ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT OPEN LEARNING

For close to 49 years Thompson Rivers University has taken pride in providing an excellent education to students with a variety of backgrounds and perspectives who are at various stages of their learning journey. TRU is a comprehensive, learner-centered, environmentally responsible institution that serves its regional, national, and international learners and their communities through high quality and flexible education, training, research and scholarship. From traditional academics to trades, from certificates to graduate degrees, TRU offers students choice from over 140 on-campus programs and 50 Open Learning programs. More than 28,500 students study on campuses in Kamloops and Williams Lake, or in distance or online courses and programs through Open Learning. Research, creation and innovation thrive in TRU’s open, flexible learning environment.

The Open Learning Division (TRU OL) offers over approximately 600 courses in a variety of accommodating formats, including print-based, web-based, online and in-person. Approximately 15,000 students take advantage of these flexible learning options to study courses and programs that are fully accredited and recognized by other post-secondary institutions. Students completing certificate, diploma or degree programs by distance through Open Learning are awarded TRU credentials.

The Associate Vice-President Open Learning (AVP OL) is the chief administrative officer for the division of Open Learning and is responsible for providing excellence in service and high-quality education to meet the open and distance education needs of learners provincially, nationally and worldwide, by making post-secondary education accessible and responsive to learner needs. Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President Academic, the AVP OL will provide inspirational and visionary leadership and work collegially and collaboratively within the institution to develop a clear, unifying vision and direction for TRU OL. With an exemplary academic background, the AVP OL will possess outstanding administrative experience earned in the field of open, distance and online education. S/he will have strong interpersonal and communication skills, an open, principled approach and respect for diversity. S/he must thrive in a collegial culture and work towards inclusivity, consultation and transparency. A terminal degree in a relevant discipline is preferred and a demonstrable commitment to improving the learning environment for a diverse range of students is essential in this role.

Thompson Rivers University is strongly committed to fostering diversity within our community. We welcome those who would contribute to the further diversification of our staff, our faculty and its scholarship including, but not limited to, women, visible minorities, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity to serve in a leadership role at one of Canada’s most innovative universities. To apply or learn more, please contact Cameron Geldart at 604.926.0005 or forward your application package (current CV, a letter of introduction and a list of three references) in confidence to Nicola@thegeldartgroup.com.

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