The University of Guelph invites applications for the position of Assistant Vice-President Research (Innovation & Knowledge Mobilization). With an entrepreneurial outlook and a genuine passion for supporting ground-breaking ideas, the AVPR is a critical hire for advancing the University’s innovation agenda.

Reporting to the Vice-President (Research), the AVPR has oversight responsibility for innovation broadly across Guelph’s campuses, and is accountable for the development, implementation, and management of a comprehensive, pan-campus innovation strategy. The AVPR will work in partnership with the greater community to grow and maintain strategic research alliances with private- and public-sector partners looking to innovate, enhance knowledge translation, foster social impact, and convert ideas and research into commercial opportunities. The ideal candidate brings industry experience (either as someone who has worked in industry or closely alongside industry partners); possesses excellent communication skills; has a reputation for building consensus, fostering collaboration, and identifying and realizing opportunities; is highly relatable and sees the big picture; and, has the ability to craft a compelling narrative for innovation in the context of the university ecosystem. To a broad range of internal and external stakeholders, the successful candidate must be skilled at telling the what, the so what, and the now what.

This is an important moment in the University of Guelph’s trajectory, and the Assistant Vice-President Research (Innovation & Knowledge Mobilization) will have the opportunity to add to the considerable development that the University has experienced over the last several years. Consideration of candidates will begin in early February 2020 and will continue until the position is filled, with the successful candidate taking office as mutually agreed. Applications and expressions of interest should be submitted, in confidence, to Jason Murray or Erica Ing at guelphrikm@odgersberndtson.com [1].

The University of Guelph is recognized as one of Canada’s leading comprehensive, research-intensive universities, with an established record of success with both individual research initiatives as well as achievements in large-scale, collaborative, and multidisciplinary projects. It receives over $150 million annually in research funding across seven colleges, the regional campus at Ridgetown, fifteen research stations, the University of Guelph-Humber, and the University of Guelph/Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs alliance. The University of Guelph is a leader in knowledge translation and has been transferring technologies from the lab to the marketplace for over a century. The institution plays a key role in agricultural, veterinary, engineering, social sciences, humanities, and life sciences research and training. Further information about the University and research at the institution can be found at www.uoguelph.ca/research/ [2].

At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion is an institutional imperative. The University invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment, who may contribute to further diversification of our Institution. The University of Guelph acknowledges the potential impact that career interruptions can have on a candidate’s record of research achievement and encourages applicants to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions may have had on their record of research achievement. In accordance with the AODA Act, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and the University of Guelph throughout the recruitment process.