

DEAN, FACULTY OF INFORMATION (iSCHOOL)

The University of Toronto is conducting an extensive search for Dean of the Faculty of Information (iSchool), to take office by July 1, 2021, and invites expressions of interest, applications, and nominations. This is an exciting opportunity to join one of the world's leading information and knowledge management schools that is transforming society through collaboration, innovation, and knowledge creation.

The Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto is educating the next generation of professional and academic leaders in information, communications, and technology. The Faculty is leading the way in shaping these fields through ground-breaking interdisciplinary research and teaching. Undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs at the Faculty offer cutting-edge specializations in areas including: Archives and Records Management; Media, Technology & Culture; Critical Information Policy Studies; Human-Centered Data Science; Information Systems & Design; Knowledge Management; Library & Information Science; and User Experience Design. The Faculty also offers a Master of Museum Studies program that is unique in Canada. The iSchool is home to several research hubs including the McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology, the Digital Curation Institute, the Identity, Privacy & Security Institute, the Knowledge Media Design Institute, and the Technoscience Research Unit.

The Dean of the Faculty of Information will provide dynamic national and international leadership to enhance the Faculty's endeavours, promote excellence and inclusion amongst all faculty, staff, and students, and relate successfully to a wide range of internal and external partners. Reporting to the Vice-President and Provost, the Dean will be a part of the senior leadership of the University of Toronto and will provide visionary strategic leadership in academic planning, creating an environment that promotes research innovation and excellence, and in the development and delivery of outstanding academic programs and services that meet the changing needs of students.

The successful candidate will be an accomplished and visionary scholar and administrator who has demonstrated transformative accomplishments in education and research, and has a history of academic leadership that reflects a commitment to inclusive excellence. The new Dean will possess an open and collegial style, a creative approach to problem solving, outstanding management, communication, and interpersonal skills, and a record of building strong teams and engaging with the community. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated intellectual and ethical leadership as a convener, ambassador, collaborator, and catalyst in mobilizing institutional and community stakeholders to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. The ideal candidate will further demonstrate empathy and first-hand experience engaging with the wide range of disciplines, interests, and people represented at the University of Toronto.

The Search Committee will begin considering potential candidates immediately and will continue until the positions are successfully filled. Applications should include a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the applicant), and may be submitted in confidence, electronically, to the University's executive search consultants Laverne Smith & Associates Inc. at UTischool@lavernesmith.com.

The University of Toronto is consistently ranked among the top 25 universities in the world for innovation, teaching, and research impact. U of T was recently ranked 15th in the world for graduate employability, and U of T's alumni include distinguished researchers, teachers, decision-makers, prominent politicians, global business leaders, and eminent philanthropists. The University supports a renowned commercialization program through a network of entrepreneurial accelerators, and is located in one of the most diverse, vibrant, and inviting cities in the world. U of T is also recognized as 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. In accordance with the AODA, accommodation will be provided to individuals with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, but applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.