Associate Vice-President and Chief Information Officer (CIO)
University of Guelph

The University of Guelph is one of Canada’s leading research-intensive, comprehensive institutions, with a record of outstanding scholarship in the arts, business, social sciences, life sciences, physical and engineering sciences, and agricultural and veterinary sciences. Its students, faculty, and staff pursue active inquiry and exercise creativity across a range of disciplines. With campuses in Guelph, Ridgetown and Toronto (University of Guelph-Humber in partnership with Humber College), the U of G is home to nearly 27,000 undergraduate and more than 3,000 graduate students, including more than 1,400 international students from more than 130 countries. The University employs 3,900 faculty and staff and generates more than $800 million in revenue annually, with a $500-million annual operating budget. The University of Guelph is focused on striving for global excellence, strengthening the University’s commitment to Indigenization, equity, diversity and inclusion, and reimagining the student experience.

The University of Guelph is seeking an experienced and innovative professional to serve as the Associate Vice-President and Chief Information Officer (CIO). Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and working collaboratively with the University’s senior leadership team, the CIO will be responsible for providing strategic and transformational leadership for the University’s information technology (IT) functions, as well as overseeing the planning, implementation, and maintenance of all technology services across campus. The CIO provides expert advice to the Board of Governors and leadership to Computing and Communications Services (CCS), which is the University’s central IT unit, and shares responsibility for various IT units distributed across campus through co-reporting relationships with other senior leaders. The CIO plays a key institutional role in fostering a campus-wide IT community committed to working collectively through the delivery, support, and maintenance of academic, administrative, and campus IT services.

The CIO will bring executive-level experience in IT leadership, preferably earned in a post-secondary institution or a public institution of similar complexity. They will have a strong orientation to strategy and a deep commitment to engaging the community and to outstanding customer service. The ideal candidate possesses strong analytical, problem-solving, and project management skills, with demonstrated success in developing and overseeing strategic IT service plans and implementing large and complex transformational initiatives. The CIO will be a superb communicator with excellent interpersonal skills and experience presenting to senior decision makers and governors. Additionally, the new CIO will have led and inspired diverse teams to achieve alignment with institutional and academic objectives.

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 the further diversification of our Institution.

Applications are encouraged immediately at https://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/18707. The Committee’s consideration of candidates will begin in early May, with an appointment to be made as soon as possible thereafter. Nominations and inquiries should be directed to Julia Robarts and Andrea Patrick of Odgers Berndtson at guelphcio@odgersberndtson.com.