Deputy Provost of Markham Centre Campus, York University

York University is seeking a dynamic, community engaged academic leader for the position of Deputy Provost of our new Markham Centre Campus. The successful candidate will have the credentials and experience to bring energy and vision to this unique opportunity to build a 21st century campus in the fast-growing York Region. Building on York University’s historic strengths and progressive values, the Markham Centre Campus will be an incubator for new ways of learning and working together across sectors to tackle local and global challenges for a better future.

Founded in 1959 on the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat, York University is Canada’s third-largest university, and is a leading interdisciplinary research and teaching institution. York is a community of change-makers passionate about advancing social justice and equity and championing diversity and inclusivity by embracing differing perspectives, peoples, and ways of knowing, and fostering global fluencies and cross-cultural knowledges.

Located in Toronto and adjacent to one of North America’s fastest-growing regions, York reflects the multicultural diversity of its wider community on its Keele and Glendon campuses, facilities in downtown Toronto, and in two international campuses in India and Costa Rica. York is a vibrant community of over 60,000 faculty, staff and students building their own unique paths to success in their chosen fields. York’s community also includes over 325,000 alumni worldwide.

Construction is underway for York University’s long-awaited Markham Centre Campus (MCC) which will welcome its first students in the Fall of 2023. Once open, this distinctive and exciting new Campus will build opportunity and drive positive change in the City of Markham and York Region, accommodating up to 4,200 students in Phase 1, with the flexibility to respond to future growth demands. Aligning with the University’s Academic Plan it will contribute significantly to York’s teaching and research mission and build on the already strong relationships that we have in the Region. In addition to innovative academic programs, the MCC will develop inter-disciplinary research clusters, promote experiential and work integrated learning, and expand our support for the regional entrepreneurship ecosystem, already established through our YSpace incubator/accelerator and our presence in the IBM Innovation Space.

The Deputy Provost will be an entrepreneurial academic leader who brings experience engaging with other sectors, including industry, community agencies and government. The University requires a student-centred academic and administrative leader who can plan and build relationships with internal and external stakeholders and partners who will be core to York’s success in Markham. Excellent at strategic planning, the Deputy Provost must be a leader who can translate academic vision into campus decisions, including those related to academic programming, research and innovation, success of domestic and international students, administration and operations, and capital development and management.

The Deputy Provost will provide collaborative academic leadership with respect to all aspects of design, development, launch, and ongoing success of the new campus. Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President Academic the Deputy Provost will be the chief academic officer at the MCC and a key member of the University’s executive team. The Deputy Provost will work in close collaboration with the President, the Vice-President Research & Innovation, Faculty Deans, and the School of Continuing Studies, to prepare for a successful opening in fall 2023 and ongoing success thereafter.

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA program, which applies to women, members of visible minorities (racialized groups), Aboriginal (Indigenous) people and persons with disabilities, can be found at http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/ or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. Applicants wishing to self-identify as part of York University’s Affirmative Action program can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the form found at:  http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/self-identification-form/. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, permanent residents and Indigenous peoples
in Canada will be given priority. No application will be considered without a completed mandatory Work Status Declaration form which can be found at http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/work-authorization-form.

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), accommodation will be provided by both Perrett Laver and York University throughout the recruitment process to applicants with disabilities.

York University is partnering with the search firm Perrett Laver on this appointment. For further information and details on how to apply, please download the Appointment Details via the Perrett Laver website by visiting www.perrettlaver.com/candidates and quoting reference 5074. Applications should consist of a cover letter and curriculum vitae. The closing date for applications is 12:00 noon Pacific Time on Friday, May 28th, 2021.

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