Dean, Faculty of Education

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Bold, ambitious, dynamic, and truly global: these are but a few words that capture the unique character of Canada’s 3rd largest university, a university that provides a broad demographic of students with access to a high-quality, research-intensive learning environment committed to the public good.

Located in Toronto—one of the most vibrant and multicultural cities in the world—and home to more than 55,000 students and 7,000 faculty and staff, York U is dedicated to academic excellence and tackling the most pressing issues of our time. With 11 Faculties, 25 research centres, and partnerships with approximately 347 universities worldwide, this is an exciting chapter for the University as it continues to innovate and amplify its impact at home and around the world.

It is within this context that the University invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean, Faculty of Education.

One of the top ten Faculties of its kind in the country, the Faculty of Education provides an inspiring and empowering environment for students to cultivate their interests, actively contribute to the evolution of education in the broadest sense, and become powerful catalysts for change. Its programs are distinctive (they include the BA in Educational Studies, a Master of Leadership and Community Engagement, and the Waaban Indigenous Teacher Education program), its research and community initiatives are impactful and receive national and international attention (including the Youth Homelessness Social Innovation Lab and the $4.5M Borderless Higher Education for Refugees Project), and its partnerships with schools, boards, and organizations are deep and meaningful. Overall, the Faculty’s programs, research, and partnerships embody its commitment to equity, diversity, community, collaboration, interdisciplinarity and social justice, and its community of distinguished scholars, alumni, students, and staff play a central role in reinventing education for an increasingly complex world.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President Academic, the Dean of Education is the Faculty’s lead academic and administrative officer and a member of the University’s senior team. Responsible for the Faculty’s operations—including resource allocation, advancement, and fundraising—the Dean will be an effective advocate for the unit, enhancing the teaching and research enterprise as well as the student experience and community engagement. Fostering a collegial leadership style, the Dean will be responsive to Canada’s evolving education landscape at the Faculty level while contributing to York U’s strategic objectives at the institutional level. The new Dean will have an earned doctorate in education or a related field, excellent communication skills, and the ability to inspire the education community within and outside the University.

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 www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or by calling the AA line 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 Odgers Berndtson and York University throughout the recruitment process to applicants with disabilities.

Consideration of candidates will begin November 2019, with the new Dean to take office summer 2020. Inquiries or applications should be directed, in confidence, to Jason Murray or Krutika Hotwani at yorkeducation@odgersberndtson.com.