

OCAD University: Canada's University of the Imagination

President & Vice Chancellor

OCAD University acknowledges the ancestral and traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinaabe and the Huron-Wendat, who are the original owners and custodians of the land on which we live, work and create.

OCAD University is Canada's largest and leading innovative university for art and design, inspiring a diverse scholarly community to act as catalysts for the next advances in research, culture, technology and quality of life for all Canadians and the world. Located in the heart of one of the most dynamic and diverse cities in the world, OCAD University's (OCAD U) [vision](#) is to challenge people to audaciously and responsibly pursue the questions of our time through the powerful interplay of art, design, the social sciences, humanities, and the sciences.

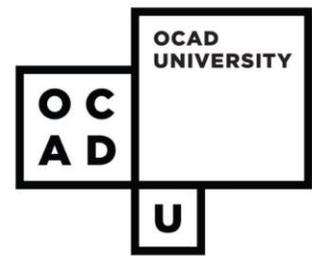
Committed to academic excellence, ethical responsibility, decolonization, and contemporary approaches to education, OCAD U offers eighteen undergraduate programs, seven graduate programs, and a variety of continuing and executive education courses in art, media and design. Practice-based studio and classroom learning, fundamentally experiential in nature, is the hallmark of an OCAD U education, and has been since the institution's inception in 1876.

It is an exciting time to join the OCAD U community as its next President & Vice Chancellor. The University is at a key stage in its institutional transformation, with its Creative City Campus capital project and the implementation of its [Academic Plan Transforming Student Experience 2017-2022](#) with six guiding principles: decolonization, diversity and equity, sustainability, valuing faculty, interdisciplinarity and health and wellness.

As OCAD U's leading advocate, you will ensure that its national and international reputation keeps pace with its achievements. Working closely with the senior leadership team, you will drive fundraising efforts and diversify revenue streams, shaping OCAD U for long-term financial stability and sustainability. An exceptional communicator, you will foster open and productive dialogue with an internal community of students, faculty and staff, and with an external community that includes governments, the private sector, other leading institutions, alumni, donors, the people of Toronto and beyond.

A respected academic or community leader, you have the proven senior leadership experience to steer OCAD U into the future. You have earned a reputation for engaging the energetic support and respect of your team and stakeholders through your integrity, commitment, enthusiasm and the results you elicit. You have demonstrated an ability to work effectively with highly committed boards and can develop meaningful relationships with a variety of donors, partners and stakeholders. You have the experience to see potential and the influence to realize it. For further information about OCAD U, visit: <https://www.ocadu.ca/>

For the full executive briefing document, please contact Jessa Chupik and Nick Chambers at jchupik@boyden.com.



As an institution committed to art, design, digital media and related scholarship, OCAD University (OCAD U) recognizes the profound and essential value that diversity brings to the creation, reception and circulation of creative practices and discourse. OCAD U understands that valuing diverse creative practices and forms of knowledge are essential to, and enrich, the institution's core mission and vision as an art and design university with a local and global scope.

As an employer committed to employment equity, we encourage applications from members of equity-seeking communities including women, racialized and Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, and persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions.

We encourage members of designated equity-seeking groups to self-identify within the voluntary Applicant Questionnaire. The voluntary Applicant Questionnaire will be provided to all applicants by the search firm.

In order to alleviate the under-representation of racialized and Indigenous academic leaders, priority in hiring will be given to qualified racialized and Indigenous persons who self-identify as such in the application process. This initiative is a special program under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

OCAD U is committed to providing an inclusive and barrier free experience to applicants with accessibility needs. Requests for accommodation can be made at any stage during the recruitment process. Please contact Jessa Chupik at jchupik@boyden.com for more information or refer to [OCAD U's Policy of Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#)