Associate Vice-President (Financial Services)
Office of the Vice-President (Finance and Operations)

The University of Guelph, located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron people, is a research-intensive and learner-centred comprehensive university, with over 29,000 undergraduate and graduate students attending three campuses, spanning urban hubs and rural communities. The University is known for its commitment to developing exceptional thinkers and engaged citizens. It is within this unique and exciting context that the University is seeking an outstanding financial leader as the next Associate Vice-President (AVP) Financial Services to take on a broad finance portfolio within an institution that has been included in the Forbes list of Canada’s best Employers since 2016 and as Canada’s Top Ranked University among Employers in 2021.

Reporting to the Vice-President (Finance and Operations), the AVP (Financial Services) is responsible for managing the University’s core business processes including treasury and investment operations, controllership, procurement and payment services as well as financial services in support of researchers. The AVP works closely and collaboratively with the Institutional Research and Planning office in its preparation of the University’s operating budget and also with all colleges and divisions to provide sound financial operational support, ensuring consistency across the institution. Leading a collegial team of finance professionals, the AVP is an inspirational leader who creates an environment that fosters creativity and innovation.

As the ideal candidate for this opportunity, you have an advanced degree coupled with a financial designation and several years of progressive senior financial and leadership experience within a public sector organization. You are a strategic decision maker and change leader, having led concurrent complex and dynamic finance projects. As an experienced spokesperson for finance to both internal and external audiences, you understand the importance of partnership, consultation and collaboration. As a leader, you maximize talent, develop emerging talent and emulate strong emotional intelligence in your leadership and management at all levels of the organization.

Applications may be submitted in confidence to careers@uoguelph.ca quoting hiring # 2021-0077. Consideration of candidates will begin in March with the AVP to take office as soon as possible. While the position is regularly performed on-campus, it will be initially fulfilled remotely (off-campus) until the University resumes regular operations in accordance with Public Health guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.