The University of Guelph is seeking a new Dean, and invites applications and nominations. Established in 1874, the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) is a founding college of the University of Guelph, and is recognized as Canada’s largest and most renowned agricultural college. Encompassing a province-wide network of campuses, field stations, and research facilities, OAC is a global leader in education, research, and service in agriculture, food, environmental sciences, and rural community development.

The University of Guelph is a mid-sized comprehensive university with more than 21,000 undergraduate and 2,100 graduate students. The University is a research leader in the country, with an international reputation for its commitment to students, their education and success. The University combines outstanding teaching, along with experiential learning, research opportunities, and co-operative education outside of the classroom.

With four major areas of focus (agriculture, environment, food, and communities) and six academic units located on two campuses, the OAC attracts more than 40 percent of the research funding at the University of Guelph, totalling more than $50 million annually. The OAC has earned an international reputation for its teaching and research excellence; for the outstanding calibre of its students, faculty, and staff; for the strength of its partnerships with government and industry; and for the support of its network of committed alumni.

The new Dean will build on this success, and continue to drive OAC forward. The College is seeking a visionary leader who shares its commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service, and who has the energy and drive to continue to develop and strengthen the outstanding and highly productive partnerships that serve OAC, the community, and the economy so well.

The successful candidate will be a respected scholar in a relevant field, and will bring a track record of significant administrative experience earned in a complex institution. They will have the ability to think strategically, and to work collegially, in advancing the mission of the College and the University. The new Dean must be a person with superb leadership skills, unassailable character, and a passionate commitment to the betterment of society and the communities OAC serves. The Dean will have excellent interpersonal skills, and the ability to build, nurture, and deepen the many relationships and partnerships so vital to the College’s success.

This is an outstanding opportunity to provide leadership to a world-class agricultural college, at one of Canada’s finest universities.

Consideration of candidates will commence in March, with the new Dean to take office in July 2016. Applications and expressions of interest may be submitted to guelphoac@odgersberndtson.ca

The University of Guelph is committed to equity in its policies, practices, and programs, supports diversity in its teaching, learning, and work environments, and ensures that applications for members of underrepresented groups are seriously considered under its employment equity policy. All qualified individuals who would contribute to the further diversification of our University community are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority.