RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Founding Dean, Faculty of Science

Ryerson University invites nominations and applications for the position of Founding Dean, Faculty of Science with the appointment to be effective July 2012.

Located in downtown Toronto, Ryerson University is known for innovative programs built on the interaction of theoretical and practically oriented learning. Close to 100 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral-level programs, distinguished by a strong emphasis on excellence in teaching, research and creative activities, are offered to approximately 28,000 students. Guided by a bold new Academic Plan, an ambitious research agenda, and a recent Master Plan to revitalize the campus and surrounding neighbourhood, Ryerson is a comprehensive university with a significant profile in higher education, and a strong reputation with national business, government, community, and industrial leaders. For more information, please visit www.ryerson.ca.

The newly created and approved Faculty of Science will distinguish itself by developing a distinctive leadership niche in research, teaching and innovation. Its four founding departments – Chemistry and Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics, and Physics – are recognized for their internationally renowned faculty and research, have established themselves as funded engines of research and innovation, and are well positioned to strengthen these foci in the future. Their programs at the masters and doctoral levels are well subscribed and encourage a robust culture of interdisciplinary scholarship, research, innovation and critical analysis. Three new PhDs in Molecular Science, Computer Science and Biomedical Physics have been recently launched.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice President Academic as part of Ryerson's senior administration, the Dean of Science will have an earned doctorate in a relevant field, an exemplary academic record, strong achievements in research, teaching, scholarly activities and service, demonstrated administrative and management capabilities in a collegial university setting, and experience in budget management and resource allocation. He/she will be an excellent communicator with a commitment to interdisciplinary teaching and research and the success of all students, faculty and staff. The Dean will provide vision, strategy and dynamic leadership to facilitate and enhance the endeavours of all areas of the Faculty through an open and collegial style, outstanding management and interpersonal skills, and a creative approach to problem solving. Experience building diverse and collaborative teams, developing new and innovative programs and facilities, an interest in or experience with fundraising and relating to a range of internal and external partners will be important assets in this role.

Ryerson University is strongly committed to fostering diversity within our community. We welcome those who would contribute to the further diversification of our staff, our faculty, and its scholarship including, but not limited to, women, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity.

The search committee will begin to consider potential candidates immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the candidate), and may be forwarded electronically, in confidence, to:

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