The University of Windsor is a comprehensive, student-focused university with more than 16,000 students enrolled in a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs including several professional schools such as: Law, Business, Engineering, Education, Nursing, Human Kinetics and Social Work. UWindsor has strong student-faculty relationships, exceptional award-winning faculty and innovative staff. With comparatively small class sizes and a comprehensive array of student services, clubs and associations, UWindsor provides students with a friendly and supportive learning environment. UWindsor’s strategic plan has five priorities that directly impact its students: providing an exceptional undergraduate experience; pursuing strengths in research and graduate education; recruiting and retaining the best faculty and staff; engaging and building the community through partnerships; and promoting international engagement. The university overlooks the Detroit River on one of Canada’s most beautiful waterfronts and is minutes away from North America’s busiest international border crossing. This location speaks to UWindsor’s strength as an internationally oriented, multi-disciplined institution that actively enables a broad diversity of students, faculty and staff to make a better world through education, scholarship, research and engagement.

In 2018, Windsor Law celebrated 50 years of teaching, research, advocacy and service. Windsor Law’s 50th anniversary year presented an opportune time to rethink its space needs for teaching, research, advocacy and service in a renewed building. The University has begun major renovations of the Law Building to meet the future needs of the Faculty of Law. With over 600 students, 32 faculty members, and 8,000 alumni and alumnae, Windsor Law is one of the most progressive law schools in Canada, offering a broad legal education and practical lawyering skills in an intimate environment that supports and nurtures lifelong relationships. Windsor Laws’ programs are shaped by the focus on access to justice, transnational law, and Indigenous Legal Orders, and are characterized by a learner-centred community that values intellectual curiosity, interdisciplinary research and global scholarship. A comprehensive curriculum offering unique experiential learning opportunities is at the heart of Windsor Law’s distinctiveness. Students are afforded the unique opportunity to study comparative Canada-U.S. law or to earn joint Canadian & American Dual JD degrees concurrently over three calendar years that will allow the practice of law in both countries.

The University of Windsor invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean, Faculty of Law.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President Academic, the Dean, Faculty of Law is responsible for the effective leadership of the Faculty, Law Library and clinics. The Dean ensures a shared strategic direction for the Faculty that supports excellence of the Faculty’s programs, teaching and learning, student engagement, and research intensity. The Dean also advocates on behalf of the Faculty and enhance the evolution of Windsor Law’s profile through actively building and maintaining relationships within and outside the University that support the Law
Faculty’s students and alumni. The Dean supports the culture of giving across campus and specifically for the Faculty of Law, and with alumni engagement activities.

As the successful candidate for the Dean, Faculty of Law, you are an accomplished legal scholar with a record of academic and research achievements who has experience as an administrative leader. Candidates must have a law degree and a graduate degree in law or other discipline and be appointable at the rank of full professor. You are a strong communicator and adept at presenting to large and small groups in legal, academic and community settings. As Dean, you will support the student-centered culture of the Faculty, ensuring the Faculty is a positive and welcoming place for all students. You are a strong advocate of social justice and all aspects of equity, diversity and inclusion, and have demonstrable examples of supporting programs in these areas. You are an engaging problem solver who is both respectful and a good listener. You will work to promote Windsor Law in the province, nationally, and globally, by raising awareness of the Faculty’s achievements and the excellence of its alumni, faculty and research. The appointment of the Dean is for five years, renewable, and is expected to commence July 1, 2021.

Consideration of candidates will begin immediately. Nominations or applications should be submitted in confidence to Jane Griffith and Sam Walton at: sam@leadersinternational.com

The University of Windsor is a welcoming community committed to equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility in its teaching, learning, and work environments. In pursuit of the University’s Employment Equity Plan, members from the designated groups (women, Indigenous persons, racialized persons, persons with disabilities, and persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity) are encouraged to apply and to self-identify. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

In accordance with the provincial legislation, accommodation will be provided by Leaders International and the University of Windsor throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process, upon request, to applicants with disabilities.