President and Vice-Chancellor
Concordia University

Concordia University invites expressions of interest, nominations, and applications for the position of President and Vice-Chancellor, with the appointment to be effective by summer 2020. This is an outstanding opportunity to lead a comprehensive university that plans to redefine the 21st-century university through its creativity, connections, innovative solutions, and positive contributions to society.

Located in the heart of vibrant, cosmopolitan Montreal and home to more than 50,000 students and nearly 6,500 faculty and staff, Concordia University is one of Canada’s most innovative urban universities. Over the past decade, Concordia has invested significantly to renew its faculty, improve and expand its infrastructure, and create state-of-the-art facilities for teaching, learning, and research. Concordia’s research profile continues to grow as it fosters multidisciplinary approaches to finding solutions to a broad range of societal challenges. Concordia has 9,000 graduate students enrolled in about 200 graduate programs and 8,400 international students from more than 150 countries. For more information, please visit concordia.ca.

The President and Vice-Chancellor is responsible for promoting the vision for Concordia, in consultation with faculty, staff, students, and the Board of Governors. Building on the substantial and broad strengths of the University, the President will be responsible for taking Concordia to the next level, fostering excellence in education through both research and teaching while responding to competitive realities. Intellectual creativity, openness, and dynamism will be required to promote internal cohesion and external relevance within a vision for the University’s long-term development and reputation.

The successful candidate will have strong academic qualifications with demonstrated leadership accomplishments in an academic setting. Professional requirements include a proven record of building collaborative teams, relating to a range of internal and external partners, and promoting excellence, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Candidates may also be recognized leaders of established national or international presence. The successful candidate will demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of universities, their cultures and processes, and their role in society. An understanding of the Quebec context and the ability to function in both English and French is a distinct advantage.

Concordia University hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. The University encourages applications from women, Aboriginal Peoples, visible minorities, ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities.

The Search Committee will begin to consider potential candidates immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The initial appointment is for five years, renewable for an additional five years. 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 be forwarded electronically, in confidence, to the University’s executive search consultants:

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