Special Internal Posting for Associate Vice-President Research

The Vice-President Research & Innovation (VPRI) is seeking applications for an Associate Vice-President Research (AVP Research). Please note this is an internal position to start on or before July 1, 2022 for a 5-year term.

Reporting to the Vice-President Research and Innovation, this individual will help develop and support the achievement of the university’s research vision, and provide leadership in fostering the development of the research culture at York. As an integral part of the Vice-President Research & Innovation leadership team, this position is expected to be complementary and mutually supportive of the current Associate VP Research and Assistant VPs Research, and together will encompass the range of activities described below. Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Providing leadership in fostering an environment conducive to research excellence and in further intensifying scholarship, research and related creative activities on the Keele, Glendon, and Markham campuses with special emphasis on research areas covered by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- Focusing on stimulating and supporting team-based interdisciplinary research proposals and building partnerships with government, private and public sectors, social organizations and communities to further increase research funding and research opportunities for York researchers
- Providing leadership and advice on the strategic development of research programs, organized research units, and research policies in collaboration with other University bodies such as the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee of the Senate
- Stimulating and promoting innovation and knowledge transfer to private and public sectors for York researchers, and entrepreneurship and experiential education opportunities for York students
- Promoting the development of mentorship and support programs for researchers, including research awards and recognition
- In collaboration with the second AVP Research and VPRI, providing leadership and advice on the strategic development of the Organized Research Units (ORUs)
- Providing leadership in the development of pan-university strategic research planning processes and documents
- Providing leadership in promoting strategic research development for York and strategic external research partnerships
- Leading the development of research policies that bridges the needs of researchers and the institution
- Working with units and Faculties to engage researchers and develop research aspirations across the spectrum of research
- Working externally to represent and support the York Research vision and to develop working relationships with government, industry and the community (regionally, nationally and internationally)
- Developing and encouraging knowledge mobilization and knowledge exchange
- Providing leadership on research related risk and issues management and mitigation

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Specific duties will be commensurate with the experience and interests of the successful candidate and based on the individual strengths which they bring to the portfolio.

Qualifications:
Applicants are expected to have a distinguished record of scholarship and interdisciplinary research, thorough understanding of York’s research culture and processes, institutional research awards and proven success in building relationships with government, industry and the not-for-profit sectors. They are also expected to have leadership experience in the strategic development of research. The candidate’s background should include emphasis on Health, Science or Engineering.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Considerations
An equitable, diverse and inclusive environment is a key consideration of the Associate VPR position, and strongly aligns with York’s core values. As such, the office of VP Research and Innovation encourages applications from persons in the federally recognized four designated groups (FDGs).

Application materials:
Candidates should forward a complete CV and a maximum 2-page letter detailing their thoughts on how the Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation might provide leadership towards the development and advancement of the research enterprise at York University. Please include your thoughts on the UAP, SRG and PIER in relation to the position in the cover letter.

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on April 18, 2022. Please forward all documentation electronically to Felix Moses, Senior Executive Officer, Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation electronically to fmoses@yorku.ca. All information received regarding these positions will be treated in strict confidence.