

Dean, School of Continuing Studies University of Toronto

The University of Toronto (U of T) invites nominations, applications, and expressions of interest for the role of Dean, School of Continuing Studies. This is an exceptional opportunity to build on a strong foundation, and to provide leadership to a globally significant School for continuing education.

Offering more than 600 courses on an open-admission basis, the School of Continuing Studies is one of the largest, non-credit continuing education operations in North America. The School has seen tremendous growth over the past decade, tripling its enrolment to approximately 30,000 learners, and drawing 600 expert instructors who design and teach cutting-edge programs both in class and online. The School is committed to the continuum of lifelong learning, meeting the needs of adult learners by being responsive to their unique aspirations. For more information, visit <http://learn.utoronto.ca>

The Dean will be a dynamic and entrepreneurial educational leader sensitive to the relationship between a world-renowned, research-intensive university and the business of a continuing education program. The Dean must be an inspiring leader with a track record of driving growth, innovation and productivity in past portfolios, and must be an outstanding communicator, a consummate collaborator, and a natural relationship builder. The ideal candidate has business and financial acumen, an advanced degree, a commitment to proactive outreach and community engagement, and a deep connection to the ethos of lifelong learning and the impact that it has on society. Given the changing demands of both labour markets and learners, the type of individual who will be successful in this role possesses an astute and nimble style. The Dean reports to the University Vice-President and Provost.

The School of Continuing Studies is an integral part of the tri-campus University of Toronto, Canada's most dynamic and comprehensive institution of higher learning. Fully committed to teaching and research as complementary facets of scholastic achievement, U of T is consistently ranked among the top 25 universities in the world for innovation, teaching, and the impact of its research publications. The 2015 Times Higher Education Global Employability University Survey Ranking placed U of T among the world's top 10 universities. Alumni include hundreds of distinguished researchers, teachers, decision-makers and persons of influence, including prominent federal, provincial and municipal politicians, global business leaders and eminent philanthropists. The University is linked to the acclaimed clinical and research centres of its nine fully affiliated hospitals, and supports a vigorous program of commercialization through the Banting & Best Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship and other accelerators. The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) ranks the U of T Libraries third in North America, after Harvard and Yale. President Meric Gertler has identified enhancing undergraduate education, deepening international collaboration, and leveraging the University's position in the Greater Toronto Area – one of the world's most vibrant and diverse urban regions – as the top three strategic priorities of his term.

The appointment of the new Dean will be effective January 2017 or as soon thereafter as mutually agreed. Consideration of candidates will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. To ensure



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consideration, please respond by August 1, 2016. Nominations, applications, or expressions of interest should be directed, in confidence, to Gerri Woodford or Jason Murray at deanscs@odgersberndtson.com.

Regularly named one of Canada's Top 100 Employers and one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers, the University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, but applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.