



Chief Enterprise Architect University of Guelph

Guelph, Ontario

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The University of Guelph is one of Canada's top comprehensive research-intensive universities and known for excellence in the arts and sciences and for their commitment to developing exceptional thinkers and engaged citizens. Established in 1964, the University enjoys a reputation for innovation and excellence dating back more than 150 years.

Students, faculty, and staff at The University of Guelph pursue active inquiry and exercise creativity across a range of disciplines: physical and life sciences, arts and humanities, social sciences, business, agricultural and veterinary sciences. Faculty scholars and researchers provide students with ground-breaking research opportunities in laboratories, art studios, libraries and in the field. By focusing on the "whole student," University of Guelph graduates have the tools and skills to make a difference in our ever-changing world. Known for its beautiful, safe campuses and welcoming, supportive culture, U of G blends historical and modern architecture with cutting-edge technology.

"At Guelph, we turn knowledge into action"

Now, on behalf of the University of Guelph, we are recruiting a **Chief Enterprise Architect (CEA)** to join their top tier organization. Reporting to the Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO), the Chief Enterprise Architect is responsible for being a technology leader, strategist, and innovator. The Chief Enterprise Architect is accountable for leading digital transformation across the University with a focus on cloud solutions, IT optimization and user experience.

Computing and Communication Services (CCS) is the central IT department on campus, providing IT infrastructure and central technology services to the university of Guelph community. CCS has a progressive organizational culture, including a strong learning and development focus, and is committed to its core values: service culture, integrity, individual leadership, teamwork, agility and communication.

The University of Guelph proudly offers a defined benefits pension plan as part of the compensation package for this position.

The Chief Enterprise Architect at University of Guelph will:

- Act as a technology leader, strategist, and innovator.
- Lead digital transformation across the University, with a focus on cloud solutions, IT optimization and user experience.
- Develop and communicate a vision for the entire IT community, influencing direction, developing consensus, and leading and planning around strategic technical direction.
- Use in-depth technical knowledge to understand the existing and emerging new technologies with the ability to rationalize systems, processes, and staffing.
- Ensure the IT community is operating at peak efficiency and services are being delivered in the most cost-effective manner.
- Develop and drive innovation through digital transformation, including using a systematic approach to adopt the most appropriate cloud management solutions to current and future technology requirements to support research, teaching, and administration across the institution.
- Support the CIO through identifying and analyzing the implementation of change towards creating shared IT vision which supports the University's vision and strategy.

- Ensure that the intuitional perspectives are aligned with the organization's IT strategy, innovation and governance strategies, policies and standards.
- Focus on delivering actionable recommendations to the CIO and senior leaders, so that the University is able to respond to rapid technology developments and changes in various sectors impacting higher education.

Ideal candidate skills & experience:

- Undergraduate degree in computer science/information technology
- Minimum of ten years related work experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Demonstrated IT industry and Higher Education IT awareness with the ability to identify business and IT technology change solutions, process and performance requirements
- Expert knowledge of cloud technologies and models: architecting cloud solutions, integration of cloud and on-premise solutions, experience and familiarity with digital technologies (chatbots and AI), on premise enterprise architecture and data center design
- Strong analytical skills to research business systems, determine trends and develop and streamline processes for large complex business applications and/or service operations
- Several years successful experience management of large-scale complex system development projects
- Thorough understanding of IT management practices, including the design, development, implementation, and maintenance of large complex application systems
- Superior interpersonal skills with ability to work in a team environment, build strong relationship with a variety of stakeholders, and tactfully manage collaborate and collegial interactions
- Knowledge and understanding of university policies and procedures is considered a strong asset.
- Strong leadership skills and an aptitude to communicate, collaborate and build strong working relationships with CCS Leadership team, senior executives, campus IT Leaders, administrators, academic leaders, students, and the campus community

If you are intrigued and invigorated by the details of this opportunity to bring your experience to a key role with the University of Guelph, we would love to have a conversation.

To express interest in this opportunity please apply online by clicking:

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For more information about this exciting opportunity please contact Mark Gillis, Senior Consultant, at mgillis@kbrs.ca. If you require accommodation to participate in the recruitment process, please let Mark know.

Meridia Recruitment and the University of Guelph invite applications from all qualified individuals; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Guelph is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from Indigenous peoples, African Canadians, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, women, and persons of any minority sexual orientation or gender identity. The University of Guelph is committed to workplace diversity and provides accommodations to applicants with disabilities throughout the hiring process.

The University of Guelph acknowledges their campuses reside on the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and lands that the Anishinaabe, Hodinohso:ni, Lūnaapéewak and Wendat peoples have inhabited for centuries. They understand that these lands are connected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum and continue to be home to diverse communities of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. Acknowledging the land reminds them of their commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and lands.