Yukon University is Canada’s newest university, and Canada’s only university north of the 60th parallel. As an institution that offers a broad range of programs and is as committed to the value of skilled trades training as it is to the value of a diploma or a degree, Yukon University meets the education needs of the North. With tailored learning opportunities and programs, the University’s thirteen campuses play a critical role in delivering education throughout the Yukon.

Yukon University traces its history to the founding in 1963 of the Whitehorse Vocational and Technical Training Centre (soon after renamed the Yukon Vocational and Training Centre), located on the banks of the Yukon River in downtown Whitehorse. College status was granted in the spring of 1983 when the Yukon Vocational and Technical Training Centre became Yukon College, and in 1988 the Whitehorse campus moved from downtown to its current location, 2km up the hill. In spring of 2020, Yukon College was granted university status and all thirteen campuses were renamed Yukon University.

As a new university, YukonU builds on existing strengths and will be known for unique, relevant, niche programming and research in the areas of: Indigenous self-determination and governance; climate change – society and environment; and resource development, technology and innovation.

Reporting to and acting as a key advisor to the President, the Vice-President Finance and Administration & CFO is a member of the President Executive Committee and is responsible for providing strategic financial leadership, and direction to the organization, ensuring excellence in financial and strategic capital planning and master planning oversight, and stewardship for all aspects of the University’s financial operational services and facilities. The Vice-President, Finance and Administration & CFO will support the Vice-President, Academic and Provost to achieve the academic mission of Yukon University. The Vice-President, Finance and Administration & CFO’s portfolio includes oversight for financial services, financial planning, human resources, facilities, ancillary operations, audit and enterprise risk management, as well as continuing education. Alongside these duties, the VPFA & CFO will also serve to connect with key government and regulatory officials, other post-secondary institutions and community partners, including Yukon First Nations.

As the ideal candidate, you bring leadership experience within a diverse portfolio of functions and in organizations with complex governance structures. You have demonstrated that you are strategic, innovative, collegial, and entrepreneurial and possess the strategic acumen and global thinking to enable you to set your sights on the horizon. You understand the goals of the university and can translate them into plans that support the University’s mission, allowing students, faculty and staff to realize their goals, and ensuring Yukon University’s sustainability in the broadest sense. You are a decisive leader who has an ability to delegate and empower direct reports to make decisions. You are passionate about how you and your team can collaborate with and support others in the pursuit of the academic, teaching and research mission of the University.

The ideal candidate will possess an advanced degree, a Professional Accounting Designation (CPA), and experience in finance and operational leadership in a complex unionized organization. Experience in the post-secondary sector would be considered a strong asset.
If you’re interested in this opportunity, contact Katherine Frank, Partner at kfrank@kbrs.ca or Lauren Wright, Executive Recruiter at lwright@kbrs.ca, or submit your application online at: www.kbrs.ca/Career/15532

Yukon University is a place of learning that is accessible and open to all. We respect all cultures, and the expression of all ideas and opinions, because diversity enriches our learning environment. We honour the cultures and heritage of Yukon First Nations, and we value the contributions of traditional knowledge and Indigenous world views.

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