider community.

Toronto is Canada’s largest city and a world leader in such areas as business, finance, technology, healthcare, entertainment and culture. Throughout the year, the city welcomes the world and celebrates the richness of its diversity through its many festivals, including Toronto Caribbean Carnival, Pride Toronto, Hot Docs International Festival, Toronto International Film Festival, and Luminato Festival Toronto, to name a few. The city is also home to world-leading research institutions with which U of T is closely affiliated, including the Vector Institute and the hospitals that comprise the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

This is a unique and exciting time to join U of T and to contribute to the post COVID recovery locally and around the world. For more information or to apply, please contact Kathy Rahme at krahme@boyden.com.

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 because of a disability or for any other reason during the interview process, please contact Kathy Rahme at krahme@boyden.com.

The search committee will begin to consider candidates early February 2021.