

Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies

Brock University invites expressions of interest, applications, and nominations as it conducts an extensive search for a Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies. This position will transition to Vice Provost, Graduate Studies to serve as a leader and advocate for graduate education to internal and external stakeholders. During the appointment, the successful candidate will lead and influence change with respect to academic, administrative, and organizational functions related to graduate education across the University.

With more than 19,000 students, over 1,500 faculty and staff, and a network of more than 100,000 accomplished alumni, Brock University has forged a reputation as a modern and innovative university that excels at providing exceptional experiential learning opportunities and highly rated student and campus life experiences. Brock's diverse Faculties and Schools offer a wide range of programs at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels. It also features one of Canada's most diversified co-operative programs and a range of other experiential, service, and creative learning opportunities. Brock is committed to fostering excellence in transdisciplinary research. The University is located within a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve overlooking the city of St. Catharines in the heart of Ontario's historic Niagara Region, an area known for viticulture, tourism, natural beauty, and its proximity to major Canadian and American cities. Brock's location plays a key role in its identity, as more than 200 community collaborations allow the University to be a vital partner who helps advance Niagara's economic and intellectual transformation. For further information about the University, please visit the website at www.brocku.ca.

The Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies will lead a flourishing Faculty, supporting over 1,700 students and 48 graduate programs that are integral to Brock's growing reputation for excellence in research and innovation. Working collaboratively with the Provost and Vice President, Academic and in conjunction with the larger graduate studies community, including the Graduate Program Directors, the Dean will build upon programming that offers advanced learning, research, and scholarship opportunities, excellent graduate supervision, and the overall support of professional and personal development. The Dean will successfully manage the financial, administrative, and human resources of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, while collaboratively communicating and engaging with a variety of internal and external partners to further enhance the stature and resources of graduate studies at Brock.

The Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies will be an academic and administrative leader with a strong commitment to serving the needs of graduate students and promoting teaching, research, program

development, and the overall reputation of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Candidates will possess an open and collegial style, outstanding management, communication, and interpersonal skills, a creative approach to problem solving, and a strong commitment to meeting the needs of students, faculty, and staff. The Dean will be an accomplished researcher and teacher who is eligible for appointment as a Professor. With progressive experience in graduate education and supervision, building collaborative teams, and in relating to a range of internal and external partners, the Dean will facilitate and enhance the endeavours of all areas of the Faculty. The successful candidate will be capable of leading the strategic and innovative development of current and future programs, driving student enrolment and community engagement, and championing a graduate culture that meets the academic, research, scholarship, and professional development needs of a diverse graduate community.

Brock University is actively committed to diversity and the principles of employment equity and invites applications from all qualified candidates. Women, Aboriginal peoples, members of visible minorities, people with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) persons are encouraged to apply and to voluntarily self-identify as a member of a designated group as part of their application. Candidates who wish to be considered as a member of one or more designated groups can fill out the Self-Identification questions included in the questionnaire at the time of application.

We will accommodate the needs of the applicants and the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) throughout all stages of the selection process, as outlined in the Employee Accommodation Policy <https://brocku.ca/policies/wp-content/uploads/sites/94/Employee-Accommodation-Policy.pdf>. Please advise: Ali Rilstone, Talent Acquisition Consultant, arilstone@brocku.ca to ensure your accessibility needs are accommodated through this process. Information received relating to accommodation measures will be addressed confidentially.

Consideration of potential candidates will begin immediately and will continue until the role is successfully filled. Applications should include a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the candidate), and should be forwarded electronically, in confidence, to the University's executive search consultants:

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