



## PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

**Athabasca University** (AU), Canada's only open and distance University, is dedicated to removing the educational, geographical, financial, social and cultural barriers that often limit access to post-secondary achievement. In doing so, AU provides access to university-level study to a broad range of students, transforming lives and enriching families and communities by increasing the equality of educational opportunity for adult learners worldwide. To learn more about AU, please visit: [www.athabascau.ca](http://www.athabascau.ca).

The Provost and Vice President, Academic has a broad and deep mandate to lead, champion and advance AU's academic mission. As the University's chief academic officer, the Provost and Vice President, Academic is responsible for the creation and elevation of academic excellence and quality, including academic programs, research, academic policy, accreditation, and learner services. The office combines and balances academic leadership with leadership on institutional planning, budgeting and resource allocation. Reporting to the President, the Provost serves an integral role in the development and implementation of AU's strategic direction and academic priorities.

With a passion for open, online and distributed education, the successful candidate will have outstanding academic credentials, a distinguished record of scholarship and university administration, and a commitment to excellence in open education and research. A proven and influential leader who appreciates and encourages innovation in all forms, he or she will have the ability to bring together a geographically dispersed workforce to positively focus and advance AU's academic mission. A champion of access to higher education for students, the Provost and Vice President, Academic will combine pragmatism and vision, be a creative problem solver who has the ability to take calculated risks and has an appreciation and respect for teaching, research and the role open access, online and distributed education plays in today's society.

*Athabasca University develops and maintains an environment that supports equitable working conditions for individuals traditionally unrepresented in universities. AU is committed to employment equity, encouraging applications from women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.*

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity to serve in a leadership role at Canada's leading on-line university. To learn more, please contact Cameron Geldart or Danielle Conn at 604.926.0005 or forward your CV, a letter of introduction and the names and contact information of three referees, in confidence, to [aprovost@thegeldartgroup.com](mailto:aprovost@thegeldartgroup.com).

